

# ABERDEEN EVENING CRICKET LEAGUE

## *Annual General Meeting 2010 - Minutes*

The A.G.M was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at Mannofield (6.30p.m.).

<b>Present:</b>	John MacKenzie	Inn at the Park CC (AECL Secretary /Treasurer) *
	Mike Shepherd	Dutchmill CC (AECL President)
	Chris Bell	Chevron CC
	Nick Birch	Chevron CC
	Andy Canavan	Inn at the Park CC
	Aqeel Ajazi	Inn at the Park CC
	James Williams	Gentleman Players of Rubislaw CC
	Richard Watt	Gordonians CC
	Jason Stark	Gordonians CC
	Chris Watson	Ellon CC
	Ardash Nalam	RGU CC
	Kieran Findlay	Grammar 98 CC
	Phil Gill	Legends CC
	Richard Gravenstede	Caledonian CC
	Grant Cordiner	Caledonian CC
	Selva Sundararaj	Knightriders CC
	Mohan Vallatharasu	Knightriders CC
	Nirmal Kumar Asokan	Knightriders CC
	Gokul	Dare Devils CC
	Makhesh Kumar	Dare Devils CC
	Shiraz Hussain	MCC CC
	Martin McCormack	BP CC
	Irfan Sayeed	Kings XI CC
	Shankar Bhukya	Royal Challengers CC
	Prasath	Royal Challengers CC
	Rajesh	Royal Challengers CC
	Koti	Royal Challengers CC
	Armanath Bendi	Royal Challengers CC

\* Originator of Minutes

### **1. Apologies.**

Syd Stephen	ATSSC
Ross Wade	Ellon CC
Bill Caffyn	Inn at the Park CC
Kenny Hood	MCC CC
Jim Stephen	St Ronald CC
Peter Hope	ATSSC
Will Anderson	Aberdeen Uni CC
Rahul	DeC Rebels CC

### **2. Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous A.G.M. were reviewed and accepted.

### 3. Reports and Accounts.

- a) **President's Report.** General report presented by Mike Shepherd summarising the on-field events of last season.

League Winners – The Legends  
Oxy Cup Winners – DeC Rebels  
Batsman of the Year – Kapil (DeC Rebels)  
Bowler of the Year – Russell Balsillie (The Legends)  
Oxy Cup Final MOTM - Amol (DeC Rebels)

- b) **Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary thanked all clubs for continuing to report the results ([results@aecl.org.uk](mailto:results@aecl.org.uk)) in a timely fashion.

Feedback received from Aberdeen Council is that the new AECL cricket pitch payment procedure is working well. Still await confirmation of the revised pitch fee for 2010.

Spreading the Cup competition throughout the season to provide the best opportunity to play the final at Mannofield proved to be a success.

The website appeared to be working well with no problems. Shiraz Hussain offered support with the website when the Secretary was unavailable.

The Secretary recommended that a sub-committee be formed to review the overall structure and format of the AECL, especially in light of the number of teams now taking part. The Secretary would contact individuals directly.

- c) **Treasurer's Report.** Cash in hand as of 31-12-09 was £ 173.15.

A number of subscriptions (£45.00) remain uncollected from last season.

### 4. Elections

- a) **President:** Mike Shepherd (Unopposed)
- b) **Secretary/Treasurer:** John MacKenzie (Unopposed)
- c) **Committee:** Chris Watson, Grant Jamieson, James Williams and Selva Sundararaj (additional member).

### 5. Membership Changes

Gordonians, RGU, Kings XI, BP and the Royal Challengers were all accepted into the League. All 15 teams that took part last year would be re-entering, making 20 teams in total for 2010 - an increase of 9 teams over the last two years.

### 6. Cricket pitches

There will be a maximum of 9 pitches available on a Tuesday.

- Duthie Park x 3
- Links
- Shed x 2
- Allan Park (Legends)
- Kings College (Aberdeen Uni)
- Countesswells (Apache Gordonians / RGU Tomahawks)

It was agreed that the AECL would continue to maximise cricket as far as possible on a Tuesday, thereby using all available pitches. The Royal Challengers expressed a preference to play all their matches on a Wednesday.

It was agreed to leave the Secretary to schedule the fixtures.

## **7. League and Cup Competitions**

There will be two leagues of 10. The top 10 finishing teams last year will be invited to compete in the top league, with the remaining 5 teams joining the 5 new teams in the lower league (should any of the top 10 finishing teams wish to start in the lower league, their place will be offered to the 11th team etc and then to the new clubs).

All teams will be invited to enter the AECL Oxy Cup competition. The Cup competition will continue to be spread throughout the season to provide the best opportunity to play the final at Mannofield.

The rule that allows postponed matches to be rescheduled before the end of the season will be re-introduced due to the fewer league matches compared to the previous season. The date for final matches to be played will be advised at a later date by the Secretary.

A new trophy will be required for the League 2 winners.

Neutral umpires will be provided for both Oxy Cup Semi-finals as well as the Final.

## **8. Revision to AECL Rules**

- Rule 1 to be updated to highlight that teams are encouraged to reduce the number of overs rather than complete 20 over matches in very poor light (a minimum of 15 overs per match to be retained).
- Rule 2 to be updated to reiterate the start time for matches as 6.30pm (toss at 6.20pm) to maximize the light.
- Rule 4 to be updated to reflect that the AECL once again will allow abandoned /postponed league fixtures to be rescheduled and played later in the season.
- A new rule detailing players must not wear dark clothing without the consent of the opposing captain to be introduced.

Post meeting note: Clarity on player eligibility to be included in the 2010 rules.

## **9. Batsman / Bowler of the Year**

All teams are encouraged to support these awards each year and to nominate a club Batsman and Bowler of the Year. A separate batsman / bowler award for League 1 and 2 will be made.

## **10. AOB**

None