

FRENSHAM CRICKET CLUB AGM 2011
HELD AT THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

Chairman opened the meeting at 20:03 with 33 members present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: David Stone, Dean Humphreys, Nick Weller, Phillip Swinstead, Brian Tonge, Ross Farncombe, Max Falkiner, Will Wilson, Richard Wood, Simon Stockton, Steve Hopper, Ken Bone, Tony Champneys, Richard Champneys, Mark Wiseman, Morag James, Graham Austin, Mikey Fathers, Ian McLean.

2. AGM 2010 Minutes

Minutes were approved by the Chairman. No comments or alterations.

3. Chairman's Report

As outgoing chairman, John Stuttaford stressed the need for the players to pay for their cricket and contribute to the club. He lamented that several unnamed individuals refused point blank to prepare teas last season, and that this put an unreasonable strain on the committee and other members of the club. He added that progress on the nets was somewhat delayed due to rain, but has commenced.

4. Club Captain's Report

No comments

5. Treasurer's Report

In the absence of Ian McLean, Vice Chairman Martin Breddy summarised the financial issues facing the club. He noted that, were it not for one-off payments from arrears, the club would have had a deficit in running cricketing activities last year £1,300. He added that the club was generally in good financial health, but we needed to take steps to ensure that continues.

6. Election of Officers

6.1. President

Proposed: John Storey – Proposed by: John Stuttaford, Seconded by: Rusty Moorcroft
Carried unanimously.

6.2. Vice Presidents

6.2.1. Proposed: Rusty Moorcroft – Proposed by: Richard Chuter, Seconded by: John Stuttaford. Carried unanimously.

6.2.2. Proposed: Sir Clive Makintosh – Proposed by: John Stuttaford, Seconded by: Adam Page. Carried unanimously.

6.2.3. John Stuttaford regrettably reports the passing Stan Armstrong.

6.2.4. The rest of the Vice Presidents were elected en bloc.

6.3. Chairman

John Stuttaford stood down as Chairman. He proposed Martin Breddy, seconded by Grant Turtle. Carried unanimously.

6.4. Secretary

Proposed: Andrew Vandervell – Proposed by: Richard Chuter, Seconded by: Rusty Moorcroft. Carried

6.5. Treasurer

Proposed: Ian McLean – Proposed by: Andrew Kamm, Seconded by: Adam Page. Carried unanimously.

6.6. Club Captain

Proposed: Ray Clarke – Proposed by: Alan Stone, Seconded: Tim Stubbs. Carried unanimously.

6.7. Ground Manager

Proposed: Ray Clarke – Proposed by: John Storey, Seconded: Rusty Moorcroft Carried unanimously.

6.8. Pavilion Manager

Proposed: Pete Shipway – Proposed by: Tim Stubbs, Seconded: Andy Kamm
Proposed: Alan Stone – Proposed by: Stuart Burnett, Seconded: John Storey
Pete Shipway was elected by secret ballot.

6.9. Youth Chairman

Proposed: Alex Warren – Proposed by: Ray Clarke, Seconded: Andy Kamm
Carried unanimously.

6.10. Social and Fund Raising

Proposed: Graham Senior – Proposed by: Ray Clarke, Seconded: Rusty Moorcroft
Carried unanimously.

6.11. I'Anson Delegate

Proposed: John Stuttaford – Proposed by: Martin Breddy, Seconded: Grant Turtle

6.12. Auditor is an honorary post. It is not elected.

6.13. 1st XI Captain

Proposed: Tom Charman – Proposed by: Stuart Burnett, Seconded Geoff Bond.
Carried.

6.14. 2nd XI Captain

Proposed: Adam Page – Proposed by: Stuart Burnett, Seconded: Giles Clayton-Jones
Carried

NB: Adam Page has since stood down. Andy Vandervell to replace.

6.15. 3rd XI Captain

Proposed: Stuart Burnett – Proposed by: Giles Clayton-Jones, Seconded: Andy Kamm
Carried.

6.16. 4th XI Captain

Proposed: Benjy Weekes – Proposed by: Tim Stubbs, Seconded: Rusty Moorcroft
Carried.

Martin Breddy thanked Benjy for continuing in what is a very difficult job.

6.17. Sunday Captain

Proposed: Adam Page – Proposed by: Giles Clayton-Jones, Seconded: Ray Clarke
Carried.

6.18. Village Cup Captain

Proposed: Tom Charman – Proposed by: Richard Chuter, Seconded: Adam Page
Carried.

6.19. Stevens Cup

Proposed: Pete Harrison – Proposed by: Richard Chuter, Seconded: John Storey
Carried. Committee to discuss alternatives if Pete wishes to stand down.

John Suttaford has replaced Simon Hitchcock as Fixture Secretary.

Richard Wood to continue as Welfare Officer

7. Subs, Match Fees and Teas

7.1. Subs

The committee proposed that the subs be increased to £60 due to the increase cost of running cricket.

Proposer: John Stuttaford, Seconder: Alex Warren

Alex Warren added that the Youth subs have been increased to £60, and he couldn't support that decision if the Adult members chose not to pay the same amount.

The proposal to increase the membership sub was passed unanimously.

7.2. Match Fees

The committee proposes that youth players playing senior cricket should pay £4. towards the cost of their playing and teas.

Stuart Burnett noted £4 was a difficult number to collect. Why not £5?

Tim Stubbs and others felt we shouldn't charge youth members, as the lack of match fees had allowed the 3rd and 4th teams to field sides last season where otherwise they might not had done. He added that he felt the club had enough in the bank to absorb the cost.

John Stuttaford replied that the money in the bank account was for investing in the club's facilities, not for subsidising cricketing activities.

Adam Page felt youth should only pay for teas, a cost of around £2 or £2.50.

John Robertson felt we should be charging a 'babysitting' fee to the parents. Stuart Burnett supported this view.

Benjy Weekes we should seek a voluntary donation from the parents, not asking the youth player for the match fee. Giles Clayton-Jones also endorsed this view, adding that not having a mandatory fee would be a point of difference from opposing clubs. Alex Warren agreed with this view, and said he would be happy to write to parents to this effect.

Proposal put to vote. For: 14, Against: 14, Abstained: 5

Committee will reconsider and propose alternatives.

7.3. Teas

Giles Clayton-Jones felt we should not be increasing subs because people weren't willing to help the club by making teas. Geoff Bond supported this view, and felt it should be a matter of pride that members make a good tea.

Giles Clayton-Jones suggested there should be a prize offered to help stimulate the competitive element of tea making. Geoff Bond said if the committee offered tickets to the ball as a prize, he would add £100 as an additional reward for the best tea.

Andy Kamm noted that the rota in recent years could have been better. People who are willing to do teas are not asked to do so. Alex Warren concurred with this view.

Martin Breddy said the committee would commit to reinvigorating the voluntary aspect of teas. John Stuttaford (reluctantly) offered to run the rota.

8. Club Membership

The committee has decided to stringently enforce the payment of subs. After playing two games, players must pay their subs to eligible to play further games. The committee will still consider any special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.

Andy Kamm asked committee to consider the case of people who only play two or three games per season. Benjy concurred.

Martin Breddy noted some common sense would be applied to the 4th XI were circumstances demanded it.

Stuart Burnett suggested we charge a slightly increased match fee for those who only play a small number of games.

9. Any Other Business

- 9.1.** Grant Turtle felt we should advertise for new players in the newspaper.
- 9.2.** Giles Clayton-Jones suggested we should pursue using Edgeborough School for winter nets. The committee is already looking into this.
- 9.3.** Geoff Bond commended the organisers of the Ball for an excellent event. He added that Tilford would like to extend reciprocal invitations to its ball.
- 9.4.** Alex Warren asked members to read the code of conduct.
- 9.5.** John Storey congratulated Martin Breddy for his election as Chairman.

Meeting closed: 21:54