

PBCC AGM Minutes – Oct 29th 2011

Apologies:

Terry O'Connor, Eric Walker, Ricky Yates.

Present:

Stephen Elder, Nicholas Taylor, Monty Hodgson, Stephen Roberts, Ben Petter, Dillon Werry, Bruce Loxley, Dany Hudecek, Gary Pettman, Gabor Sviatko, James Dean, Matt Hynes.

Meeting opened at 15:15

Constitution

Point 4.1 to be re-written.

Point 6 clarification: committee may define categories.

Point 5.9 plus "All committee members will be informed of meetings one week in advance."

Point 9.2 plus "with relevant parties."

Treasurer's Report

Club in a fairly healthy financial position according to Ben.

Chairman's Report

Last year's winter league training and subsequent registering of three teams was a great success. Many thanks also to Dany for his efforts on the coaching side, notably the visit of batting coach Gary from the UK. Thanks also for his efforts in ensuring the teams were well turned out in both summer league formats.

The club has ratcheted up its foreign tours over the course of the last year, and also welcomed teams to Prague in return. Thanks to all involved in that including extended committee members who have been of invaluable help.

The club's record keeping has been of a consistently better standard thanks largely to the efforts of those who score regularly, and particularly to Terry whose maintenance of the website and dedication to statistics have been of great benefit. Those statistics are brought into sharp relief with Bruce's photographic efforts which have immortalised some of the proud moments of the Barbars, and many of their shameful ones.

Finally the captain's weekly newsletters have been essential reading on Monday mornings throughout the season and we thank him for his sterling efforts in that regard.

On the negative side, the club failed for the first time this season to get teams out on several occasions in spite of a group of some 40 registered players of whom 25 were fee payers. More suitable methods

of assuring player availability in the immediate aftermath of games must be looked at to try and ensure this is avoided in future.

Summer league teams

A consensus was reached to aim for two balanced teams as per Barbarian tradition. A fall-back position exists in terms of a possible 2nd league depending on CMKS organisation.

E-mail communication

The captain raised a point about poor player response regarding availability.

Agreement reached to have members declare their availability in greater detail as far as possible.

Members are reminded that club related mails must respect basic decency.

Complaints are to be sent in writing to the Club Secretary as per the constitution.

Venues

The Club expresses its support for a good quality venue for Czech cricket, at Vinor as things currently stand. The question of a back-up plan should Vinor prove unplayable for whatever reason was raised.

Lack of facilities also a concern. Chairman to e-mail CMKS re the above points.

Winter League

The club plans to pursue its training sessions at Olsanska pending an agreement on balls used. The staff have concerns over indoor cricket balls and insist on the use of tennis balls. A compromise arrangement is being looked at. Six indoor balls are to be purchased by the club.

The club will aim to enter as many teams as possible again. The preferred format will be an A team and a B team. No gentleman's and players' separation will exist this year due to a planned new format.

Membership fees

Priority places in teams will be given to players who have paid their membership fees.

An e-mail will be sent out re fees for this year. Winter league participation will be subject to payment.

List of players who have paid their match fees or not to be recorded on the scorebook.

Fees 2012/13 to be 600,-KC if paid before 1st April and 1000,-KC afterwards. Juniors and mid-term arrivals 600,-KC

Point raised about the reasonable level of the membership fee: Gabor's US football team cited in comparison at 5000,-KC per year.

The Club requests CMKS clarification on where match fee money goes.

New players, at captains' discretion, to be asked to pay double match fees.

Strips

Well done to Gary for his preparatory work on a new summer kit for next season.

Black T-20 kit to be worn for winter league. Further discussions before deciding on next season's T-20 wear.

AOB

Many thanks and fond farewells are expressed to esteemed members who have moved on to pastures new. This year the club has said goodbye to its co-founder Geoff Hayward. We wish him and Anna all the best in their endeavours in the US. Ian Smitton, Sonia and Satya Prakash also moved on this year having made valuable contributions to the club in their time with us and we wish them all the best of luck for the future.

Former captain Jerome Hunt is now settled nicely in Sydney and by all accounts playing cricket with some measure of success (excepting the scoop shot). Greetings to him and may he find a new sandpit to play in!

A warm word also to Rod who is now plying his trade in China, but shows his customary remarkable dedication to the club by occasionally turning out for the Barbarians at particularly pertinent moments!

Coaching

Extension of coaching weekends from last year suggested. Dany given go-ahead to look into details.

Life Membership

Life memberships for certain former players proposed.

Tours

Extension of touring proposed. Several possibilities to be pursued for next year with the aim of continuing and building upon what has gone before.

Player of the Year

No dissenting voices were heard and unanimity was the byword when Rhys Osbourne was proposed as player of the year. Several superb performances in trying circumstances make this a richly deserved accolade. We are sure he'll enjoy the champagne he'll buy himself in celebration!

Meeting closed at 19:20