

# PBCC AGM Minutes – Oct 20th 2012

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## *Present:*

Stephen Elder, Nicholas Taylor (Secretary), Jonathan Hodgson (Captain), Stephen Roberts, Ben Petter (Chairman), Gary Pettman (Treasurer), Navoneil Bhattacharyya, David Hughes, Chris Jeffery (Officer), Ricky Yates (President)

## *Meeting opened at 15:15*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Club is in a fairly healthy financial position according to the Treasurer. Details available upon request.

Membership fees unchanged for 2013.

### **Chairman's Report**

The meeting expressed its thanks to outgoing Chairman, Stephen Elder, and welcomed Chris Jeffery and Ben Petter in to their new roles as Officer and Chairman respectively on this year's Committee.

As an overview of the Committee elections, disappointment was expressed at the lack of a vote for any of the available positions, but satisfaction at the constitution of a full complement of Committee members.

It was felt that the Winter League had provided the greatest impetus to recruitment over the course of the year and ought to be looked at in the same way this coming season.

In terms of the summer league, the T-20 competition was met with relative success including some good results. The club also welcomed a team from Swansea in what was a successful weekend of cricket and socialising, and hopes to make a reciprocal visit to Wales next year. However, if the T-20 represented the high point of the season, sadly the 40 over league was the Barbarians' nadir of 2012, the club having felt constrained to withdraw its participation due to insufficient numbers, a problem which has been felt in the wider Czech cricketing community. The meeting noted the planned holding of the 40 over competition at the start of next season which ought to be helpful in terms of fielding players.

The Sunday league was perhaps not as popular as it might have been had its goals been more clearly defined. The Barbarians regularly fielded a team, although often players were playing twice a weekend which was not the original intention.

### **CMKS Directives**

Plan to move the 40 over league to the beginning of the season. This is widely viewed as a positive by the Barbarians

Vinor/Vypich: The meeting felt that Vinor would be at its best early season for the 40 over league and that, should it be needed, the artificial wicket would be better suited to T-20 as the season develops.

The issue of dependency on Hugo for kit storage and start times was raised, but the Barbarians reiterate their support for Vinor.

Next year will see a return to playing exclusively in whites. Committee making arrangements in consequence.

Sunday League: has been abandoned for next year, but with the proviso that more friendly games are planned.

### **Winter League Planning**

A consensus was reached to aim for two teams whilst there remains some debate about their specific makeup.

As mentioned before, the WL has been pinpointed as a recruitment hotspot. The meeting looked at ways and means of helping the process along and reached the following resolutions:

- Increased updates on website and publishing of training session details, etc
- Provision of some coaching whilst showing the Barbarians' traditional friendly face
- Liaising further with the sub-continental population
- Possibly some kind of incentive scheme to encourage core players

The club also agreed to widen responsibility for getting players together on both training and match weekends. The question of how to avoid and/or deal with personality clashes within the club was also addressed.

### **Summer League Planning**

It was felt that one team is currently the only realistic proposition for next summer. In the light of this season's withdrawal from the 40 over competition, the move to have next year's at the start of the season was welcomed. The Treasurer mentioned that members will be able to purchase self-funded shirts at cost price, either long or short sleeved, whilst the club will maintain a stock of spares available for hire for those who do not buy one, in the interests of the Barbarians looking like a team. The meeting noted the contribution of two sets of pads and gloves to the club by the Treasurer's parents.

### **Kit**

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Officer would liaise on club kit and report back to the Committee.

### **AOB**

Here is a brief resumé of points raised as other business:

Goal setting: what targets should the club set itself in terms of on-field performance for the forthcoming winter and summer seasons? It was agreed the Committee would look at the matter.

Is the season too long? Are April games too much of a risk weather-wise and particularly bearing in mind the wellbeing of the wicket at Vinor?

Possible extra club meetings during the year (3x) for any issues to be publicly aired.

The Committee resolves to inform members clearly of the situation regarding open positions for election.

Members' complaints to be addressed to the Chairman and subsequently to be discussed by the committee as a whole.

In the event of the possible expulsion of a member, it was proposed that an EGM should be called.

Chris informed the meeting that he will no longer be a member as from August 2013.

*Meeting closed at 18:40*