

# PBCC AGM 31 Aug 2013 - Minutes

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## *Agenda*

Opening remarks

Chairman's address

Captain's address

Treasurer's summary

Announcement of new Committee / Committee vacancies

Possible amendments to club constitution

Any other business

## *Present*

Ben Petter, Jonathan Hodgson, Gary Pettman, Ricky Yates, Nicholas Taylor, David Hughes, Terry O'Connor, Navoneil Bhattacharyya, Allan Schoenherr, Yash Salian, Francis Costelloe.

## *Apologies*

Stephen Elder, Matthew Hynes.

## *Opening remarks*

Welcome and outline of what is to be covered during the meeting.

## *Chairman's address*

Satisfaction was expressed on behalf of the club at the winter league performance of both teams entered. The availability of players for the summer league matches was very encouraging, particularly in light of last season's withdrawal from the 40 over league. Although results were ultimately disappointing, the competitive nature of the games was most encouraging and offers positives looking to the future.

The club has gained four or five new players over the course of the season all of whom play regularly which is to be commended.

It is also good to see non Committee members actively participating in club affairs, notably: Terry's contributions to the website and the statistics, Francis' organisation of nets, and Dany's on field captaincy replacing Jonathan.

Thanks, finally, to the outgoing committee members and to Jonathan for his hard work as captain over the last three seasons. The club hopes to maintain its progress under new stewardship.

### *Captain's address*

The captain expressed his satisfaction at leaving the club in structurally good order and pointed to the good bridge established with the CMKS through the club representatives as an example thereof.

The competitive atmosphere in the summer league was commended as was attendance at the nets over the course of the summer.

The Barbarians' selection policy of encouraging all players was highlighted as a source of pride and the hope expressed that this policy be maintained. David raised a point on the question of whether the selection policy was formal or informal and was informed it was informal and that all players were to be rested at an opportune moment at the captain's discretion. The point was made that there exists a loose framework governing selection based upon membership and attendance at nets.

### *Treasurer's report*

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the club entered the year with a balance of 25,000 CZK and exited it at approximately the same level, meaning the club is operating on a financial even keel.

There are currently 21 paid-up members.

Thanks were proposed to Richard York and CANZA for their generous sponsorship of 5,000 CZK.

The winter league training runs successfully at break-even with occasional small profits.

The point was made that the committee's policy of asking for match fees in advance had been a success, generally making match days a more pleasant experience for the captains and maintaining a healthy bank balance.

Thank you to Dany for his purchase of a bat from Australia, which has been well-received by the members.

A point was raised by David about non-members playing too many games. The principle was accepted by those present.

Membership fees: a vote was taken on raising fees from 600 CZK to 800 CZK advance payment, an intermediate level, or maintaining the status quo of 600 CZK advance and 1000 CZK standard. The latter option was carried.

### *Committee 2013/14*

The Chairman offered his thanks to the outgoing committee and announced the election results which are as follows:

President: Nicholas Taylor

Chairman: Ben Petter (uncontested)

Secretary: Terry O'Connor

Treasurer: Gary Pettman (voted upon by secret ballot during the meeting)

Captain: Navoneil Bhattacharyya

Officer: Francis Costelloe (uncontested)

(18:32 Allan arrives) The nomination and election of Gary Pettman was carried out according to the constitution and consequently dealt with during the meeting. There were three candidates up for election, Andrea Hynes, Gary Pettman, and Allan Schoenherr.

### *Constitution*

(18:46 Francis leaves)

Some debate was had on certain constitutional issues, notably the question of whether Committee members ought to be club members. A vote was taken and the the ayes carried it.

A second vote was taken on the question 'should members only be able to stand for one Committee post' and, again, the ayes carried it.

The issue of delegation by Committee members was left to informal decision.

(19:06 Yash arrives and immediately photographs proceedings)

A consensus was reached not to formalise manifestos from candidates at future elections.

A vote was held on the question 'are we in favour of amending the constitution so that people must nominate themselves to positions' and the ayes carried it.

It was agreed that articles 5.4 and 5.7 of the constitution need to be re-drafted and this will be a matter for the new Committee to address.

### *Any other business*

A consensus was reached to maintain the status quo with regards to net sessions being open to other clubs with the proviso that the agenda must be set by the Barbarians present.

There will possibly be extra demands in terms of officiating and scoring next season and the club wishes to consolidate its numbers of competent and willing members in that area. The possibility of informal 'courses' was mooted.

The question of a new winter league venue was discussed (raised by Allan) and all suggestions are welcome after the previous hall became unavailable.

David requested that the agenda for Committee meetings and their time and date be sent out to members in advance. The new Secretary promised to endeavour to do what he can.

The AGM closed at 19:48