

ROPLEY CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Held 8.00 pm Friday 27th October, 2023

At Ropley Sports Pavilion

1. **APOLOGIES**

Karen Bennet, Sarah Harry, Andrew Morris, Andrew Robson, Giles Stogdon, Adam Wheeler, Nerys Wheeler

2. **MINUTES OF 2022 AGM**

Approved

3. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Verbal report from Alex Ehrmann, reflecting on challenges and progress during her tenure: large exodus of senior players at the start, question about ability to play 2 senior teams. Decision to carry on with 2. Big effort put into recruitment... Then impacted by Covid. We have come through the other side of Covid very successfully. Juniors, women and girls thriving (highlights: Juniors swept the awards at the Ageas in the summer, women's phenomenal success in winning the Hampshire Slam also at the Ageas). Mid-week team very strong, some work to do with Seniors but getting some juniors coming through and a strong finish to the season . Also important to note the Club has a healthy bank balance

Alex finished by expressing her gratitude for the enormous effort all the committee and club's volunteers put in to the running of the club "That is the key to any success: past, present and future."

The committee thanked Alex for her terrific work as Chair and wished her well with her new role as Chair of Hampshire Cricket Board.

4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Alex shared the interim update on finances from Nerys Wheeler. The end of year report will not be finalized until 31st Oct. Summary: finances in good shape. Full details can be requested from Nerys Wheeler post 31st Oct 2023.

5. **PRESIDENT**

The Chair and committee thanked Les Spevock for a great second year as President, one more to go!

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Club Officers elected for 2023/2024

Chair: Ben Matthews (proposed Rachel King, seconded Andy Erskine)

Vice Chair: Quentin Sandell (proposed Ben Matthews, Seconded Alex Ehrmann)

Membership Secretary: Andy Erskine (proposed Ben Matthews, seconded Quentin Sandell)

Secretary: Will Wharfe (proposed Quentin Sandell, seconded Ben Matthews)

Junior Coordinator: Adam Wheeler proposed Andy Erskine, seconded Ben Matthews)

Women and Girls Coordinator: Sarah Harry has indicated agreement to carry out the role (proposed by Alex Ehrmann, seconded by Rachel King)

Treasurer: remains Nerys Wheeler

Social Media Coordinator: Rachel King (proposed Alex Ehrmann, seconded Andy Erskine)

Grounds Manager: Quentin Sandell (proposed Will Wharfe, seconded Alex Ehrmann) While Tom Wood has stepped back (family commitments) he is still kindly providing expert guidance. Noted and appreciated by the committee.

Sports Club Representative: Adam Wheeler has stepped down. Role is currently vacant.

Sponsorship and Fundraising: role vacant

Child Welfare Officer (Male): Tim Phillips (proposed Ben Matthews, seconded Helen Smith)

Child Welfare Officer (Female): role vacant. Rachel King suggests we contact Rachel Ashby – agreed. RK to follow up.

7. AOB

- Merv Durrant pointed out that Bismonroptis currently lists the Ropley Football Club contact (Gordon Dennis) as contact. Should be membershippropleycc@gmail.com – Will will liaise with Bismonroptis to update
- Andrew Robson had submitted a written question, which will be followed up in person with Andrew.

Part of the question related to the availability of club resources and how we can make them bookable...

eg Bowling machine, Nets (which are owned by the Parish Council but managed by the club). No decisions made but a useful discussion took place about the pros and cons of booking something publicly available like the Nets. Will be followed up at the next committee meeting.

- Les Spevock raised the question of when the club awards boards would be updated. Andy Erskine and Ben Matthews took an action to review next steps and report back at the next committee meeting.

- Kit swap for juniors... (i.e. encourage parents to share second-hand kit at the start of the season) had stopped because of Covid. Will start again next season. We will ask Adam and Rachel to help coordinate
- Merv Durrant asked if we will bring back printed fixture cards. Ben Matthews took an action to review feasibility (i.e. printed versus current digital lists)