

AYLESBURY & DISTRICT MIDWEEK CRICKET LEAGUE

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AGM & League Fixtures Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 7st March 2018
Time: AGM start 8:00. Opportunity to agree fixture dates from 7.00pm
Venue: Long Marston Cricket Club

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

All were welcomed, and the officer and committee introduced,
Malcolm Saunders - President
Martin Keable – Chair
Paul China – Vice Chair
Kevin Frewin – Secretary
Jonathan Seabrook - Deputy Secretary
Keith Dale – Treasurer
Tony Cherry – Cup Secretary
Dickie Downs
Manoj Parmar
Paul Cherry
Stuart Skeggs (apologies)

2. Apologies for absence

Stuart Skeggs (Kimble)
Andy Jinman (Thame)

3. Minutes of 2017 AGM

3.a Accuracy of the minutes

The secretary reminded members that the minutes of the 2017 AGM had been circulated approximately 1 month after the meeting and again with the agenda for this meeting and he had asked for corrections to be highlighted. As none were reported the meeting confirmed them as an accurate reflection of the 2017 AGM.

3.b Matter arising

There were no additional matters added to the agenda

4. Chairman's report

The Chair reported another successful season due, in the main, to the coaches and managers of the teams and clubs and thanked them for their contribution to the fruitful season. He also thanked the committee for their involvement to ensure the smooth running of the league and extended a special thanks to the clubs that hosted the various age group finals. He reported with great sadness the passing of Alan Fantham, a Chairman of our league from 1999 to 2006. Tony Cherry kindly attended the funeral and represented the ADMCL.

5. Secretary's report.

The secretary reflected upon the season and reported that in 2017, for the first time, all application fees were paid in full before the AGM. He was also pleased to report that it had occurred again for the 2018 season. He was required to chase a number of clubs for their Insurance details (policy number) that must be entered on the application form. Disappointingly he anticipated having to do the same again this year.

A total of 215 fixtures were planned, 33 were recorded as rained off / not played, only 15 concessions 1 tie, and an even split of home and away wins (83 to 81).

He congratulated the U15's for playing all their games and noted the U13's might not travel well as there were 25 home wins to 18 away wins.

The biggest victories were by Dinton and Aylesbury Town U13's and U11's respectively both by 10 wickets and Haddenham U11's by 169 runs.

The 2017 Handbook was made available before the start of the season and the secretary promised to update the 2018 version to reflect the decisions made at this AGM and hoped to further split the age group rules. He indicated an intent to upload the document in the next few weeks.

He reported that 2017 saw very little intervention from himself or the committee and the thanked everyone for using common sense.

An improvement in the reporting of the cup results was noted but further improvement was required. He made a special plea to all winning captains to ensure Cup results were reported to both Tony Cherry and emailed to the league (Cupresults@ADMCL.co.uk).

He thanked the committee and in particular Martin, Jonathan, Keith and Paul China for their help during the year.

6. Treasurer's Report

Keith Dale reported on the 2017 accounts, an income of £1010 plus £100 prepayment for 2018, Expenditure of £2096.48 giving a closing balance of £3332.18. A reduction of £986.48 across the year. The members agreed this remains a reasonably healthy balance and Keith was thanked for his report.

Full accounts had been circulated via email prior to the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

The committee and officers retired, the President asked for nominations for Chair of the League, Martin Keable was duly elected.

Martin asked if the previous committee and officers were willing to stand again, they all agreed to. Martin asked for any other nominations or volunteers, none were forth coming.

The following were elected unopposed

Deputy Chair – Paul China

Secretary – Kevin Frewin

Treasurer – Keith Dale

Cup Secretary – Tony Cherry,

Committee – Stuart Skeggs, Paul Cherry, Dickie Downs, Jonathan Seabrook and Manoj Palmer.

8. Awards for player performance

The Chairman encouraged all team to report the better performances via the website and announced the following winners of the 2017 performance awards:

U11 Batting	Jake Stainton	Haddenham
U11 Bowling	Hayden Beadle	Bledlow
U13 Batting	Joe Pulic	Haddenham
U13 Bowling	Katie Brine	Aston Rowant
U15 Batting	Zak Night	Princes Risborough
U15 Bowling	Harry Murray-Russell	Wendover

9. Matters arising for the 2018 Season

- a. Stokenchurch were confirmed as provisional members
Chinnor were confirmed as full members
Horspath have been invited to join the U13 league on the basis that they will travel to all grounds if asked by the opposition and on a 1 year trial basis. This invitation was made after positive responses by many clubs. The meeting confirmed the 1 year provisional membership and in response to longer term traveling concerns Horspath indicated a willingness to play at opposition grounds for many years.
- b. Proposed 30 yard circle for all senior games
After a short discussion the meeting agreed to extend the 30 yard circle law used in the Great Central cup games to all Senior games. The aim is to stop teams placing all their players on the boundary for most of an innings.
- c. 12 yard run up and 30 yard circle
It was agreed that ALL age groups including seniors would be required to limit bowler run ups to 12 yards.
- d. It was agreed that failure to mark either the 12 yard bowler limit in all games or 30 yard circle in Senior games before the 6:15 start time would result in the home side forfeiting the toss.
- e. Leg side wides Seniors only
The meeting agreed to support the proposal to call all balls going down the leg side a wide (unless it hits the bat or pad).
- f. Slow play in senior finals
The committee reported that slow play had been an issue during the Senior finals in 2017. They made the members aware that they intended to bring to the 2019 AGM a proposal that would penalise an offending side by awarding the opposition additional runs. For each over not bowled within the 75 minutes allowed then 12 additional runs will be awarded to the opposition. The full 15 overs shall be bowled.
- g. It was agreed that umpires for the senior final may agree to reduce the game to 12 overs per side if it is anticipated the light might be an issue towards the end of a game.
- h. Introduce a 2 point penalty for clubs that concede a game
Following a healthy debate it was agreed that no change to the points awarded for a concession would be made.

- i. **MCC law changes**
It was agreed to adopt the new MCC law for age groups U13 and above that requires all balls that bounce more than once before reaching the popping crease to be called a 'No ball'.
For the U9 and U11 it was agreed to retain last year's rule that balls that bounce more than twice before reaching the popping crease shall be called a 'No ball'. The secretary reminded all present that umpires need to use a generous helping of common sense at the young ages.
- j. It was stated by the secretary that the new rule regarding over waist height full tosses must be applied in full, with no deviation, at all age groups.
Over waist high full tosses – first occurrence the bowler is warned; second occurrence bowler cannot bowl again. In both instances, a 'no ball' shall be called.

10. Senior Cup Draw

The draw was kindly made by the president and recorded, see appendix I and the website.

11. Any Other Business

- a) Paul China added his thanks to all the coaching staff, managers and parents for playing a positive role in ensuring that cricket is offered to a wide audience and delivering the ADMCL aim of extending the opportunity to play cricket to as many people as possible.
- b) It was agreed that for Senior league fixtures a 2-week period following the 'play by date' shown on the website would be allowed so that rain affected games could be re-arranged.
- c) After discussion the committee was asked to consider introducing in 2019 shorter pitch lengths for the junior matches. The committee agreed to do so.
- d) The ADMCL resident official umpire Dickie Downs kindly shared thoughts on a number of MCC law changes as detailed below.

For non-pitching deliveries, all deliveries, irrespective of their speed, which pass above waist height of the upright striker are to trigger the sanctions as in 9j above. Previously, the umpire had to judge the speed of the delivery.

The warning sequence for each type of delivery is separate, but the initial warning is dispensed with and only a first and final warning will be given for each type of dangerous bowling before the bowler is suspended for repetition.

The bowling of over head-height bouncers is moved to Law 21 (No ball), but repetitive such deliveries can be considered unfair and trigger a warning and action under Law 41.6.

A new clause 41.8 covers the bowling of a deliberate front foot No ball, which will lead to immediate suspension from bowling, in the same way as a deliberate beamer. It is felt that a bowler deliberately 'running through the crease' and releasing the ball from closer to the striker can be very dangerous and deserved a harsh punishment.

A change has been made so that a batsman can be caught, stumped or run out after the ball strikes a helmet which is being worn by a fielder or the wicket-keeper. With the wearing of helmets by wicketkeepers and close fielders now compulsory at many levels of the game, it has been decided that a helmet will be deemed as being part of the fielder's

person, meaning that a catch (or stumping) can be taken after the ball has struck the helmet, or become lodged in it.

A new Clause 41.15 (Striker in the protected area) has been added to stop a striker actually taking guard within the protected area, or so close to it that he/she will usually encroach when playing the ball. It does not stop a batsman coming down the pitch to play the ball in the protected area. Penalties for this are as for the Batsman damaging the pitch. The bowler is heavily punished for encroaching into the protected area and it is felt that the batsman's movements into that area should be restricted where reasonably possible.

When there is an injured striker, the runner at square leg must have some part of his/her person or bat behind the popping crease until the ball reaches the striker, which prevents the runner from 'backing-up' to gain an advantage. Runs will be disallowed if the runner leaves early, in a similar way to how illegal leg-byes are treated, and 5 Penalty runs are also awarded.

There is a Law that prevents a fielder from deliberately distracting or obstructing a batsman after receiving the ball. An increasing practice considered unfair is 'mock fielding', where a fielder feigns to field the ball and/or feigns to throw a non-existent ball in an attempt to prevent the batsmen running. Therefore, the words 'deceive' and 'deception' have been added to this Law to cover both mock fielding and any other act which deliberately aims to deceive the batting side.

Dickie was again thanked for his contribution to our awareness of these law changes

There being no other business the AGM closed at 9.10.