

## MINUTES

### T.RIPPON MID ESSEX LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 AT CHELMER PARK

- 1. CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE-** Bentley, Boreham, Brookweald, Broomfield, Burnham, Canvey, Chignal, Danbury, Eastwood, Galleywood, Goresbrook, Gt. Baddow, East Hanningfield & Gt. Burstead, Gt. Totham, Gt. Waltham, Gt. Wakering, Havering Atte Bower, Herongate, High Easter, Hockley, Hornchurch Athletic, High Roding, Ingatestone, Lt. Baddow, Lt. Waltham, Marconi, Mountnessing, Navestock, Noak Hill, Old Chelmsfordians, Ongar, Purleigh, Rankins, Rainham, Rayleigh, Rayleigh Fairview, Rayne, Rettendon, Roxwell Blues, Sandon Sports, Southend, South Weald, South Woodham Ferrers, Springfield, St Andrews, St. Johns Billericay, Stock, Terling, Thurrock, Tillingham, Wickham, Willow Herbs, Woodham Mortimer, Writtle,
- 2. APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE-** A. Golding, M. Smith
- 3. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-** Held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 having been circulated were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING-** There were none.
- 5. CHAIRMANS REPORT-** Bill Wignall said that in general this had been a good year for the League and that the issues we had with our results last year had improved. Things had improved on the disciplinary front and urged clubs to try and deal with matters before they came before the Committee. He explained that the League were 4 clubs short this season and added that later there would be a vote to decide if we went forward with either 12 divisions of 10 or 13 divisions with the bottom 4 divisions playing with 8 teams.

He reminded the meeting that the League Committee will put clubs forward for election but it was the member clubs who elected any new members. Bill thanked George Mawby for his part in making sure all clubs had a CWO in place and reminded clubs that the same result would be required for 2016. All clubs were urged to make sure that all information sent out by the League is passed on to the relevant people at the clubs.

He thanked Len Menhinick and everyone at Rippons for their generous and ongoing support to the league. He thanked Brian Poole for the use of Chelmer Park and Mick Elliott and his panel of umpires for all of their good work. At this point Bill mentioned that the work load on the committee is greater than ever so thanked all the members of the committee for their ongoing work for the league and added their effort's keep this league in the strong and healthy position in which it. Finally he thanked Stuart for all his efforts and also to Peter Ely and Simon Cooper who have both decided to stand down from the Committee.

- 6. SECRETARYS REPORT-** Stuart Pinkerton reported that 7 players had been banned ranging from a 1 to 5 week bans whilst 3 clubs had suspended point penalties hanging over them. Since last season a few teams had withdrawn meaning 3 divisions had to play with 9 teams. This coming season the fixtures would not come out till the beginning of February to give clubs more time to withdraw should they find it necessary. We now had 120 teams in the league but 2 others were re-applying whilst another wished to join. The preference of the Committee was to run 12 divisions of 10 teams though this would be for the clubs to vote on later in the evening. Clubs had already approached the Committee stating their preferred division for next year but whilst this would be considered no clubs have been guaranteed that their preference would happen

A friendly division had been introduced by Duncan Williamson which resulted in a few fixtures being arranged but it is hoped this will become more popular in 2016. There was 1 year left on the Duke Ball contract and Stuart reported that a Lords ball had been trialled and would again be tested in a few league games before a decision is made for the 2017 season. Stuart finished by thanking Bill Wignall for all his work as Chairman, Glenn Baker for arranging the dinner and all the publicity officers.

- 7. TREASURERS REPORT-** This is the fifteenth year for Tony Ellis as Treasurer and he thanked the many clubs who pay by BACS. He thanked T.Rippon and Len in particular, for continuing their generous sponsorship. We made a surplus of £1550.00 this year. Fines decreased to £840. Subscriptions were down by £100. The profit on the Presentation Dinner was £64.00. On the expenditure side Insurance cost us £305. The Umpires costs matched the income obtained from them and the expenditure on cricket balls was less due to the fact that we bought less. Debtors of £280 are due to some clubs still owing umpires fees. Creditors of £1250 are for the medals and trophies invoice to be paid, and the Sportsmen's cheques will be given out tonight. The Treasurer also thanked Ken Carr for examining the accounts and producing the balance sheet.
- 8. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE X1 REPORT** – Stuart Pinkerton thanked Chris Huntington for captaining the team and Mark Norton for being manager over the last 3 years. Both were standing down with Lee Brooks becoming captain and Mick Elliott manager. In the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Sovereign cup the League beat the Essex Sunday League by 112 runs with the highlights being 107 from Ash Parmenter, Chris Westwood 65 whilst Matt Coleman 4 and Simon Dance 3 were the main wicket takers. In the next round we were beaten by a very strong Essex League team by 89 runs. The highlights being Ben Marrion taking 6-34 and Ash Parmenter scoring 39.
- 9. SPONSORS REPORT-** Len Menhinick said he wished to carry on as President and thanked all club officers for their hard work. He also thanked the Committee for all that they did as well as Chris Flint for updating him on everything that happened. He said how important sportsmanship was and used Stock as an example as to how things can be turned round regarding on field problems.
- 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS-** The following were elected into office for the ensuing year

<b>LIFE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>MR.L.MENHINICK</b>
<b>LIFE MEMBER</b>	<b>MRS GMJ RIPPON</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENTS</b>	<b>MR.T.S.S.BLAYDES MR.P.ELY MR.C.PAVITT MR.D.PORTER DR G.M.J.RIPPON MR.P.J.RIPPON MR.B.SIMMONDS</b>
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>MR.W.WIGNALL</b>
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>MR.A.GOLDING</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>MR.S.PINKERTON</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>MR.T.ELLIS</b>
<b>FIXTURE SECRETARY</b>	<b>MR.J.FRENCH</b>
<b>RESULTS SECRETARY</b>	<b>MR.M.SMITH</b>
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	<b>MR.C.FLINT ( SPONSORS ) MR.G.BAKER MR.L.BROOKS ( SPRINGFIELD) MR.M.CRANFIELD (OLD CHELMSFORDIANS) MR.G.MAWBY (GALLEYWOOD) MR.M.PORTER (CHIGNAL) MR.K.ROBINSON ( EASTWOOD ) MR.R.WHITESIDE ( RAYNE ) MR.D.WILLIAMSON ( WRITTLE )</b>

**11. SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD-** Stuart Pinkerton reported that this year Lt Baddow won the sportsmanship award for the premier league and Gt Waltham and Havering Atte Bower the award for the rest. The bottom 5 has again been written to though for 1 club this was their 2<sup>nd</sup> year running and as a result their sponsorship would be withdrawn for 2016. The top team from each Division were then handed a cheque for £100. Six teams had been put forward for the new act of sportsmanship award. The award of £250 was given to Old Chelmsfordians for being voted the best act of sportsmanship during the season with £50 been given to Willow Herbs for recommending them. Stuart then read out the letter from Willow Herbs explaining why they made the recommendation.

**12. UMPIRES REPORT-** Mick Elliott reported that he lost a couple of umpires due to injury or playing again and gained 3 others. All 90 Premier league games had 2 umpires and in Division 1 only 4 games did not have a panel appointed umpire. 31 games had been covered with 2 umpires and 41 games with 1 umpire. In Division 2 five games had panel appointed umpires. Lt Baddow won the Premier division

sporting award as well as the best pitch award. The unofficial Division 1 sporting table as marked by the umpires was won by Canvey Island. The Chelmsford branch of the ACO is running a training course at Springfield CC and there are 15 people on this course.

**13. CWO REPORT-** George Mawby reminded clubs that they all need CWO Officers and any club failing to achieve this would be unable to start the league season. The County have been helpful but it is the responsibility of clubs to take the lead. George also said that the County had cancelled a couple of recent courses due to a lack of numbers.

**14. GRAHAM PRYKE REPORT-** Graham said he enjoyed working with the Committee and urged clubs to act in getting their CWO officer in place and told of upcoming courses that are being arranged by the county. 40 clubs received an ECB grant last season and urged clubs to apply for the coming year. Graham asked clubs to register for Nat West cricket force and he said he was aware of 8 clubs in the county that have got problems with the likes of neighbours or councils and urged clubs to contact the county should they find themselves with any problems..

Clubmark was to change over the next few months so there was no point any club applying in 2016. The county were looking for clubs to run a chance to shine day and he is also working closely with clubs in a scheme that gives clubs the opportunity to put table tennis tables in their clubhouse. Graham reminded clubs of the OSCARS and long service awards which resulted in any winners having a day out at Lords. The ICC world cup had taken place in north Essex but Graham did thank Terling for allowing Norway to train at their ground and to Bentley for hosting a friendly match.

## **15. MATCH AND RULE CHANGES-**

### **1. FROM THE COMMITTEE- SPORTING MARKS- GUIDANCE FOR CAPTAINS-LAST PARAGRAPH TO READ-**

Four or below is considered significant, the circumstances of which must be sent in writing to the League Secretary. This letter shall be sent To the League Secretary within 7 days of the game.

The wording should also be changed from 13 days to 7 days on Constitution- 14 Discipline  
**THIS WAS PASSED**

### **2. FROM THE COMMITTEE MATCH RULE 1.4 AMENDMENT-**

A) Any match abandoned/ cancelled due to ground condition shall count as a NO RESULT. Each team being awarded 5 points.

B) Any match cancelled due to other acceptable reasons as determined by the Committee shall count as a NO RESULT. The team that requested the cancellation being awarded 5 points and the opposition being awarded 26 points.

**THIS WAS PASSED**

**3. FROM EAST HANNINGFIELD & GT BURSTEAD GENERAL RULE 4.2 TO READ-**

The away team shall provide an accurate result/ report to the relevant publicity officer by their stated time. The report shall include any notable performances as a minimum.

( Note publicity officers cut off times vary from division to division details of which will be found on the League website) **THIS WAS PASSED**

**4. FROM EAST HANNINGFIELD & GT BURSTEAD GENERAL RULE 4.3 TO READ-**

Both the home and away teams shall email the Sporting Marks to [tripponresults@hotmail.com](mailto:tripponresults@hotmail.com) to arrive no later than 10am on the Tuesday following the game. In Abandoned matches a Sporting Mark is only required if 15 or more overs are completed. In cancelled matches no Sporting Mark is required. **THIS WAS WITHDRAWN**

**5. FROM THE COMMITTEE GENERAL RULE 4.3 TO READ-**

Note: In the Premier Division and Division 1 the sporting marks will be awarded by the appointed umpire(s) only, so premier division and division 1 clubs are exempt from supplying sporting marks as defined above. **THIS WAS PASSED**

**6. FROM THE COMMITTEE- MATCH RULE 1.10 AND 1.11**

The Committee would like both of these rules to be deleted **THIS WAS PASSED**

**7 FROM THE COMMITTEE- CONSTITUTION- 8. FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

Where it says- There shall be a maximum of ten clubs in any division. The Committee would like this deleted **THIS WAS PASSED**

**8. FROM GT TOTHAM- CRICKET BALLS DIVISION ONE**

Gt Totham would like to propose that the Match balls supplied for Division One matches are the same as supplied for Premier Division matches **THIS WAS PASSED**

**9. FROM NAVESTOCK ARDLEIGH GREEN NEW MATCH RULE 6.2 & 7.2A TO READ-**

New Match Rule 6.2 – Scheduled 80 over games (currently division 9 downwards)

Maximum number of bonus points to the batting side in scheduled 80 over games shall be 5 points as follows

On attaining 100 runs- 1 bonus point  
On attaining 125 runs- 2 bonus points  
On attaining 150 runs- 3 bonus points  
On attaining 175 runs- 4 bonus points  
On attaining 200 runs- 5 bonus points

New Match Rule 7.2a – Scheduled 80 over games ( currently division 9 downwards )

The team bowling first in scheduled 80 over games and winning the match shall be entitled to additional bowling points for dismissing the batting side for fewer than 100 runs. The additional bonus points are awarded as below-

90-99 runs- 1 additional bowling point  
80-89 runs- 2 additional bowling points  
70-79 runs- 3 additional bowling points  
60-69 runs- 4 additional bowling points  
Under 60 runs- 5 additional bowling points    **THIS WAS PASSED**

#### **10. FROM THE COMMITTEE- 14.DISCIPLINE TO READ-**

14(a) Subject to 14 (b) below, all disciplinary matters in any way connected with the League, or the conduct of players, club members or supporters at matches played under the jurisdiction of the League, shall be dealt with in accordance with the England & Wales Cricket Board Disciplinary Model Rules, which shall be deemed to be incorporated within and to form part of this Constitution. All complaints regarding discipline or misconduct shall be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within (7) days of the incident or event occurring.

14(b) Any disciplinary or appeals committee of the League may require any member club, and/or any one or more individual members of a member club, to attend any hearing and give evidence to that committee. In cases where a member club is required to attend, it is the responsibility of the club to send representatives with sufficient knowledge of the relevant incident or events. Failure to comply with this clause 14(b) will itself render the club and / or individuals liable to further separate disciplinary action.    **THIS WAS PASSED**

**16. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP-** A vote took place and it was agreed to run 12 divisions of 10 teams. Oaklands were elected to the reserve list and Southend & EMT said they would like to be put to the bottom of the reserve list as they could not guarantee fulfilling their fixtures. There was nobody present to speak for Thurrock so the meeting decided not to consider their reapplication. This meant that Oaklands would be 1<sup>st</sup> reserve and Southend & EMT would be 2<sup>nd</sup> reserve.

**17. APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNT EXAMINER-** It was proposed that Mr.K.E.Carr should continue in his role as Auditor and this was agreed by the meeting.

**18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS** – Richard Whiteside reported that members of the Committee had attended an ECB meeting in Cambridge to Get The Game On. As a league we appear to be fairing a lot better than other leagues though we have had a few cancellations this season. The Committee will always consider proposals from clubs to improve this league. In a recent survey amongst our players 95% said they were happy with the format, 94% that the amount of overs was right and 60% happy with the start times

The meeting finished at 9.15pm