

MINUTES

T.RIPPON MID ESSEX LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2017 AT CHELMER PARK

CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE- Aythorpe Roding, Bentley, Boreham, Brookweald, Broomfield, Burnham, Canvey, Chadwell Heath, Chignal, Danbury, EH & GB, Eastwood, Galleywood, Goresbrook, Gt.Baddow, Gt.Totham, Gt.Waltham, Gt.Wakering, Hatfield Peveler, Havering Atte Bower, High Easter, High Roding, Ingatestone & Fryerning, Lt.Baddow, Lt.Waltham, Navestock, Oaklands, Old Chelmsfordians, Old Southendian & Southchurch, Ongar, Purleigh, Rankins, Rainham, Rayleigh, Rayleigh Fairview, Rayne, Rettendon, South Weald, South Woodham Ferrers, Springfield, St Andrews, St.Johns Billericay, Stock, Terling, Tillingham, Wickham, Willow Herbs, Woodham Mortimer, Writtle,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CLUBS NOT PRESENT- Brookweald, Burnham Sports, Hornchurch Athletic, Noak Hill Taverners

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- Held on Thursday 10th November 2016 having been circulated were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING- There were none.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- Welcome again to this year's meeting. This year has been more pleasing than the last. We have had far fewer fixtures lost to teams unable to fulfil games. This was a concern in the previous couple of seasons. We have of course had many disciplinary issues. We have dealt with these in what I feel has been a consistent manner. Again, I would like to thank those clubs who dealt with problems in house.

As you know we had some changes on the committee. I would like to thank everyone on the league committee for all their valuable time and effort that they give so generously. There is as I always say a lot more for people to do each year. There is always more pressure from outside the league to conform in ways that we never had to in the past.

Again a few reminders. The league needs teams to fill out team sheets before each game. All clubs need to make sure all officers are aware of what the league needs them to do on the admin front. Also, captain's or stand in captains need to be aware of their responsibility to their team, the opposition and the game.

The committee have proposed certain rule changes for later in the meeting, may I ask for you to support them.

Thanks to Glenn Baker for all of his efforts to run the ever-improving web site. I know it consumes a huge amount of your time.

Thanks to Mick Elliot and his umpires. Again, a service that is appreciated by the whole membership.

Thanks to Brian Poole for the use of Chelmer for our 2 main meetings.

Finally thanks to Len Menhenick and David Porter for the very generous support from Rippons.

SECRETARY'S REPORT- The Committee decision to drop a division this season appears to have been a success with only one team unable to fulfil 2 games and requiring a reapplication for 2018 season. The one year trial with Lords has been well received by the majority of clubs, the league will now enter a 3 year contract with them. On the Disciplinary front 8 players have received bans this year, some suspended until 2019 season, we held 10 disciplinary hearings

over the season and were pleased that some clubs had dealt with disciplinary issues promptly internally, this goes a long way to improve behaviours directly. I would like to thank the Committee and Clubs for their patience in my first year as Secretary.

TREASURERS REPORT- This is my first year reporting to you as treasurer, and I would like to start by thanking all of the clubs for being supportive and returning their payments on time. I would also like to thank Tony Ellis for his time spent with me and ensuring a smooth handover of duties.

The accounts have been prepared and examined by myself. As you will all be able to see the League made a small surplus this year.

Items of significant note are as follows:

Due to the problems with last year's venue hire for the Presentation Evening, a loss of £761 was made.

Deposits from clubs (a rule change for 2017) are held over in perpetuity until a club defaults or leaves the League.

Ball costs continue to be subsidised by sponsorship, a matter I will come on to later.

I apologise for the confusion caused at the start of the season where sponsorship was not allocated correctly on the invoices initially sent out. All corrections have been made and refunds issued. There are further refund cheques to distribute this evening for the correction of the ball prices from 2017 to 2016 prices – please come and see me after the AGM has concluded and I can distribute the envelopes to you all. There are also some refunds to collect for umpire fees. Also included within the envelope is a request for electronic banking details – it makes it far easier to deal with queries and administration if all clubs can pay their annual fees by electronic method rather than by cheque. By filling in this form I will have the details for all the clubs, and contact details for Treasurers which will expedite dealing with any problems or issues arising. Finally, I have asked for the member clubs to vote on a price increase for ball costs – the ball costs are heavily subsidised by the league through sponsorship, and we need to be prudent in preparing for a time when this sponsorship isn't available, or at the same level as it is currently. We also need to be aware that costs will generally increase over time. I have proposed a one off increase this year of approximately 5-6%, and propose annually thereafter to increase by 2%. I trust this will meet with your approval.

I am happy to answer any questions now, or after if need be.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE X1 REPORT - Mick Elliott reported that whilst we won last year we were knocked out in our first game this year. It was in the 2nd round and the opponents were very strong with some ex-international players. We will as usual be playing Bentley XI on the last Saturday of April, it is always a good competitive game and supporters are always welcome. If any club have nominations for players please send them directly to Mick.

SPONSORS REPORT- David Porter, a Director from Rippons reported that his fellow Directors are pleased with the way that the League has been run this year.....eleven Divisions, all with 10 sides is commendable. He sends congratulations to Bentley CC and to all other Divisional winners and hopes we have a good evening on Thursday night.

David is pleased to advise that Rippons have agreed to continue their sponsorship again next season at existing levels and they look forward to another competitive year of local club cricket.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS- The following were elected into office for the ensuing year

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| President: | Mr Len Menhinick |
| Hon Life Member: | Dr G. M. Rippon |
| Vice Presidents: | Trevor Blaydes |

Peter Ely
Chris Pavitt
David Porter
P. J. Rippon
Brian Simmonds

Chairman: Bill Wignall

Vice-Chairman: Alan Golding

Hon. Secretary: Debbie Pugh

Hon. Treasurer: Matt Cranfield

Hon. Fixture Secretary: John French

Hon. Results Secretary & Website Editor: Glenn Baker

Hon. Umpires Appointments Secretary: Mick Elliott

Committee Members: Lee Brooks
Chris Flint
George Mawby
Kevin Robinson
Richard Whiteside
Duncan Williamson
Mark Lewis (new addition)

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD- This year Gt Totham have again won the Sportsmanship Award for the Premier and Division 1 and Rayleigh 2's the award for Div 2 - 10. The bottom 5 have again been written to with a request to improve these issues going into 2018 season. The top team from each Division were then handed a cheque for £100.

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| Premier | Brookweald |
| Div 1 | Gt Totham |
| Div 2 | Rayleigh II |
| Div 3 | High Easter |
| Div 4 | East Hanningfield and Great Burstead |
| Div 5 | Ingatestone II |
| Div 6 | Eastwood II |
| Div 7 | Burnham Sports II |
| Div 8 | Navestock II |
| Div 9 | Goresbrook IV |
| Div 10 | South Woodham Ferrers III |

Six teams had been put forward for the Sporting Nomination. The award of £250 was given to Great Totham II XI for being voted the best act of sportsmanship during the season with £50 been given to East Hanningfield and Great Burstead for recommending them. The reason for the best act:-

EHGB 1's would like to award Great Totham 2's the sporting mark of 9 for the match played on Saturday 17th June 2017 and would like to put them forward for a sporting award, not only was the game played in a positive spirit, the batsman walked with a slightest edge behind but also when our

wicket keeper had to leave the field in the 40th over due to being overcome by the heat they without asking supplied a fielder to replace him.

The Premier Division Young Player of the Year (under 21 on 1 May each season) is decided by the panel umpires at their agm from nominations made by the clubs in the Premier Division. The winner again this year is Shane Barwick of Goresbrook Cricket Club – The award was presented to his Uncle in his absence. Shane has scored 567 runs, taken 38 wickets, 10 catches and a number of run outs and is an excellent all round cricketer.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP- 2 clubs had applied for 1 place – Both Gt Waltham 3rd XI and Gt Baddow 4th XI put their proposals to the AGM – Voting took place and Gt Waltham 3rd XI received the highest votes. Gt Baddow 4th XI will be held as reserves for any teams that may drop out before February.

MATCH AND RULE CHANGES-

Ball Cost increase was agreed by majority – Prem and Div 1 to increase from £133 to £140
Div 2 to Div 10 to increase from £80 to £85

- 1. FROM STOCK CRICKET CLUB – MATCH RULE 3.3 TO READ:-** **FAILED**
In Divisions Premier to 1 inclusive, a match will be based on 90 overs, each side batting for a maximum of 45 overs. In Division 2 downwards, a match will be based on 80 overs, each team batting for a maximum of 40 overs.
If this fails then the proposal for Match Rule 3.7 is void
- 2. FROM STOCK CRICKET CLUB – MATCH RULE 3.7 TO READ:-** **VOID**
In division Premier to 1 inclusive, no bowler may bowl more than 10 overs. In division 2 downwards no bowler may bowl more than 9 overs. Additional restrictions apply to fast bowlers up to the age of U19, details of which can be found in the related ECB directive.
- 3. FROM STOCK CRICKET CLUB – GENERAL RULE 4.5:-** **FAILED**
Rule deleted. No points deductions to be carried over to the following season.
- 4. FROM LEAGUE COMMITTEE – MATCH RULE 3.4 TO READ:-** **PASSED**
Rule deleted. Unused overs from the first innings cannot be carried over into the second innings.
- 5. FROM LEAGUE COMMITTEE – GENERAL RULE 5.2 TO READ:-** **PASSED**
Umpires thus appointed shall be entitled to a fee of £40. If only one umpire is appointed then he/she shall be entitled to a fee of £70.
- 6. FROM LEAGUE COMMITTEE – MATCH RULE 4.8 TO READ:-** **PASSED**
Judging a wide ball: In addition to Law 22, the following shall apply: any offside or leg side delivery which, in the opinion of the umpire, does not give the batsmen a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. A wide should be called for any ball that passes on the leg side of the stumps. The only exception to this rule is if the batsmen has moved to the leg side and the ball passes between him and the stumps, in which case a wide is not to be called.
- 7. FROM LEAGUE COMMITTEE – GENERAL RULE 4.2 TO READ:-** **PASSED**

The away team shall provide an accurate result/report to the relevant Publicity Officer by 12 midday on the Sunday following the Saturday game. The report shall contain notable performances as a minimum.

8. FROM THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE – GENERAL RULE 4.3 TO READ:- PASSED

Both the home and away teams shall email the Sporting Marks to the designated office to arrive no later than 12 midday on the Sunday following the game. In abandoned / cancelled matches where no play is possible no sporting marks need to be submitted.

Notes: remain the same

9. FROM THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE – MATCH RULE 2.1 TO READ:- PASSED

The current M.C.C laws, with the exception of Law 42 which shall only apply if 2 panel appointed umpires are standing, recommendations and ECB directives apply unless otherwise stated in the playing conditions contained within these laws.

10. FROM THE LEAGUE COMMITTEE – GENERAL RULE 2.4 TO READ:- PASSED

Any club failing to return their fixture questionnaire before 31st Dec shall be fined £60.

UMPIRES REPORT- Mick Elliott reported that he had lost a number of experienced Umpires , one from injury, one from transfer to SNEL, one playing again and another due to personal commitment. He was pleased to report that all Premier games had had 2 umpires. Division 1 generally had 1 or 2 umpires although there were some games with no league umpire. As most are aware, there are new laws from October 2017, hopefully there will be training soon for some new umpires. Mick would like to draw clubs attention to timings of games. It seems to be that games are ending at the same time even after start times were brought forward. Ideally 45 overs should not take longer than 3 hrs so he reminded clubs to ensure that spare balls are available rather than stopping games whilst a search is made to find lost balls. Minimal stopping during the innings will keep the times down.

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. George has written to clubs who need to act and added that courses are now available. He would like to thank clubs that are already compliant. Currently there are 24 clubs that have actions required before 2018 season, they are Aythorpe Roding, Bentley, Brookweald, Galleywood, Gt Totham, Gt Waltham, Hatfield Peveral, Havering Atte Bower, Ingatestone, Lt Baddow, Lt Waltham, Old Chelmsfordians, Old Southendians and Southchurch, Ongar, Purleigh, Rainham, Rankins, Rettendon, South Woodham Ferrers, St Andrew, Stock, Wickham, Writtle, Willowherbs and Writtle. The new online DBS application does take some time and can be quite complicated if you've not used it before. Please don't wait until April to get it sorted and ensure you have all your documents to hand before you start the application. The County have plenty of course available over the winter but it appears that the 24th April is the most popular.....

GRAHAM PRYKE REPORT- Graham showed the trophy the county had won – it was silver last year but Essex topped it this year by winning it. He has been tasked with taking the trophy out and about so if any wants it to visit them please let him know (he does have to go along with it too). All Stars Cricket has been a success this year – it is aimed at 5-7yr olds and brings lots of energy to local clubs. There are events in prep for next year – Loughton on Wed and one at Castle Park on Thurs if you missed the previous one. Chris Drummond runs it. Ladies Softball Cricket has started this year, there were 80 ladies at one event, the promise of prosecco helped! Natalie @ the County runs them so get in touch if you would like to get involved. Clubmark – thanks to everyone, there is lots of work involved in getting this so if your club is up for renewal please get in contact early for support.

Natwest Cricket Force – register on ECB website, it runs again and is worthwhile for extra help
Chance to Shine – more level 2 coaches are required to go into schools and deliver this, if you can help contact Graham

Play Cricket – 4500 games have been added – TRL is the only league currently not on the system which distorts ECB Stats. Clubs can use it even if League does not.

Junior Eagles Nest – County Coaches want to see as many under 9 & 10 years olds as possible rather than just nominated ones. If you have any Colts showing a natural talent (even 7 / 8 yr olds) send us their name and address and someone will have a look at them.

Warsop League – this league are looking for new clubs, it is a different format which may work for different clubs / teams

Aeration Programme – Keith comes to Essex for this, it is done at the County pitches so if groundsman are interested get in touch with Graham.

ECCB are building up great relations with Asian Leagues but find they are struggling for pitches, they pay well and are happy to come out of London. If your club can offer a pitch then get in touch with Graham.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mick advised that the Laws of the game have changed – he strongly suggest each clubs obtain a book but the league will be putting info on the website.

The League will be doing some work around slow play in 2018 season, if we find the Laws and Clubs are not keeping timings down then we will put sanctions in place at the AGM in 2018.

Glenn Baker advised that he is looking for a Publicity Officer for Division 9 & 10. If anyone is interested, please let him know.

The meeting finished at 9.10pm