



BERKSHIRE CRICKET

(Incorporating Berkshire C.C.C. and Berkshire C.B.)

FOUNDED 1895
President: G. A. CLIFT, Esq.

Minutes of the A.G.M. of Berkshire Cricket held at Reading Cricket and Hockey Club,
Sonning Lane, Reading on Tuesday, 18th March 2008

A08.1 Those Present

Mr C. Fright (Chairman) took the chair with the following members present:
Mr G. Clift (President); R. New (Hon Secretary); G. Fyffe (Hon Treasurer); M. Roche;
D. Morris; P. Harris; G. Mains; K. Clark; N. Doody; W. Carlisle; B. Johns; T. Dadd;
K. Kazim; C. Robinson; R. Brock; A. Kingstone; R. Crawley; N. Clements; Ms J.
Rogers; M. House; R. Wood; Wargrave C.C.; Wokingham C.C.; Windsor C.C.;
Finchampstead C.C.; Maidenhead & Bray C.C.

Apologies

F. Neate; E. Coles; B. Wilson; J. Morris; B. Mordt; J. Tovey; R. Rand; T. Scanlan; J.
Measures; B. Coombs; R. Boulton; L. Dexter; R. Smith; M. F. New; M.R. New; J.
Bolan; R. Dellor; P. Abraham; C. Rowsell; Mrs V. McDougall; D. Maynard; F. Curson;
Mrs S. Jones; M. Simmons; R. Orgill; T. Tollerfield; A. Stevens; G. Child; Mrs D.
Child; P Neal.

A08.2 Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 20th March 2007

These had been circulated. The approval of the minutes was proposed by R. Wood and
seconded by P. Harris. They were signed as correct by the Chairman.

A08.3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

A08.4 Chairman's Report

The minutes of last year's A.G.M. which you have before you contain what I said at
that meeting but so much applies to 2007 that I really could just read my report again.
But I am not going to do that as I am sure you would think I am not doing my duty by
you, and Berkshire Cricket had stood still and was stagnating. That as you will hear
through the evening is certainly not the case.

2007 was for our County side a new beginning, in that we had a new manager and a
new captain. The season did not start well in that we played poorly in the K.O. Cup
games, albeit that they were badly affected by the appalling weather, and our first three
Championship matches did not show a great deal of improvement. However, the scene
changed dramatically in the last three games of the season as the efforts of the
Manager and Captain began to have an ever increasing influence on the team, who

responded magnificently and resulted in three straight wins, which catapulted us into third place. David will give you far more detail in his report and it only remains for me to thank all those involved with the 1st XI for all their efforts and I am sure you will wish me to offer them our best wishes for a successful 2008

David will give you details of the appointment of a new professional, who succeeds Aftab Habib and who, again, is sponsored by our extremely generous benefactor. There is also news of some signings, which he will tell you about.

Life at the head of a Minor County is becoming ever increasingly complex and difficult and I would like to pay a tribute to all those who give of their time and talent to help us continue our quest for the development of the game in our County. We are held in high esteem by the E.C.B. and we wish for that to continue. This is not possible without those who are involved in Berkshire Cricket at all levels i.e.

David Morris and Bjorn Mordt with the 1st XI,
Arthur Cuthbertson and Geoffrey Clift (who must be the oldest management team in cricket) with the Development XI.

Alan Kingstone and his youth committee and all the managers and coaches who are involved with the various XI's.

Julia Measures and the Womens and Girls committee and here I am sure you would want me to offer our congratulations to Claire Taylor and Isa Guha on their success with the England team.

All our coaches, umpires and scorers who not only are involved with the representative sides but also at all other levels of cricket within the county. Those involved in the increasingly expanding Youth League and those who are involved with the over 50's and now over 60's sides.

That large band of people are involved with the playing side but none of that would be possible without our backroom staff i.e.

Roy New our Secretary who works tirelessly on many aspects.

Graham Fyffe our Treasurer who has an ever increasing workload and from who you will shortly hear some good news.

Wilson Carlisle our Chairman of the Clubs and Leagues committee who not only does an enormous amount for our affiliated clubs but offers top class expert help and guidance on pitch and ground maintenance to those clubs.

Ralph Dellor who does sterling work mostly under difficult circumstances on the Year Book and on our Annual Dinner.

Lastly but by no means least Mark Roche our C.D.M. who ensures we meet E.C.B. requirements so we will receive in full the finance which is available. He is ably supported by Mark Foster who continues to do good work with the schools in the county.

None of that would be possible without your support and the support of sponsors and donors who help greatly with the finances and to them we owe a great debt of gratitude.

I mentioned "sponsors" and here I would like to thank Marstons Brewery with whom we have entered into a three year agreement and I would like to thank David Morris for all his hard work in securing the deal we have signed with them.

Berkshire Cricket has become over the last few years a complex and ever expanding business, which requires ever more commitment by those who work for the County and who are, with the exception of the two Marks unpaid and who give Berkshire Cricket an ever increasing amount of their time. This has lead us to realise that if we are to continue to keep up with the increasing demands of the E.C.B. to meet our targets which we have agreed with them we need someone to keep us all up to the mark and to push us forward into the future. We need to help our clubs improve their facilities and what they can offer their members which in a number of clubs includes the ever increasing participation of young people who are joining them.

To this end we have appointed a person who will be known initially as our Chief Executive who will work on a part time basis with Mark Roche and our committees and who will be responsible for fund raising. This post will be financed out of our reserves and will be initially for one year after which we will review the whole concept. The person we have appointed is Eddie Lunn who is currently Chairman of the Youth League and I personally welcome him to the admin team and look forward to working closely with him.

I mentioned our dinner earlier and I would like to thank again those of you who supported it and I ask those of you who didn't to consider it next year as you missed, what most people felt was a highly enjoyable evening.

Well that's enough of me but before I hand you over to Roy for his report and the rest of our business I would like to offer you all my best wishes for 2008 which I feel will be a challenge one both on and off the field, but one which will bring success in all we do.

I thank you all.

A08.5 Secretary's Report

Claire Taylor and Isa Guha have played prominent parts in the England Womens XI tour of Australia and New Zealand. The over 50's XI failed by one point to qualify for the semi finals of the over 50's competition. Peppard C.C. reached the last eight of the E.C.B. indoor six a side club championship before losing to Havant C.C. Francis Neate is organising a re-union of the 1975 Minor Counties side on Sunday 17th August at Falkland C.C.

Finally I have to report the deaths of E. Coombes, H. Neilan, M. White and R. Wasem

A08.6 County Captain's Report

We finished third in the Western Division, a significant improvement on ninth in 2006. Bjorn Mordt made the most runs and Carl Crowe was the leading wicket taker. Dan Shilvock made the only century of the season. Richard Johnson, ex England, Middlesex and Somerset succeeds Aftab Habib as professional/coach. J. Trower and C. Guest have joined us further strengthening the squad.

A08.7 Adopt Reports from the following Principal Committees

- (i) Youth Committee
- (ii) Coaching and Cricket Centre Committee
- (iii) Clubs and Leagues Committee
- (iv) Cricket Committee
- (v) Officials Committee
- (vi) Womens Committee
- (vii) Operational Management Group

The above reports had been circulated and there were no questions. M. House proposed the adoption of all committee reports, seconded by R. Crawley and carried unanimously.

A08.8 Treasurer's Report

The accounts showed a profit of £22,895 for the year. This was largely due to a special one off payment of £14,430. He proposed a special vote of thanks to M. Hulse for organising the cricket centre so successfully. A lot of Minor Counties are struggling to match our figures. He thanked all sub committee treasurer's for submitting their accounts on time.

M. House proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by P. Harris and carried unanimously.

A08.9 To adopt the following change to rules of Berkshire Cricket

New Rule 10

Addition of child welfare policy (Safe Hands) adoption

To ensure that all members, playing and non-playing abide by the E.C.B. Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit of Cricket and by the Laws of Cricket.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of Berkshire Cricket by adopting and implementing the E.C.B. "Safe Hands - Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children" and any future versions of the policy.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of Berkshire Cricket by adopting and implementing the E.C.B. Cricket Equality Policy and any future versions of the policy.

New Rule 11

Addition of adoption of E.C.B. Anti Doping Policy (and implementation)

Berkshire C.C.B. is committed to Drug Free Cricket and adopts the E.C.B. Anti-Doping Policy and Rules for all C.C.B. activities.

New Rule 12

Addition of a dissolution clause

- a. If at any General Meeting of Berkshire Cricket, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of Berkshire Cricket, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of Berkshire Cricket to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

- b. If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Voting Membership present at the meeting, the General Council shall there upon, or at such a date as shall have been specified in the resolution, process to realise the assets of Berkshire Cricket and discharge all debts and liabilities of Berkshire Cricket.
- c. The General Council will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of Berkshire Crickets affairs
- d. After settling all liabilities of Berkshire Cricket, the General Council shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i. to the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports
 - ii. a registered charity the objectives of which are to benefit and advance cricket, with particular reference, but not exclusively, in the county of Berkshire.

The above resolutions were proposed by R. New, seconded by C. Fright and carried unanimously.

A08.10 Election off Officers and Committee Chairmen

The following officers and committee were elected:

President	G.A. Clift
Chairman	C.J. Fright
Vice-Chairman	D.H. Morris
Secretary	R.M. New
Treasurer	G.G. Fyffe
Cricket Committee	M.L. Simmons
Clubs and Leagues	W. Carlisle
Operational Management Group	C.J. Fright
Youth	A. Kingstone
Coaching	P. Abraham
Womens	J. Measures
Officials	P. Harris

The above nominations were proposed by B. Johns, seconded by C. Robinson and carried unanimously.

A08.11 Election of Non-Executive Council Members (6)

After two ballots the following were elected:-

R. Brock; A. Cuthbertson; R. Dellor; B. Johns; K. Kazim; Ms J. Rogers

A08.12 Election of Vice Presidents

The existing Vice Presidents were re-elected en bloc together with F.R. Curzon, P.W. Neate and J.R. Wood.

Proposed by B. Johns seconded by A. Cuthbertson and carried unanimously.

A08.13 Appointment of Reporting Accountants

The re-appointment of Target Consultancy was proposed by G. Fyffe, seconded by D. Morris and carried unanimously.

A08.14 Any other business

The possibility of turning Berkshire Cricket into a limited liability company is to be investigated.

The question of how many of the existing vice presidents take an active interest in Berkshire Cricket was raised. C. Fright and R. New are to communicate with all vice presidents and ascertain their views