

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 16 March 2024

1/. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Tony Collins, John Jones and Paul Burrell.

2/. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 18 March 2023.

The above Minutes were read, confirmed and signed.

3/. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4/. Chairman's Address

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. Sadly last year we lost two of our members, Graeme Smith and Jack Smith, two very loyal members and possibly two of our best bowlers. He asked members to join together for a few moments silence.

2023 was a pretty good competitive year for the Club, with several trophies being collected.

Kendal A won promotion and Kendal B managed to stay safe in Division 5.

Graeme won Division 3 Merits.

The Morecambe Team also came away with a trophy for winning Division 4.

South Westmoreland Seniors both struggled but were not disgraced.

5/. Our special days were quite successful, I.e. The Open Day, the School Children, the Village Fun Day, and the Denis Smith Memorial Pairs.

I am pleased to say the Committee have agreed that we will try to keep them all going this year and we will make sure to continue the Denis Smith Competition as lasting memorial to Denis and Graeme.

We will be hosting the Kendal Division One Championship in September and possibly the Semi and Final of the Rural League, also in September, So we will be looking for helpers on those days.

In his address our Treasurer, Richard, will be putting forward a proposal to increase the match fee to £1. Unfortunately this was not included on the Agenda, but it is hoped this will be accepted when put to the vote. The match fee is to cover tea and biscuit for you and your opponent, and it also helps to cover the Club Fee to enter the leagues.

Over the years it has been the practice with us and most other clubs, that if you are given a lift to an away match, one of you pay the driver's match fee, which overcomes the problem of having a paying passenger. However, with the cost of running a car, ALL passengers should give the driver £1 as a Match Fee. We obviously cannot make this a Club Rule, but please think about this when you are next offered a lift.

Could we please have a show of hands to accept this.

6/. Treasurer's Report.

Richard went through his report, of which every member had a copy.

After covering all the details, he confirmed that the Club's finances were in a satisfactory position and it would not be necessary to increase the subscription, which would remain at £35.

7/. Election of Officers

You will see that the position of President is blank on your Agendas. One of the nice jobs as Chairman is to suggest to the Committee a name for the Club President. This is more of a reward for services to the Club rather than a working post and there is very little for them to do. It was suggested to Graeme that he become our President for the 2024 season, and he was more than happy to accept. Sadly, this can't be, but the Committee have agreed that we keep his name on the board as 2024 President as a mark of respect, and it is hoped members will agree this was the right decision.

Chairman. Ron Fishlock

Secretary. Sheila Fishlock

Treasurer. Richard Horncastle

Safeguarding Officer. Lynn Jackson

Green Keeper. Colin Richardson

League/Comp Secretary. Ron Fishlock

Committee. Sue Burrow, Walter Burrow, Alan Firth, John Moon, David Owen,

Roger Wimperis.

The election of Officers was agreed.

The Chairman thanked Evelyn for her many years on the Committee and hope she will continue to play for the Club for many more years.

8/. Election of Team Captains

Morecambe League. Walter Burrow Kendal A. John Moon Kendal B. Ron Fishlock

SW Seniors "A" Walter Burrow SW Seniors "B". Roger Wimperis

9/. Appointment of Auditor

Roger Wimperis

10/. Chairman's Closing Remarks

I would like to mention our Greenkeeper, Colin, as there is not room on the Agenda to list his many jobs, so I will tell you a few of them. Sorry if I am going to embarrass you Colin.

All the benches are regularly repaired or revarnished mainly due to Colin.

The Gents toilet is regularly cleaned and this year repainted by Colin.

The sewer pipes often get blocked and are cleared by Colin. (That the clearing, not the blocking!)

When the floodlights fail, again it is Colin who is there with Walter helping to fix it.

The main fence around the green is repaired and repainted mainly down to Colin.

The crawling behind the Cricket Club to read the water meter. Thank you Colin.

We all go home at the end of September and come back in March, but Colin is still working in the winter to keep the green and club equipment in good order.

So please can I ask you to give Colin a round of applause to show our thanks to him.

It would be nice if we could find a few more volunteers to assist with some of the jobs.

The general running of the club and special events is down to a few happy volunteers, but I still feel that more members could be involved.

We are open for about 27 weeks, so if two people volunteered to clean the Clubhouse each week, it would involve at the most just one day a year for some members. I am not keen on making a fixed rota for this, but we could make a rota of volunteers.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their support and hard work last year and look forward to a happy year for the club.

The meeting was then closed.