

# **MAIDENHEAD & BRAY CRICKET CLUB** (Founded 1798)

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## **Annual General Meeting of Maidenhead & Bray Cricket Club**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 - 7.00pm**

### **1. Introductions and agenda**

Tim welcomed all the attendees

### **2. Apologies for absence:**

Richard Lawrence, Kieran Grey, Emma Child

### **3. Review and adoption of minutes of the last AGM**

Allan Hagglund proposed and Andy Parham seconded.

### **4. Chairman's address – Tim Child**

The cricket club chairman, Tim Child addressed the club.

“2022 was, in my view, another good year for Maidenhead & Bray. It started with the delivery of the shiny new roller for the main square and putting new netting up, both of which have, I think made a big difference to everyone using the club. Having the old roller on the Jubilee has certainly improved the batting experience on the second ground, and as a particular beneficiary of that I would like to say thank you to Charlie for his work on the strips last year.

From a players' perspective, it felt like quite a “normal” year again. Covid restrictions were gone at last, although teas seem to be a permanent casualty of that. We had a full schedule of fixtures for both the adults and the juniors, and the feedback I have had from parent and players alike has been entirely positive. The club is a great place to be and great place to learn and to play cricket. I would like to say thank you to everyone that makes that happen – the Committee, Charlie and Lewis, last year's captains, the coaches and of course all the age-group managers and parents.

That's not to say that the season was without its hiccups, which I'm not going to dwell on now other than in relation to the Jubilee. You will all remember 2022 as one of the hottest and driest summers for a long time. As much as I want to get every game in the calendar played, we do need quite a lot of water falling out of the sky in order to keep the outfield in condition and we didn't get that last year. The Jubilee has always cracked a little but last year you could have lost an U9 down some of them, and we certainly could have lost a lot of junior fixtures and all our 4s & 5s games. But 10t of soil, and over 100 club-members with wheelbarrows, buckets and spades, from literally every section, men, women, senior and juniors turned out and saved the season. It was yet another testament to the people that make this club what it is that that happened, and I would like to thank everyone for turning what could have been a disaster into a heart-warming triumph over adversity. This year, the Jubilee is being properly renovated over the spring, so hopefully new grass will get deeper roots and hold the soil together a bit more – I know that I don't want to have to go through the experience of filling cracks before every fixture again!

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And if it rains more this summer, no doubt the initial disappointment will also be tinged with a little relief ...

For this season, we are continuing to invest in the facilities at the club. The sightscreens at the main ground are being renovated and a second set are on order, so that we are ready for promotion to div 2 (and players on the main ground won't have to keep shifting them each time a bowler comes around the wicket!) We have also been in discussions with Nick Denning about increasing his role on the coaching side, looking to invest in the players as well as the facilities, as we know that there is a lot of talent coming through that needs to be nurtured. I welcome Alex's involvement with the Pavilion, and I know that he, Ellie and Mike have plans to improve the facilities in this building in terms of the changing rooms, showers and food. There are a lot of people in the foreground and the background all pulling in the right direction, and it's great to be part of that team and the whole MBCC family.

And speaking of the MBCC family, I do need to mention that this is a very special season for one of us. Matt Armstrong, "the Reaper", played his first full season at Bray in 1983. This will be his 40th. That is a remarkable feat of endurance, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank him publicly for everything that he has done for the club over those years, and to wish him ever more victims this year and the seasons to come. We will be doing something a bit more formal to mark it, but for the moment, can we just embarrass him thoroughly with a hearty round of applause?

## 5. Finance report –Jenni Hagglund

Jenni went through the profit and loss for the year. There were several improvements made at the club including buying a new roller. In summary, the club made a profit of **2,562.86**.

The overall turnover was a total of 51k vs 48k the previous year. There was an additional cost of hosting the overseas last year and a big thank you to Roger and Diane Le Clercq who hosted him. This year, the cost has been increased for the new family to £75 per week (from £50). We don't expect too many other items to be purchased this year. However, we are expecting a 10% increase in costs this year due to inflation. This year, we don't expect there to be a major surplus and need to put in place steps to ensure we're not running at a loss.

As a result, we proposed to increase the subs this year across the board. £20 is increased on subs for families and £5 for adults. We are also increasing match fees by £1. This will increase our income by 3.3k and not the expected difference of 5.5k. The club are planning to absorb the difference.

*Comment from James Cunliffe:* James congratulated everyone on the Teamo roll out. An inquiry was made into the sports club contributions.

Response from the committee: The sports club are not asking for contributions from the CC. They are also covering the costs of the grounds from the SC budget. Some of the nursery contributions help in paying the grass cutting and other costs.

Proposer and seconder of the accounts: Ben Ward and John Hewitt

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Increase in subs and match fees: Adopted unanimously.

## 6. Summary of Captain's reports

1's team:

The 1st XI last season ended up coming 3rd after being a part of a 3-way promotion fight all the way up until the last game of the season. We ended up with a record of 11 wins 2 draws and 5 losses and had 23 players make 1 appearance or more during the season. The memorable performances of note from last year were that we had 5 hundreds scored from 4 different batsmen and Kurt scoring 921 runs at an average of 61.40. On the bowling front we had 2 bowlers take a five-wicket haul and as so happened both Faisal and Andy took over 30 wickets during the season. In a season where for most of the year we were excellent it was a great shame to not go straight back up after the year before, however we all believe that this season we will be able to go one step further and gain promotion back to division 2.

2's team:

We started slow with availability concerns. The team did well in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Unfortunately, we were in the opposite half of the table. Due to league re-shuffling, we got relegated.

There will be a few changes this year with more of a focus on pre-game activities so that we have a strong pool of players and feed in more quality players into the 1's.

3's team:

The 3's were down in the lower half of the table and had to give up a game against Falkland due to the grounds cracking. We had a few games at the end of the season and a win against Newbury ensured we stayed up.

The focus for this season will be different with more focus on batters incl. junior players. The new players will be given a good long run to allow them to flourish. We have set the team a target to finish in the top half of the table.

4's team:

Captain was absent.

5's team:

Extract from Tim's report quoted below:

"As I said in my speech at the end of season awards, it was another great season by my personal measure of success – i.e. we had a huge amount of fun, we got a lot of cricket for a lot of players, and we had some immense moments along the way. We introduced some new young players that are going to go a long way in the game, and we re-introduced some older hands who just want to be out there enjoying the game for its own sake.

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It has been pointed out to me that we were the only team in the entire TVCL not to win a game – thanks for that Tom! But we did win one match – the friendly when Wargrave 4s couldn't get a team out but we had loads, so I and others went and played for Wargrave and Ben Ward led the 5s. So, apparently, we know the secret to success in the 5s!

Where we did come top, again, was the sportsmanship award (as did the 2s :o) ), and that is what it's all about for us. However, in case anyone in the 4s and 5s group has been thinking about whether they would like the chance to captain, I'm very happy to discuss a structured change. I'm not resigning, but if there's anyone out there who would like to bring something new to the job do come and talk to me."

Adult Indoor:

We won the playoffs and generally dominated the league.

## **6. Head of Juniors reports – Matt Greenough and Rachel Scully**

### **Junior Boys:**

We're trying to find a manager for the U17 group.

We had a high number of children in the county squad.

All Stars: We were oversubscribed last year, and it has been the same this year as well. We are taking 50 on this year. Richard Lawrence runs the group.

### **Junior Girls and Ladies:**

We've had some Monday winter training for those who could make it and not involved in

County & hub training. Good turnout in wintery Cox Green leisure centre including some new girls joining and will continue on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Monday night training for both to continue and run by Future Legends. We will also embark upon starting a Ladies softball when weather is warmer - May.

U11 – Tim Bowley manager this year 26 - teamo – 3 county. Last year we moved to a festival and challenge format, so plenty of fixtures in many formats – T20 but still softball Challenge won 4 lost 2

U11 mixed hardball team for transition. U11 challenge will require kit so girls can accelerate to hardball quicker

U13 – joint managers – Billy Johan, Joe Emmanuel, Karl Thorpe – this year 14 in teamo, 4 county

U13 last year was fully hardball with a great team – this team will play the cup matches this year, a number will leave to play ladies, but strong players remaining won 3 lost 4 matches.

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U15 (14 – 7 county & hub) – so strong in quality but limited in numbers to get out a team,

Also... no U17 (7, most came to winter training so clear commitment)

– All will play up into ladies' team which all play on Sunday at 1pm for Home Counties league, this will be easier on managing match schedules and allowing girls to play in boys and men's senior matches

Girls are welcome to attend training on Wednesdays/Thursdays with the boys/men with them and even consider the 5's to get longer format games.

Ladies – Michelle is the captain and we won 2 lost 4, (forfeited 4) difficult with numbers (4-5 NOT IN U17/15) to get a team out and so decisions made to not spread players to thin and focus on a womens quality team of 11 players and a squad

Great end of season parents/coaches vs kids, Great awards ceremony

Great selection for Berkshire at all levels largest number for girls hub u16 – 5 & 9

Representation at MCC HUB training 5 (Mia, Phoebe, Violet, Anna, Reva), County u11 (Tilly, Katy, Jess), county u13 (Lily Rose, Freya, Shirley, Eva), county u15 (Ellie).

Overall, we are thriving - Around 75 girls age u9 to u17 in Teamo plus ladies.

Our plan is to get more women into cricket. We are also starting a ladies softball team.

*Question from a member of the audience about widely publicising the girl's cricket at Maidenhead & Bray.*

Response from Rachel: Berks cricket foundation publicise it and the best place to start is end of junior school and beginning of middle school. Rachel offered to go into schools to help spread awareness.

Comment from Seema

A big thank you to Matt and Rachel S from Tim.

## 7. Election of officers of the club and captains

All the current club officers need to be re-elected. Proposed and seconded by Ben Ward and Andy Parham

Anurag is taking on the 2's captaincy unopposed.

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Henrietta Thornton is the safeguarding officer. She will now start attending the committee meetings.

## **9. Adoption of the ECB anti-discrimination code**

The Clubmark criteria requiring this is: "We have governing documents in place which detail how the club is run and includes as a minimum an open (non-discriminatory) constitution which includes "Safe Hands" and ECB Anti-Discrimination Code of Conduct adoption, together with a separate Club Safeguarding Policy Statement."

Tim sent out a memo some time ago. This is required for Clubmark. It is something which is also part of the club ethos and was mentioned to the attending members.

The committee encouraged the club members to adopt the ECB anti-discrimination code.

Everyone adopted it unanimously.

## **10. Club infrastructure report (incl. changing rooms, equipment investments)**

The roof collapsed and the mens changing rooms are out of bounds due to being flooded. While they get repaired, the showers are going to be renewed.

There was a burst pipe in the ceiling. Quotes have been requested and we expect that to be completed within a month.

The first couple of games in the season, we will only be able to use the front half of the changing rooms.

Question from Ben Ward about the commitment of the HC.

Response from Tim Child: The HC are committed to the club as per their most recent meeting.

Request from Ambresh: Re-doing the creases in the nets

## **11. Sponsorship and fundraising**

Thank you from Tim to all the sponsors. CMG, Savills, Cliveden conservation. Goyals, My Work Spot and Exlers are all sponsors.

## **12. Overseas player**

**Nick Ritchie will be our Aussie this year and has been well recommended by our ex-Aussies. Nina and Neil Adamson will be hosting him. Arriving in mid-April.**

## **14. All other business**

Member vote on a proposed merger with the other local leagues - the Berkshire, Chilterns and Mid-Bucks Leagues (BCMB) from 2024

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The TVCL has received a proposal from the feeder leagues to merge everything into one big structure. Just the champions from those leagues feed into the main TVCL.

This will only go ahead if they get a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> yes vote.

The membership in presence voted Yes to continue the investigation.