

MAIDENHEAD & BRAY CRICKET CLUB (Founded 1798)

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Annual General Meeting of Maidenhead & Bray Cricket Club

Friday 20th March, 2020 - 7.30pm

1. Introductions and agenda

The AGM was held remotely via Teams and the agenda was run through.

2. Apologies for absence

Henrietta Thornton, Rachel Scully, Michelle Jeyarajah, Charlie Jacobsen

3. Review of minutes of the last AGM

Proposed by Tom Allen and seconded by Vijendra Kalalbandi

4. Chairman's address – Tim Child

Tim made a speech at this point briefly summing up the memorable highs and lows of the last season and issuing thank you's to everyone.

The year was certainly memorable and successful and below are some of the salient points–

- Getting the covers over to the Jubilee, via “lovers lane”
- At various stages during the season both the 3s and the 4 were contemplating promotion slots,
- The 5s ploughed a merry furrow of friendlies, and even won a game or two. It was a real achievement for the 5s having a 5th team week after week. There was a great spirit in the team, exemplified by the “Dawn nets”
- The 1s had a season of ups and downs, a captain who played all season with two broken fingers and in the end stayed up thanks to a dramatic final game
- The 2s won the league!
- The Ladies played every single game in their schedule, with a full team each time and great spirit.
- The juniors had great seasons across the board and showed great improvements from the start of the season to the end. Lots of the U15s graduated to the adult teams, the U14s girls won their division, the U11s made it through the divisional stage and only fell at the semis in unfortunate circumstances, and over the closed season we have demonstrated the strong future of the club by having players in the

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Berkshire squads in most age-groups.

- My personal highlight was of course the Taverners game, played on the day of the Headingley test, and the heroics of Ben Stokes and Jack Leach, as relayed to us by Dan Norcross.

The new season will pose challenges with everything up in the air due to COVID-19. There is a possibility of a Full league/half-season/nothing. The club could also face the prospect of financial difficulties. This year, the club lost the "3" funding which resulted in a reduction in this year's income of £5000. We're going to have to plan well and tighten our belts and survive.

Thank you to everyone who helped last year – all the age-group managers, Tameena, Michelle, last year's captains, the whole Committee, Brian, and of course Charlie.

5. Secretary's report – Shabbir Mookhtiar

Pretty much echoing a lot of what Tim has said. Last season was fantastic for the club with it being one of the most successful for us on and off the pitch. On the pitch, we had the twos being crowned league winners and champions of Div 5. This was especially sweet for everyone who has played in the 2nd team. There have been so many close calls with us just missing out on promotion in pretty much every year over the previous 5 years including a final day dejection in 2018. This year was a bit of a change on the final day where we leap frogged Ickenham on the last day to go from 2nd to 1st. This season it would be a case of maintaining that momentum and try to solidify our place in Div4 first and then look at how we can exceed that. For the other teams as well it was generally a good season with the 1's maintaining their position in the 2nd division.

Some stand out performers across all teams with a lot of these now being from young adult players who've come through the colts system. Hopefully they all build on it this season and next and look at becoming the main senior players in their respective teams or even captaining their team.

Volunteering efforts across the club have been fantastic with some brilliant support from members during events. Starting from the events in Early May right up to the fireworks night. The committee and more generally the club community are grateful to everyone supporting the club whether it is in terms of volunteering at these events or attending them and helping the club raise vital funds for the club to grow and prosper.

6. Finance report – Alex Le Clercq/Jenni Hagglund

Jenni read out the financials and the club has 18k in the bank with 9k of assets which brings the overall figure to 27k (none of the assets are in practice realisable, so the financial health of the club is dependent on the money in the bank). Tim, Matt and Alex talked about the potential costs of the season and the impact of the Covid-19 enforced loss of the early season. Tim has agreed with Marlow Park around waiving of fees when games are not paying. The club committee will meet around the mitigation plan for loss of income due to coronavirus and what should be done about our income and the subs paid by the players.

A question was raised around the fact that the Three income will not be coming in this season.

There was a discussion around how we can bring in money from other companies to cover this loss. The

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club will encourage members to solicit sponsorship from their network. Appeals will be made to the community to help support the club.

Jeremy Fletcher has identified a list of people/businesses who can help fund the Jubilee project. The large companies operating out of Maidenhead are a potential source. The restaurants in Bray are also a potential.

A question from Huw around how we will deal with the All-stars sign-up. We have had 45 sign ups so far and Tim has asked the ECB about what will happen to this income. We've not heard anything back from them yet but currently the committee expects a possible refund of that money.

The club has not requested subs yet and there is no money collected

Accounts proposed by Huw and Brett seconded it.

7. Captain's reports

Skipped

8. Colts manager's report

Skipped

9. Election of officers of the club and captains.

All nominations proposed and seconded individually.

Officers of the club proposed by Huw Buckle and seconded by Mark Goodwin

- Chair – Tim Child
- Vice-Chair – James Cunliffe
- Secretary – Shabbir Mookhtiar
- Treasurer – Jenni Hagglund
- Adults Fixtures Secretary – Matt Armstrong
- Juniors Fixtures Secretary – Allan Hagglund
- Head of Colts – Tim Child
- Social Secretary – Brian Dixon
- Head of Girls – Rachel Scully
- Ladies Captain/Head of Ladies – Michelle Jeyarajah
- Membership Secretary – Emma Child
- 1sts Captain – Brett van Niekerk
- 2nds Captain – Vijay Kalalbandi
- 3rds Captain – Allan Hagglund
- 4ths Captain – Alex Le Clerq
- 5ths Captain – Tim Child

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10. New Subs Collection Mechanism

Teamo is the new team management application that we have set up. We've had an excellent take-up with 371 members registered to date on Teamo, vs the 341 members on our previous database. This does not mean all of our previous members are registered, as the 371 includes new members. We therefore still need members you have not registered to do so – the link is <https://web2.teamo.chat/club/register/mhbcc>.

Teamo will be used to manage teams, matches, communication, as well as subscription collection. A key driver is that we use the app to allow members and players to make electronic payments via the app, making use of either credit card or debit banking integration. This is new to the club, and thus we ask for your support as we keep up with technology.

11. Overseas player

The Crusaders are not sending anyone over to England this year. We had been due to get Ryan Masters, but the coronavirus pandemic has meant he is not able to come.

12. Club Redevelopment plan

James Cunliffe reported that there is a rebranding of this project about it being more of a club redevelopment plan. He mentioned the emails and other aspects around reaching out to various people in the community. We now have a PM, fund raiser, construction expert and someone with connections to the borough. The first phase is improving the outfield and pitch. The second phase is building the changing facility and the toilets. Obviously, with COVID-19, these plans may slow down. The sports club will help with some of the expenses and will help part share the outfield improvement costs.

Tim has spoken to the Sports Club's groundsman around improving the outfield in the current off season. The total costs are £8000, split 50/50 with the Sports Club, so a cost to the Cricket Club of about £4000. There was a comment around the Jubilee outfield. Another comment was made around the impact of the footballers on the main outfield if we are spending this money. A lot of voices around how the main outfield can be dangerous at times. Brett and various others commented that people would probably be willing to pay their subs this year, or a special levy to get the outfield re-done. Everyone agreed that it is necessary and if possible should be done in the current window while hockey and football are off the outfield. It is work that would benefit everyone - the only players who don't use the main square are the 3s, 4s and 5s, and they train on it. All the juniors use it for their games, and it would particularly benefit the U9s and junior girls, who use the outfield for their wickets.

Huw proposed and Brett seconded the expense of the expenditure on the outfield of 4k. No objections were raised.

13. Sponsorship

Covered in previous conversations and match funding with various people's employers. Everyone at the club was encouraged to contact Tim with ideas around sponsorship and look at reach out. Another idea from the audience was around approaching wealthy individuals around the club. The various grants money has helped cover costs for the nets and the scoreboard

14. Change of Bank

Current account is with RBS and they are offering us £1000 to leave them as they are looking to drop

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small accounts. We are expecting to move to banks and therefore a motion is needed to allow that change.

Redian Ohrey proposed and Huw Buckle seconded the proposal to move banks.

15. All other business

Tim talked about the bare minimum spending we need to do this year in order to mitigate the impact of the loss of income due to Coronavirus. Huw asked about any commitments we have with external coaches. Tim noted that Rachel is speaking to Nigel Bruce, hopefully he will waive off charges for hours he does not end up doing due to the loss of cricket this year.

Last year we paid £13k for the cost of groundsmanship. The variable costs for the club need to be worked out and the total outgoings need to be calculated.

End of AGM