

DEVON SENIORS CRICKET AGM 2022

21 members attended at the Dolphin Hotel. There were apologies from 38 members.

President Dave Gambie welcomed all those to what was the 21st such AGM.

Chairman Mike Canning opened the meeting, making the point that the number of apologies might hopefully be reduced next year by moving the venue closer to those coming from N Devon. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all had circulated reports that were available to members via their email.

Andy Rose gave thanks to Pete Shephard for his work over the past few years in raising funds for the Club via the sale of kit.

Tom Stanton and Neil Matthews had persuaded various companies to sponsor games and this was something to encourage in the face of ongoing rising costs.

The website was being reformatted in the face of Pete Shephard withdrawing and the increased cost of having it hosted by a third party. In future it will be more accessible to the Captains to post reports and information and also to make it more easily accessible in a shorter time-frame. His proposal for subs and match fees to remain at £10 was passed after some discussion about the availability of teas.

Tony Jackson was agreed to as the Club Scrutineer for the accounts.

The new Committee will see Dave Hart taking over from Mike Canning as Chairman and Rob Ayre taking on the role of kitman. The intention is that a third party – possibly Devon County Sports – will have an agreement with the Club so that members can order directly from them.

AOB

1) Dispute over 60s 2nds involvement in Bowl Final was set out by Neil Matthews(NM). Despite not having broken any specific Rule or Regulation concerning selection of players, the Management Committee of the National Competition had ruled that Devon had breached the Spirit of Cricket and therefore were disqualified from playing in the Final despite beating Hampshire in the Semi-final. It is intended to raise the matter at the National AGM at the end of the month and attempt to set up a sub-Committee that would propose a structure for appeals to be implemented by the 2023 AGM. There were other Counties who had been at the wrong end of similar rulings.

Extraordinary Match expenses – Five teams means that there is the need for a unified set of guidelines on how to assist teams who have extra expenses in particular games.

NM said that it was the latter Knockout stages when it really became relevant. A contribution towards fuel costs would improve matters for all players.

Paul Berman clarified that there are proposals before the National AGM for 60s/70s to address the problem of reducing as much as possible distances travelled not only at group stages but more particularly at KO stages.

Any assistance should apply only to Knockout stages, which was when there might be exceptional travel. All players knew what would be involved when playing the regional games. Any payment would be to the Captain who would then pass it on to individuals.

The meeting was happy to trust the Committee to create a structure for payment of exceptional expenses when there was excessive travel for a game.

There will be a move to recruiting new members, possibly by liaising with the DCL who hold a list of players registered in Devon cross-referenced with their age.

DG expressed the gratitude of the Club for the contribution that Mike Canning had made for the past two years as the Chairman. It is no easy task when there is such a diversity of opinion within the Club. He had seen us through a difficult period.