

# REED CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in the Pavilion on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

## Present

H. Marshall Chairman

P. McMeekin	P. Baker	R. Bowcock	S. Smith	J.Q. Heslam
G. Smith	P. Garrott	P. Tidey	M. Cooper	K. Collins
L. Johnson	B. Bowles	J.A. Heslam	Julien Fynn	P. Wholley
M. Baker	J. Fynn	T. Greaves	Mrs C. Robertson	R. Robertson
M. Naeem	M. King	A. Emms	S. Lovegrove	Mrs A. Garrott
T. Martin	Mrs J. Smith	M. Martin	P. Watts	

Apologies for Absence: D. Easley, Ed Blissett, M. Curtis, C. Baker, Chris Jackson, J. Archer, F. Martin, R. Martin, C. Martin and Neil Haslam.

## 1). Minutes of Previous AGM

These were approved following a proposal by A.Emms (AE), seconded by Maseeh Naeem (MN)

## 2). Matters Arising

Howard Marshall (HM) noted that the 2010 Annual Accounts were unaudited and wished to raise the auditing of the Club Accounts later in the meeting

## 3). Hon. Secretary's Report

JQH's 2011 Hon Secretary's Report was now online. AE proposed the report be accepted, and this was seconded by MN and approved unanimously.

## 4). Hon. Treasurer's Report

Bethan reviewed the figures for the clubs 2010/2011 financial year, which had not yet been audited, highlighting the closing balance being modestly improved on 2010. However, apart from Match Fees and Annual Subscriptions which were increased in 2011 most other areas of Club Income were down whilst most areas of costs were up. All Club Social Events that were organised covered themselves or made a profit for the club, as did Winter Nets.

The 100 club expenditure represents the monthly winners cheques, the receipts is the regular £180 bank transfer each month plus the profits received by transfers to the club. The 100 club accounts are prepared separately by Peter McMeekin.

JQH commented that the Club Accounts opening/closing balances suggested a healthy state of affairs, but after consideration of short-term payment commitments and other imminent/post 30/9/11 expenditure such as Triple Bill Payment, Pavilion Décor Payment, Outfield Maintenance Investment, Driveway Repair Costs, Annual Insurance Premiums etc etc etc we actually have a current balance of funds nearer £5K than the £12K shown in the accounts. This is the lowest balance of available funds that the Club has had for many years. Looking at expenditure, many unavoidable costs are going up whilst Website Commission and Grant income are reduced and Bar Profits very significantly down on 2010 due to reduced turnover.

Turning to the Bar Report, Peter McMeekin reported that since its inception the bar has become an increasingly important source of revenue, allowing subscriptions and fees to be kept lower than at other clubs. However, although still very profitable (58.8%), turnover was significantly down this year by almost £2,500, and this was due in part to the cancellation of several Home Sunday Fixtures and also the cancellation of 2011 Presidents Day.

Looking at the 100 Club, which had been audited by PMcM, we made a healthy profit of £990 in 2011 down from £1,155 in 2010. 44 Members 2011 v 47 Members in 2010. Club Members were asked to seek support from Players, Friends and relatives for this important fundraiser.

JQH proposed a vote of thanks to Bethan, PM, Keith Collins (KC) and MC for their work on the various accounts.

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Howard Marshall(HM) then interjected to make a particular point as to the heavy volume of hard work undertaken on the Clubs behalf by Michael Curtis. His week-by-week management of the Club Website was really excellent giving the Club one of the most interesting, informative and well-managed websites of any sports club. The Clubs Website Commission Scheme set up by MC had been a vital and important fundraiser for many years. In addition MC had managed the 100 Club and in 2011 started a Club Fantasy League which, as well as being a lot of fun, had raised some significant funds for the Club. HM proposed a vote of thanks to MC which was seconded by JQH and passed unanimously and with significant applause.

Led by President Howard Marshall a discussion ensued on the lapse in Auditing of the Clubs Annual Accounts. For various reasons the Club Accounts had not been formally audited since 2007. In a wide ranging discussion it was pointed out that the Club General Committee met monthly and that at those meetings the Treasurer provided an item by item report on both Income and Expenditure and that these figures were published in the monthly minutes. The RCC General Committee were fully satisfied with management of the Club Funds, the Accounting Practices undertaken, and the scope and content of the Annual Treasurers Reports that have been presented and accepted at the AGM each year.

John Heslam (JQH) proposed, seconded by AE, that in order to draw a line under the several outstanding years of overdue auditing the AGM Assembly vote and agree that the large amount of work that would be necessary to conduct 2008-2010 Audits be "Written Off" as not necessary but that a new regime of Auditing be undertaken effective from the 2011 Accounts. This motion was agreed unanimously by the assembled members.

2011 Club Accounts: Richard Robertson (RR) proposed and AE seconded that the 2011 Club Accounts be received and accepted. This was passed unanimously.

2011 Bar Accounts: Peter Tidey (PT) proposed and HM seconded that the 2011 Bar Accounts be received and accepted. This was passed unanimously.

2011 100 Club Accounts: Maseeh Naeem (MN) proposed and Tom Greaves (TE) seconded that the 2011 100 Club Accounts be received and accepted. This was passed unanimously.

## **5). Proposed Rule Change:**

A change to Rule 18 was proposed by Club Hon. Secretary JQH.

This related to bringing the required mode of Club Notification of Members Meetings up to date and to recognise the modern modes of communication that are available, and now routinely used, and also to reduce the stationery and postage costs of the Club. The proposed rule change also recognises the distinction between Adult Members of the Club with voting rights and Junior (Under 16) Members who do not enjoy voting rights.

### Existing Rule 18 read:

The Honorary Secretary shall at 14 days before any General Meeting send to every member at his home address as recorded in the Clubs Books, a notice of the meeting stating the time when, and the place where, it will be held, and the business to be conducted.

### Proposed new Rule 18 to replace the old Rule 18 and to now read:

*The Honorary Secretary shall at 14 days before any General Meeting announce on the Club Website, and to ADULT Members by EMail and/or Postal Communication to their home address as recorded in the Clubs current Membership Listing, a notice of the meeting stating the time when, and the place where, it will be held, and the business to be conducted.*

The proposal was seconded by HM and passed unanimously.

## **6). To Consider and Ratify or Amend Rates of Subscription:**

HM reported that the RCC General Committee had met at their November meeting and discussed the Clubs up to date Finances in detail. As a result the RCC General Committee was recommending no increase in Annual



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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	MARCUS BAKER	Stuart Smith	Tom Greaves
Bar Committee Chairman	KEITH COLLINS	Andrew Emms	Stuart Smith
Ground Committee Chairman	RICHARD ROBERTSON	Howard Marshall	Andrew Emms

A vote of thanks was given to Richard Robertson for his herculean efforts and work during the year.

Colts Liaison Officer	PETER WHOLLEY	Cilla Robertson	Howard Marshall
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A vote of thanks was given to all Colts' Managers, non-cricketers and helpers for their work during the year.

Welfare Officer	CILLA ROBERTSON	Peter Baker	Howard Marshall
Under 25 Representative	MATT BOWLES	Mitchell Cooper	Stuart Smith
Fundraising Officer	JOHN HESLAM	Andrew Emms	Howard Marshall
Coaching Coordinator	MARK KING	Peter Baker	Matt Bowles

A vote of thanks was recorded to Ed Blissett who had carried out this function in its inaugural year.

General Committee	PETER BAKER PETER McMEEKIN STUART SMITH	R. Robertson John Heslam Graham Smith	Peter Wholley Andrew Emms Richard Robertson
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A vote of thanks was recorded to Graham Smith for his many years of very hard work on the RCCGC and for the Club in general. Graham stood down from formal RCCGC participation in favour of his son Stuart and to avoid the necessity of a vote. The Club Chairman recorded that he hoped that Paul Garrott and Graham Smith would be prepared to attend and contribute to the RCCGC on a "Co-opted basis".

Selection Committee:

All Captains and Vice Captains plus TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS:

	MARCUS MARTIN MATT BOWLES	Stuart Smith Maseeh Naeem	Maseeh Naeem Tom Greaves
Hon. Auditors	JONATHAN FYNN JOHN HESLAM	Howard Marshall Howard Marshall	Tom Greaves Tom Greaves

## Any Other Business

**AE: Reed Cricket Club Christmas Social 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011** – After lapsing for a number of years this event is to be revived in 2011. Will all Members who will be bringing Children who will wish to receive a small present from Father Christmas please contact AE to register their child/children and hence avoid any disappointment of present non-availability.

**RR: Artificial Run Ups to the Club Practice Nets** – RR led a discussion on the need to improve the current facility. After much discussion on the options and prospective costs it was agreed that Club Members would construct "Home Made Run Ups" similar to the existing 3<sup>rd</sup> Net construction. Mark King generously offered to provide machinery, some labour and materials though his company BUGLER Ltd to underwrite the construction.

**JQH: Appreciation of Peter Bakers inputs to the club** – JQH commented that following Peter Bakers decision after many years of substantive inputs to stand down from formal Team Captaincy and Colts Coaching Roles, club members should recognise the substantive efforts Peter had made in terms of organising and managing Adult Team Matches at Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI levels. Peter's inputs had for many years kept these teams afloat and functioning effectively. The results of his labours are visible in Reed expanding to 4 x Saturday XI's and the club has benefitted from many young players participating in the matches Peter has organised and managed and

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remaining involved in adult cricket. Without his efforts many young players may have been lost to the club and to the game, and the club would have suffered financially from reduced volumes of Cricket played at Reed. Peter has also contributed significantly in Colts Coaching especially in Friday Evening Coaching at Reed and also organising and managing winter nets sessions at Bassingbourn Village College for the junior players. The assembled members joined JQH in thanking Peter by recording a vote of thanks to him for his efforts and in a sustained round of applause.

Meeting closed at 9.16pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011**  
**John Q. Heslam**  
**Honorary Secretary**