

WCTCC AGM

10 November 2023 7.30pm

The Pavilion

Attendees and Apologies

Numbers present 18.

Apologies: Peter Bowen Davies, Adrian Swift, Sarah Osborne, Will Hasler, Alan Newman, Dan Barnes, Simon Capel, Ross Holiday, Glyn Lucas

Matters Arising and Approvals of Minutes from previous AGM.

Main Sponsor money o/s from 2022 now received.

Approved Jim Gee

Seconded Jo Alcott

Treasurer's Report

Thakeham

Thakeham Pavilion hirings are generally up and growing slowly. Helped by additional overflow bookings from Village Hall and other external bodies e.g., and Sussex Cricket.

Bar income is down from 2022 (but not open through the winter this year).

2023 saw a profit and proving to be a useful source of income to offset costs overall costs.

It was noted that whilst Thakeham still not "washing its face" on paper the overall thrust of being a source of revenue to offset its costs was moving in the right direction.

It was also noted that all club income from membership, i.e., match fees, annual subs are all recorded under the West Chiltington account.

Nothing attributed to the Thakeham account.

The treasurer reported a large increase in utilities almost doubling in cost.

Also 2023 saw no business relief support being available.

New contracts for both utilities (gas and electricity) have been set up so costs should reduce.

West Chiltington

New nets and astro were finally installed.

Total costs @£65K

Grants from ECB £45k, remainder from club funds.

Generous donations also received from Nisa and Centrica £2k.

All donations were recognised with thanks.

Membership remained steady with most age groups full, some oversubscribed.

It was also noted that the amount of match fees collected rose thanks to a better use of SPOND.

Other costs noted included professional coaching fees, support for parents etc to attend Coaching courses.

It was also noted that the cost of the covers at Thakeham were recorded under the main West Chiltington account.

Approved Mike Charmen

Seconded Peter Jones

Women and Girls Report

Becoming an increasingly important aspect of the club.

Thanks to all involved in driving this forward. Special mention to Sarah Osbourn.

The section has grown enormously in last few years.

Women Softball team reached and won regional final.

U11's reached SJCF Shield Final

U13 reached SJCF Bowl Final

Slam Reached Quarter Finals

Numbers need increasing across U10/11 girls and Women's hardball.

Softball has good numbers registered but need a bigger squad to ensure availability for fixtures.

Junior/ Colts Report

Another excellent year for the junior section both in participation, numbers over 250, and team success.

Special mention to Under 9's in their first season winning all but one game.

U16's withdrew due to GCSE's lessons learned for next season.

U18's boys won their SJCF final.

Last year's winter training programme at Arundel helped player development, this year being run by Maverix Cricket.

Select Player/Academy programmes will be continuing, launching after Christmas.

Thanks to all involved players, parent helpers and coaches.

Senior Report

Generally, a good season but frustrated by some availability issues especially at the senior level (injuries etc) No promotions or relegations, all teams held their own, but 1st and 2^{nds} again missed promotion by narrowest of margins.

Specifics

Hugo Gillespie stepped in as captain and did a great job. Growing in confidence as season progressed. Sadly 1st XI missed promotion narrowly for second year running.

Result doesn't reflect the performance.

2nd X1 Alfie Reeves took on the role of captaincy. Bit of a slow but missed out on promotion on last game of season, Frustrating but will hopefully learn.

3rd X1 Matt Luckhurst Captain supported by Hugh Warmisham. Promoted in 2022 so new division, generally a better standard and finished mid-table.

4th X1 mainly youngsters, a more difficult season following promotion. Shortage of older more experienced players was an issue. Good wins at the end of season ensured survival.

Sunday X1 4 another successful season. A combination of strong competitive games along with more relaxed friendly. All played in good spirit and a focus on introducing colts to adult cricket.

Special mention to Thanks to Glynn Lucas on working on the transition of Juniors into seniors across the 3's, 4's and Sundays.
No promotions or relegations but important development for many of the younger players

Chairman Review and Reports

Lots of good things are happening.

Special mention and much thanks to our dedicated team of Groundsmen, Umpires and Scorers.

Without these people cricket would not be played

Specific mention to Jim, Sam, Al and Kevin.

Noted that we, as a club are very fortunate to have access to two excellent grounds/facilities. Still working on the 5-year plan on promotions and have all teams playing in closer leagues. There is a belief that we have the quality of player to get into the Premier League and for it be sustainable.

Equally important to have 2nds/3rds/4ths playing good quality of cricket, challenging for promotion and giving access to cricket for players making their way into senior cricket.

Some tough selection decisions, never easy and easily open to criticism.

Thanks to those who were involved.

SH Highlighted that some issues were areas of concern and whilst not easy to resolve were under review and being addressed.

- Attendance at Summer coaching, we are unique with the number of players at senior level who are away at school/university or work.
- Sometimes a sense of playing for themselves and not the club. Not always happy with selection.
- Players being noticed by other teams and leaving to play Prem cricket.
- Communication is key on selection for the younger players.

Highlights of the year

- Cricket Week, not many clubs have a cricket week.
- Tim Monday Memorial Day. This was an intra club match this year. Funds raised got to the memorial fund which last year sponsored a couple of boys who would not have had access to cricket.
- Bank Holiday Funday
- End of Season Dinner, smaller this year but good representation and a ladies table.
- Overseas player, good acquisition, fitted in well and would like to see him return.
- 5 youngsters playing in Australia. (not sure where one is)
- New Nets
- Uniqueness of cricket brings out the best in people.
- Junior coaching on Friday evenings
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Election of Officers

Chairman Stephen Hodgson

- Proposed Peter Jones
- Seconded Dick Groom

Treasurer Jean Farnes

- Proposed Stephen Hodgson
- Seconded Jo Alcott

Hon Secretary Mandy Davies

- Proposed Jim Gee
- Seconded John Blackall

Colts Chair Simon Capel

- Proposed Sam
- Seconded Dave Farnes
- Welfare Officer Sarah Osborne noted that an additional person is needed urgently to support.
- Proposed Sam
- Seconded Jo Alcott.

First Team Captain Hugo Gillespie

- Proposed Stephen Hodgson
- Seconded Alfie Reeves

Other non-elected positions:

President Peter Jones

Ladies Manager(s) Sarah Osborne/ Patrick MacDonald

Fixtures Dan Barnes

Social Secretary Jo Alcott

Sponsorship John Taylor/Jason Davies

Facilities Al Reeves and Jason Davies

2nd Captain Alfie Reeves

3rd Captain Hugh Warmisham

4th Captain TBC

Sunday Captain Terry Beeks

T20 Captain George Bryans

Subscriptions for 2024

No change

Match fees for seniors will increase by £1 to accommodate increase in food costs. Approved by the meeting.

Plans for 2024

Development plan as part of the club accreditation is being reviewed looking at the next 5 years.

- Continue to push aiming for league success.
- 2 new wickets strips to be added asap for Thakeham.
- Continue to grow the Women's and Girls sections.
- New Scoreboard for Thakeham Est £4,500.
- New covers for West Chiltonton Est £4,700.

Likely to be further investment in ground equipment e.g., "cricket square mower".

Important to continue to invest.

Continue to work with the two parish councils... keeping them on side.

Continue to work with other clubs through the Sports Association.

Mansell McTaggart will be stepping down as club sponsors. Thanks for their support.

In discussion with Thakeham Homes as a new Sponsor for three years with an option to renew. Details are still being finalised.

Special mention to all the fantastic volunteers who bring skills and commitment to help run the club and especially to those on the clubs' main committees.

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Commented on how fortunate we are to have people who will give their time.

Any other Business

New scoreboard is looking good.

New life members proposed by Stephen Hodgson seconded by Jim Gee
Malcom Fitzgerald, James Chaloner and Mike Charman

Thanks once again to all volunteers.

Thanks to the chair from the floor.

Meeting closed 8.40pm