



Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016 March 19th 2016 at 1.30pm

Held at Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road, Cholsey, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 9PT

Present:

Officers

Martin Eggleton, President
Bob Parker, National Umpire
Cary Bush, Treasurer
Martin Hughes, Vice President

Ray Keemer-Richards, National Membership
Secretary
Ken Buchan, Management Committee
Colin Roper, National Coach

Members

Annette Eggleton
Brain Burfitt
Janice Keemer-Richards
Brian Forbes
Adrian Thomas
Faith Thomas
Tiny Neville
John Roberts
John Thatcher

Rose Thatcher
Mary Sheppard
Pam Dawes
Alan Dawes
Marilyn Gravell
Ann Barton
Ged Barton
Loren Butt
Richard Powell
Dave Mason

Susan Sandy
Stephen Love
Brian Stote
Tony Thompson
Barry Cox
Terry Basson
Alan Leadbetter
Simon Adamsdale

1. To confirm the date of notice of the meeting

Date of AGM was first published on the EPA calendar a year ago.
Confirmation and call for resolutions was sent to regions and clubs and published on our web site on the 19th January and belatedly to Life members on the 13th of February.
Nominations closed on 20th February and..
Agenda and Supporting Papers were sent out and published 24th February.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Clive de Silva
Les Stuart
Lynda Stuart
David Baxter

Margaret Baxter
Simon Bird
Peter Seyfang
Zena Forbes

Neil Stephenson
Jacky Broad
Roger Lewis

3. To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (28th March 2015)

Proposed Adrian Thomas, seconded Ged Barton. Approved

4. To receive the National President's report

The report will be available on the EPA website (PRESIDENTS2016AGM.pdf) so rather than read it out an interview format was used to probe the President's year. The interview was initiated by Vice President Martin Hughes with other members contributing questions and clarifications.

Highlights.

Martin confirmed he had enjoyed the first year very interesting and a huge email generator!

On Coaching Martin said his aim was for 50% of all clubs to have a coach. Colin Roper said that in the year to February we have qualified 32 new club coaches and more are in progress.



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The next level advanced club coach course is nearly ready to launch.

On Umpiring Martin said it was difficult to get people involved – being an umpire doesn't mean giving up playing. Mary Sheppard asked about the upper age limit. John Thatcher explained that he and Mike Pegg have been running rules awareness courses aimed at club players and that the age limit to become an umpire has been removed.

On Playing Martin said that he had attended all the competitions as organiser so as to meet as many players and helpers as possible. Going forward we now have the Playing Commission formed during the year and led by Vice President Martin Hughes. We want to move away from self selected teams to a squad system for our International teams. There followed some discussion on ranking and selection.

Brain Stote raised the issue of indoor training facilities. Martin responded that we would love to have facilities around the country and while finding premises and or raising money to build them is doable we have a huge issue in operational income and how do we keep places running. We need a viable model before we can take this forward.

On Membership System Martin observed that it's one of those things no one notices when it's working but when there are problems everyone notices. We would like to change and are looking to do that in time for next year.

On the Future Martin described the 5 key areas to be targeted; Coaching, Youth Development, International Performance, Communication, Organisational Growth.

5. To receive, and if so resolved, adopt the Association's accounts, Auditor's and Financial Reports (for the Financial Year ending 31st December 2015)

Cary Bush presented the accounts and provided members with a view of the budget, published on our website (Epa_2015_Financials.pdf). Items discussed were Club Development grants, team kit and provision for coaching support.

The motion to approve the accounts was proposed by Ken Buchan, seconded by Richard Powell and passed unanimously.

6. To determine the rates of registration fees and subscriptions

The motion from the Management Committee

"that the annual subscription rates from January 1st 2017 shall be increased for Adult Members by £2 to £20 and for Juniors remain unchanged at £5 and for Club Affiliation to remain unchanged at £35" was proposed by Cary Bush, seconded by Ken Buchan and carried unanimously.

7. To consider, motions to amend the Constitution see "MC_Proposals_AGM2016.pdf"

Proposal 1:-

To amend the definition and powers and duties of the MC.

Carried For 31, Against. 0

Proposal 2 :-

To replace the Annual Congress with an advisory assembly with wider terms of reference.

Ken Buchan explained that the aim was to change culture to ensure there are routes for people to get involved in helping to run the organisation. We are trying to get the best of the Congress and Regional Officers meetings. Following discussion on the rate of representation and voting rights the following amendments were proposed.

Change

County Regions may be represented at each Assembly by 1 delegate for every 250 members or part thereof.

To

*County Regions may be represented at each Assembly by **1 delegate plus 1 delegate** for every 250 members or part thereof.*

Carried 28 – 4

and



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Change

The MC will also be empowered to invite up to 5 members of the Association to act as delegates.

To

*The MC will also be empowered to invite up to 5 members of the Association to act as delegates **not able to vote.***

Carried 34 - 3

The amended proposal was carried 28 -3

Proposal 3:-

To update the disciplinary clauses within the constitution. The objective is to have the detail of the disciplinary process outside of the constitution. The new process has been circulated and is published on the EPA website. Members discussed the operation of the new Process and raised some concerns but no amendments were proposed.

Carried 23 – 8

Proposal 4

To enable alternative procedures to be formulated for balloting members.

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 5

Extending the term of Office of Arbitrators to 2 years

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 6

To correct the inconsistency in arrangements for requisitioning an EGM

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 7

To clarify the definition of independent members

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 8

To introduce a procedure for the appointment of Auditors

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 9

To clarify the financial components of the Membership Fees

Carried 33 – 0

Proposal 10

To make minor grammatical improvements and to make other corrections

Carried 33 – 0

8. To declare the election of Management Committee Members

Alan Forse Nominated by: Southern Counties – Steve Love (President)

David Mason Nominated by: Heart of England – Barry Cox (President)

being the only nominees were declared elected.

9. To declare the election of National Officers

National Secretary David Baxter

Nominated By: Colin Senneck, Lois Adam, Hazel Teale

National Treasurer Cary Bush

Nominated By: Martin Eggleton, David Baxter, Annette Eggleton

National Membership Secretary Ray Keemer-Richards

Nominated By: Janice Keemer-Richards, Christine Clacey, David Baxter



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being the only nominees were declared elected.

10. To declare the election of Arbitrators

John Thatcher

Nominated By: Rose Thatcher, Susan Smith, Peter Smith

being the only nominee was declared elected.

11. To appoint an Auditor or Auditors

Ged Barton was proposed by Cary Bush, seconded by Martin Hughes and agreed 32 - 0

12. To consider other business as the Presiding Officer may admit (no vote to be taken)

Martin Hughes was presented with his Club Coach certificate.

Tiny Neville commented on the expiry date on Life Member membership cards.

In response to a question on the new style membership cards the President said that to avoid two people using the same card for national events players must either add a photo or bring government issued photo id along (passport or photo driving licence) He also confirmed that there is no longer a need to stamp the cards so Regions may do what they wish with any existing stamps – keep them or return to the EPA.

The president thanked the volunteers of the Wallingford club for their work at the AGM. He thanked all those that had helped during the year and called for volunteers to fill the remaining vacancies in the organisation and hoped that we could do this and at the same time increase the gender and ethnic diversity in the management team.

He thanked the members in attendance and closed the meeting at 5.00pm



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