

CAERLEON CRICKET CLUB

Annual General Meeting Agenda

Friday 30th October 2009
At the Pavilion at 7.30pm

Members Present

Mark Kennedy, Herbert Haines, Steff Davies, Andy Brake, Tom Grace, Mike Downing, Matt Wooller, Jamie Evans, Toby Higgins, Ian Jarrett, Colin Waters, Don Martin, Scott Jeffries, Jason Coughlan, Daffyd George, Steve Ash, Ken Murray, Jazz

Apologies

Ian Peploe, Mark Harold & Mike Pilling

Minutes of Last Year's Meeting / Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from last years meeting.
The minutes were read & duly accepted.

Chairman's Address

Herbie reported that he would save his address until we reached item 11 on the agenda, proposals for future development.

Treasurer's Report

Steff began his report by passing around the end of year financial statement that he had prepared on behalf of the club.

He explained that the first sheet was a copy of our accounts from the previous year, which had been left to prepare, as best he could, following the departure of our previous Treasurer.

The second page showed the income & expenditure generated for this year. He reported that he was pleased with the increased level of income shown. This he explained was from a number of factors, a more robust method of ensuring subs were paid by members, extra money generated through diligent collection of tea money, for which he thanked the 2 Captains, Jamie & Matt, and lastly through sponsorship funds obtained.

He concluded by confirming that the overall financial position of the club to be greatly improved from last year.

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At this point Herbie offered his thanks to Steff & both team Captains for all their hard work done throughout the season. He confirmed his opinion that the club was on a more stable financial situation, than they were 12 months ago, we currently have more cash in our account than before, and this leaves us on a good footing for going forward next season.

Secretary's Report

Mark's reported that all paperwork was as ever available for any one to look at. He thanked both Herbie & Steff for ensuring that the way the committee has been run returned to a more formal approach, thus ensuring the recording of, became a more enjoyable and somewhat easier experience.

1st Team Captain's Report

Jamie opened his report, by stating that sadly, once again a season that opened with much promise in May, descended once again into a struggle to get 11 players on the pitch, by half way through the summer, with the remaining games a constant battle with availability of personnel.

Once more any chance of the club contemplating a bid for promotion was wrecked by a lack of commitment from a number of senior players, resulting in a much weakened team being put and in turn being well beaten by sides that at full strength, we could comfortably compete with.

2nd Team Captain's Report

Matt reported that, like Jamie and the 1st 11, what started out as a strong and successful team, finished the season struggling to find 11 bodies to put out as opposition. This was highlighted by the last game of the campaign at Llantwit Major, where we stepped onto the pitch with 2 members of our ladies squad, helping us make a full side.

He too felt that a lack of commitment from club members was the major factor in the downturn of the season.

He thanked all those who did play and acknowledged the effort put in by everyone on the field.

Midweek Captain's Report

Tom reported that unlike the previous year, the 2009 season had not been quite so successful for the mid week side. He confirmed that they finished 2nd bottom of the league, which being division 1, was an extremely tough league to be in.

He went on to report that for him, selection had not been such a problem, even with the loss of a few players from the previous year.

Tom concluded by looking forward to next year being, hoping it will bring an improvement in results.

Sunday Captain's Report

Jamie reported that the Sunday side had had a mixed season this year, with mixed results, intermingled with games having to be called off through once again a lack of available players.

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Future Club Development

Herbie began this part of the agenda, by explaining that part of the last committee meeting had been spent looking at different options geared towards the survival of the club for next year.

He moved on to say that in his view the start of the year, with indoor nets had promised much. Good attendance over the period of the time of the nets, 3 months, had left him optimistic for the upcoming season.

During the season though, as availability of players became a concern, together with a change of captain for the 1st 11 and the upheaval that brought with it, this has left him, amongst others, with a deep pessimism for next year.

He reported that there were various options that were discussed;

Closing the club down, which no one is prepared to do.

Dropping down to 1 side, and therefore having to play in the Alliance League.

Carry on as we are, and hope to attract enough new players to make 2 sides a viable option.

This, he explained, was why the letter & e mail that was sent out, was so strongly worded, in order to provoke a reaction from existing and even some old players, to show that the club still has a future.

In total about 50 to 60 players were contacted, with not 1 person responding to him personally, about our situation. This he confirmed was a source of major disappointment to him.

He went onto report that as a club, we have made an initial approach, which in turn has led to an informal meeting 2 nights ago, with members of Ponthir Cricket Club, to discuss the possibility of a merge between our 2 clubs.

At the end of the meeting on Wednesday, it was decided that the subject be brought up for discussion this evening, to gauge the feelings of our members, whilst, the same would happen at their AGM, which takes place in 3 weeks time.

After this, there followed a discussion amongst those present, that touched on a range of questions, from the potential name of a newly formed club, to plus points that we as a club would bring to a merger, through to potentially how many teams would play on a Saturday.

Eventually, it has been decided, unanimously by all members, for both sides to meet again after both AGM's have taken place, and discuss the strength of opinion on the matter, to ascertain if this is something to move forward.

Herbie concluded by stating that there would be a meeting for all the members in the new year, to bring the club up to date with what has happened/discussed.

In view of this development, Herbie proposed to the meeting that the election of officers, be suspended until early next year, where we will have a clearer picture of what is happening. Steff seconded the proposal and it was duly passed by all present.

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Any Other Business

Steff reported to the meeting about the ongoing situation between us and the rugby club. He confirmed that we have received a letter from them, outlining their position on the matter, confirming the cost of £300.00 for us to use the club as associate members. After much discussion in the meeting it has been agreed for Steff and Steve Ash to attempt to move this situation to a satisfactory conclusion.

Meeting closed at 8.40