

Dinton Cricket Club

Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 31 January 2008

Present: Some 28 members.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Leigh Hatton, Paul Ludlow, Denise Manger, Phil Pearce, Alan Piggott, Kelvin Ripley, Martin Sheffield, Neil Smith.

2. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 28 NOV 2006 AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were approved as a true record.

There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter Ludlow presented his report.

In answer to questions, the fund-raising target of £50000 over two years is largely for plans to acquire a neighbouring field (for 3rd XI matches) and a new pavilion.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Phil Scott presented the annual accounts.

Financially, 2007 was an exceptionally good year. Subscription income was up. Bar profits were down. Particular thanks to fund-raising and the Academy week.

In expenditure, there was no coaching bill. Ted Biggs saved us £300 on insurance premium. Increase in ground costs is because some relate to 2006.

5. BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

Malcolm Ripley thanked Edwin Taylor, Dave Halsey, and the Juniors section for their help.

There were two well attended parties.

Some price increases will be necessary for 2008.

6. JUNIOR MANAGER'S REPORT

Mick Lewers presented his report. He added that things look bright for the future.

There was discussion about additional grounds for 'home' matches. It is useful to have Old Berkeley available. Ian Goodband mentioned the artificial wicket at Weston Turville, which could also be useful.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS FOR 2008 SEASON

All were elected unopposed; details on the Club's website.

In relation to the Catering Co-ordinator, it was mentioned that there are not enough tea people.

Captains will select their vice-captains.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES FOR 2008 SEASON

Unchanged for 2008. There will be a cut-off date, after which those who have not paid their subscriptions will not play.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- **From Cherwell League:** the points system and playing conditions will be changed.
- **From Dinton Parish Council:** an invitation to the Chairman to give a short presentation at the annual Parish meeting on 8 April.

10. PLAYING MATTERS 2008

A discussion took place about whether the Club should have a professional Coach (level 2 qualified, who would also play for the Club). The most likely to be available and affordable would be an overseas player, with the need for a work permit.

Do we want to pay the required amount (some £2000)? Money needs to be spent wisely.

We want to play at as high a level as possible, and need to get back to Division One. This may help to attract good players, and sponsorship.

Perhaps we should only get back to Division One by the efforts of our own players. And it would help if all players were always in a fit state to play.

Adrian Ripley pointed out that we get good coverage in the Bucks Herald, as the leading club in this part of the county. If we remain in a lower division, we may lose this status.

A vote was taken on whether to look for a Coach: 27 for, 1 against.

11. AOB

○ **Fourth team**

Neil Burrows mentioned that not many of our Under 17s and Under 15s are playing Saturday cricket for Dinton; when the juniors competitions finish, some go to play for other clubs. If we had a Fourth XI, there would be opportunity for more of our juniors to play.

In the discussion, it was agreed to be a good idea, but with some problems. For 'home' matches, Old Berkeley and the Astroturf pitch at Weston Turville might be possible; otherwise, matches would all need to be 'away'. Transport might be a problem. An organizer would be needed. Eleven players would need to be available for each match.

It was suggested that, for the first year, friendlies might be arranged. The meeting unanimously agreed that the matter should be pursued.

○ **Result sheets**

Adrian Ripley suggested issuing all captains with result sheets (to delegate...).

A scanner/photocopier for the Club would be a good idea.

○ **Panel umpires**

Our Panel umpires are Dave Blake and Adrian Ripley.

○ **Club clean-up**

The Cricket Force weekend is 4–5 April.

○ **Fund raising**

An Auction Ball is to be arranged for autumn.

If anyone has any further ideas on fund-raising, Ted Biggs would be pleased to hear.

○ **President's thanks**

George Piggott thanked members for attending. He was very encouraged by how many were present.

12. DATE AND VENUE FOR FIRST MEETING OF NEW COMMITTEE

Monday 25 February 2008 at 20:00, at the Club.