



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Elton Vale CC on Sunday January 27th 2020
72 people signed to confirm their attendance.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all of the Club Representatives for their attendance. Gave further welcome to new clubs, Mottram, Daisy Hill, Hadfield St Andrews, Bradshaw and Milnrow.

He paid particular mention and thanks to the Umpires and commended them for the work, particularly club umpires.

Further thanks were given to;

Mike Hall for his work on the ground improvements document which clubs have received
Nigel Stock, as Junior Lead, working through all issues but continuing to provide a quality competition.
Thomas George for his work with the BAME groups within our league.
David Fare for his work on discipline, with a slightly quieter 2019 season.
Simon Lowndes for all of his tireless work, particularly with fixtures being released early to allow clubs to plan.
Richard Hepworth for work on revising and improve rules, to suit GMCL Clubs going forward.
Will Halton, for working with players and captains to resolve issues.

Announced that Meg Fairclough, captain of Lancashire Thunder, will be advising GMCL on women's and girls cricket going forward.

Board Appointments and 2019 AGM Minutes

All Board members were returned to office unanimously. Michael Beech had joined in September 2019.

Bill Elkin explained the new structure, with leads for compliance and cricket, as well as the individual areas, and the directors responsible for those.

Minutes of 2019 AGM adopted.

Financial Report

BE gave report on the finances.

Touched on increased cricket based costs, which arose from increased GMCL Academy costs, running for 6 months instead of 3, as well as increase in covering umpires kit costs.

Announced we had been the victim of fraud, in form of an invoice scam. Had reclaimed half the money, but still working with banks to recover the rest.

Commercial Report

KC gave report. Thanked previous sponsors and 2020 sponsors, with further information displayed on the slides.

Explained what the sponsorship allowed the GMCL to do and how it helps the League.

Reminder clubs of the availability for their sponsors to advertise in the handbook.

Juniors

Junior AGM to be held Sunday 8th March, 10:30 at Elton Vale CC.

Communications and IT

MB outlined what we have achieved, what we are working towards. Including an improved use of the mailing system to address communications, as well as improving website viewing on a mobile phone.

Balls

Ball ordering form will be published and circulated W/C 27th January, with clubs to complete this as soon as possible.

Further information, pertaining to applicable balls to each division available on the slides attached.

Orange Magna ball withdrawn.

Player registration system

BE gave update on registration system, to be implemented ahead of 2020 season. Outlined the benefits to all, from teams, players and the league administrative side.

Registrations opening at the beginning of March. The full process will be communicated to clubs on how to register, maintain and operate player registrations.

Concerns and questions on player registrations were fielded from those in attendance. Chairman Martin Kay noted and advised the GMCL will look into the concerns raised surround any players only playing once or twice a season.

Amendments to Rule

Amendments made to rules, to address recurring issues, to make clearer and concise. Will Halton spoke of the main rule amendments. Encouraged all captains to attend the upcoming meetings.

Deadline for new teams to advise they wish to join the GMCL moved to 31st March, so as to give all current teams an understanding of what they are playing for, and what each divisional placing will mean, promotion/relegation etc.

Full rules to be published in the coming weeks.

Cup Draws

Cup draws not made, in absence of Simon Lowndes. Will be made on Sunday 2nd Feb at Bury CC.

Meeting closed at 11:19