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Minutes for SCC AGM- Monday 7th December- 7pm- by Zoom

Present- J Borman, M Ekers, G Pratt, G Rickenbach, J Haddon, Mairead Pryor, Matt Pryor, G Ballington, M Jarvis, H Kirby, M Spicer, G Griffin, S Borman, S Roach, C Lorenc, P Rider, J Dowlen, D Castell, O Ekers, G Sapsford, J Salisbury, O Castell, A Moreton, G Ballington, T Ballington, G Pratt, A Rickenbach, A Icceton, R Hindley, P Carter, S Hearn, D Hickey, J Newton, B Hindley,

Apologies for absence- A Salisbury, A Munday, S Wright, J Arnold

1-Minutes from last AGM

Minutes of 2019 AGM (held 8/12/19) agreed by members present and to be signed off by M Ekers.

2-President's opening comments

Peter Rider commented that, in what has been a devastating year, cricket matters have been a happy diversion and we now move forward with planning for our Centenary year in 2021. Our first game is scheduled for Sunday 9th May when Shenfield host the England over 50s team, skippered by Mark Alleyne MBE. There will be two T20s and a fund-raising lunch in a marquee; where patrons, members, sponsors & local businesses could be invited to purchase tables, with raffles and auctions etc also used to make it a real money spinner! Later in August a fixture is confirmed with the MCC and, with several functions also being organised, 2021 is something to really look forward to.

3-Chairman's opening comments

Martin Ekers stated that his initial thoughts are one of continued amazement after a tumultuous year, with the global Covid pandemic suppressing any aspirations for a normal summer of cricket. Nevertheless, his heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who made the latter half of the summer feel somewhat like a cricket season.

The whole committee stepped up, but particular thanks to Allan Salisbury and Stuart Borman for their applications for numerous grants during the pandemic that have ensured we are still solvent. Additional thanks to the members and colts' parents who paid subscriptions, particularly those who paid in April without any guarantee of any cricket!

Thanks to Guy Rickenbach, Steve Roach and the bar committee, who got us up and running to ensure a decent income during that truncated season, whilst ensuring the clubhouse was “Covid compliant”. Matt Pryor continues to do a great job as Colts Chairman, and the Colts had another very promising season, with youngsters making progress at many levels, into various senior sides. David Castell is a great driver of their progress, and we must support him as much as we can.

Mairead Pryor has kept her watchful eye on Welfare & Clubmark matters, but with regards to the former, we are sadly having to deal with several apparent breaches of our Code of Conduct by responsible adults within the Colts set up. Martin hopes we can reverse and indeed eradicate this trend very soon indeed and thanked the other committee members who stepped up to form the disciplinary hearing sub-committee, for their support.

Brentwood Council have been very busy so their focus on SCC has not been as acute as it might have been, but we are striving towards a more harmonious relationship with them (and our neighbours and local businesses), whilst recognising our inherent rights as Shenfield CC.

Your committee agreed to upgrade our square maintenance and preparation, so our thanks to outgoing Chris Boniface for his many years of service, and welcome to Sportsturf Management. Laurence Edwards and his team will cost us more, and we are very keen to find someone to step up as “ground manager” to deal with the outfield and associated duties, so the improved squares can also be mirrored by an improved general outfield appearance. Please let us know if anyone would be willing to take on or organise this important task.

Our overseas player and coach from SA is secured for 2021 and, as it is also our Centenary, there is much to do. Thanks to Hannah Kirby for her efforts. Martin hopes to be able to contribute in 2021, and with the continued support of a strong committee, to ensure a successful season and future for SCC.

4-Colts coordinator's report

Matt Pryor reported that, despite the challenges of the year, 2020 saw many positives for our colts, with league and cup successes across all our age groups. Amongst the younger Colts we were the U9 Softball League Winners and for the 3rd consecutive year, we reached the final of the Brian Taylor Trophy (U12) - which was a fantastic achievement considering how little time was available in preparing for the competition.

Many of our older colts had the opportunity to experience adult cricket this season with senior debuts being made across all four senior teams and we must, as a club, continue to encourage as many of our young players as possible in making the transition into senior cricket over the coming years.

Many thanks to George Ballington, Tom Ballington and Dave Castell - though Colts training had to be limited this season, they all did a fantastic job in arranging the sessions under challenging restrictions.

His sincere thanks go to all the managers who worked extremely hard this year in organising and getting a lot of games played, in what was a short season. Without this effort, none of the successes enjoyed this year would have been possible. Simon Hearn then thanked Matt for all his efforts, on behalf of all the Colts and managers.

5- Treasurer's report

Stuart Borman commented that the recent lock down has unfortunately prevented our audit processes to be concluded for the SCC 2019/20 financial report. However, he can report that we carried over to our 2020/21 financial year a good balance sheet, with cash reserves of c£20K.

These reserves will now be used to support club costs during the first half of this current financial year, with no Bar/Social income expected now until early next summer. Hopefully though, during the Second half of the SCC financial 2020/2021 year, we may again be able to utilise our Bar and clubhouse facilities in some capacity and thus create additional income.

As a Members only Club, any profits are reinvested for the members benefit back into the club. From a financial reporting stance, we work on the basis that our SCC Car Parking revenue pays for all our club ground and outfield works, with our SCC Bar Income used to cover all our monthly clubhouse utilities etc.

2019/20 - summary

Bar/Clubhouse:

The club made a good start in our first two quarters (Oct 2019 to April 2020), giving us the financial comfort and platform to manage all our SCC monthly outgoings before the first enforced lock down. Lockdown came at the very start of our 3rd quarter (usually our busiest) and resulted in our losing much of our anticipated 3rd quarter revenue. However, through the efforts of your SCC Facilities and Bar committee teams managing the required COVID compliance issues, they in turn ensured a good revenue stream did evolve for our 4th quarter. This revenue was then also further bolstered by time consuming work undertaken by your club committee to successfully obtain various Grants. Thanks also to Colts and Seniors who paid their membership fees in order to contribute to our revenues.

Car park income:

Thanks to the efforts also of the Car Park subcommittee, a strong income level was maintained. This was helped by existing users during lockdowns not cancelling their direct debits, some wanting to support the club whilst not actually using the parking facility. However, we do still face the real potential of less commuter/local business requirement for our SCC parking, as more users are now home working. This may be at a time when our external field management costs increase during 2021, due to change in our ground maintenance supplier.

Martin Ekers proposed that the accounts, once finalised, be signed off at a future SCC committee meeting- Agreed.

6. Election of Officers

Martin Ekers suggested that unless there were any issues, all the committee positions be approved by the meeting on mass. Agreed and all approved.

Position	Existing officer	New officer	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Pete Rider			
Chairman	Martin Ekers			
Secretary	Hannah Kirby			
Treasurer	Stuart Borman			
Fixture Secretary	Hannah Kirby			
Facilities Manager	Guy Rickenbach			
Bar Manager	Bar Committee			
Social Media Manager	Tom Ballington			
Clubhouse Manager	Steve Roach			
Membership Secretary	James Borman			
Colts Chairman	Matt Pryor			
Welfare Officer	Mairead Pryor			
League Delegate	George Ballington			
Webmaster	Susan Wright			
Social secretary	John Arnold			
Club Auditor	Chris Wright			
Jack Petchey Fund Officer	Hannah Kirby			
ClubMark Coordinator	Mairead Pryor			
100 Club coordinator	Angela Spicer			
General committee	Garry Griffin			

General committee	Alan Moreton			
General committee	Allan Salisbury			
General committee	James Salisbury			
General committee	Martin Spicer			
General committee	John Haddon			
Club Captain	Dave Castell			
1 st XI Captain	Ollie Ekers			
1 st XI Vice-captain	Tom Austin			
2 nd XI Captain	George Pratt	James Borman		
2 nd XI Vice-captain	James Borman	George Pratt		
3 rd XI Captain	David Castell			
3 rd XI Vice-captain	Garry Sapsford			
4 th XI Captain	Adam Munday	Will Bowden		
4 th XI Vice-captain	Neal Gilbert	Adam Munday		
5 th XI Captain	-	Garry Sapsford		
5 th XI Vice-Captain	-	David Castell		
Social 5 th XI Captain	Guy Rickenbach			
Social 5 th XI Vice-captain	Alan Moreton			
Ladies Captain	Ashima Chawla			
Ladies Vice-captain	Claire Lorenc			

Garry Sapsford proposed the naming of a Captain and Vice- Captain for a potential new 5th team to play home games at SHS. Guy Rickenbach to think of a new name for the Social 5th team!

7. Election of VPs and Life VPs

Martin Ekers has not been able to sit down with Mike Jarvis to discuss VPs and any potential changes, he will do so once restrictions allow and refer to the committee to approve- Agreed.

8. Any other business

- **Approval of updated SCC Constitution-** Martin Ekers thanked Allan Salisbury for all his hard work in updating the SCC constitution. It has already been approved by the committee and needed ratifying at the AGM- Agreed.

- **November 100 Club Draw-** M Spicer and H Kirby did the draw via Teams- winners were as follows:

1st- £100- Brian Rogers

2nd- £50- Susan Wright

3rd- £25- P. Bird

-**MCC Game-** David Castell has heard back from the MCC and they have agreed to play us on Sunday 22nd August 2021, as part of our Centenary celebrations.

-Guy Rickenbach thanked the Chairman for all his efforts this year.

-Martin Ekers declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their time.