

Ulverston Cricket Club.
169th Annual General Meeting.

Ulverston Sports Club,
Priory Road,
Ulverston.

Sunday 03rd March 2019 at 7:30pm

Minutes

1. Chairman's opening remarks

The chairman welcomed the fairly sparse attendance to the meeting. He expressed general satisfaction that the club was in a better place in terms of player numbers than a couple of seasons ago. Whilst acknowledging that we may experience some difficulties during the school examination period good attendances at pre season net sessions indicated that there should be sufficient numbers of players to ensure that we did not have to concede any fixtures.

2018 had seen the club's 1st XI win their first trophy since we last won the league in 1908, a period of 110 years, by beating Vickerstown CC in the Marsden Cup competition.

On the junior cricket front we have had a successful season with three of our under 11 players being selected for the county team. The 2019 season will see the club enter teams in the under 11 and under 13 competitions of the B&DYCL.

The past season and winter periods have seen significant improvements to the ground. Ben Dryden has cleared a large area of wilderness on the Priory Road side of the ground and Owain has done similar good work around the practice nets and the "Florair" side of the ground. Major improvements have been made to the scoreboard which now has double glazed windows and doors. Further improvements to the machinery store are planned. The chairman thanked all concerned with the work.

2. Attendance

Members present: J W Rice (President), Alan Regan (Chairman), Gayle Mawdsley (Secretary), Owain Oxenham, Ben Dryden, Paul Storey, Oliver Carr, Derek Harker, John Fursey, Nigel Atkinson

3. Apologies for absence

Carl Botterill, Nigel Grunshaw.

4. Financial Report

The chairman reported that the previous treasurer, Mrs Jean Wilkinson had had to resign from the position at the start of the season because of family commitments, in the absence of a volunteer to undertake the financial duties the chairman had added the treasurer duties to his existing commitments. Fortunately a new treasurer has been found for the 2019 season.

The income/expenditure report is attached.

The balances of the club's accounts as of 5th November are listed below.

Main Club Account	£1556.80
100 Club Account	£2246.63
Equipment reserve Account	£1461.56
Professional's Account	£2352.37

5. Election of Officers

a	President	Jack Rice
b	Chairman	Alan Regan
c	Secretary	Gayle Mawdsley
d	Treasurer	Lynn Bell

6 Election of Captains

a	1 st XI Captain	Ben Dryden
b.	1 st XI Vice Captain	Paul Storey
c	2 nd XI Captain	Owain Oxenham
d	2 nd XI Vice Captain	To be appointed

Owain in accepting the position of 2nd XI captain informed the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election for the 2020 season as he preferred to devote his time and energy to the development of junior cricketers and making further progress in the introduction of Women's and Girl's cricket.

7. Election of General Committee

The general Committee will consist of all club officials, captains and vice-captains, John Fursey, and hopefully a representative of the ladies cricket team as soon as this becomes more established.

8 Election of Sub committees

- a Selection Committee Captains and vice-captains
- b Fund Raising Committee

It was decided to broaden the remit of this committee to become "The fund raising and development committee" as club development and long term forward planning are seen by the ECB as fundamental to obtaining "Clubmark" accreditation and consequently to grant funding opportunities.

Members elected, Alan Regan, Owain Oxenham, Ben Dryden, John Fursey and Paul Storey. Additional members may be co-opted to the committee as and when necessary.

9. Junior Cricket

Owain reported on a season of steady progress in junior cricket. There had been good attendance at the Friday afternoon “All Stars” cricket group which introduces the game to young players in the 4 to 9 year old cohort. There had been junior softball festivals and it was planned to host similar events in the coming season as well as participating in festivals staged by the other local clubs that still operate a junior section.

The ECB have introduced significant changes to the way junior cricket is played throughout the country and we will be adopting these from the start of the season.

Under 11 cricket will continue to be played in a “pairs” format but will be reduced to 8 players per team and will be played on a 17 yard wicket to combat the problem of wayward bowling. Under 13 cricket will be played as a conventional match but with 9 players per team and will be played on a 19 yard wicket.

It was seen as an important step for the club that two more of our players, SaqibGhumman and Partha Singh are in the latter stages of their Level 2 coaching course. Two additional coaches will take a substantial portion of the burden from the existing coaching team.

10. Ladies and Girls cricket.

Owain and Alan had attended a Cumbria Cricket presentation at Lindal a few days ago in which this was featured as the primary area of growth in the sport. So much so that the ECB will be investing £20,000,000 in developing Ladies and Girls cricket in the 2020 to 2024 period. The money will be spent on training coaches, publicising the ECB commitment to this development and on improving facilities such that they will appeal to female players. From Ulverston’s point of view it was seen as important to make radical improvements to the changing rooms and showers as our current facilities are a major deterrent to female players, and a sizable chunk of the money available would make these improvements possible.

It was agreed that the club would take all possible steps to support this initiative and to foster the development of the existing group of eight or nine women who currently play soft ball cricket at Ulverston.