



Poulton Cricket Club

Founded 1891

Charity Number 1102682

Minutes of Annual General Meeting for 2016 held on Friday 14 October at Poulton Cricket Club

Present: David Dunn, Rosanna Armitage, Oliver Newman, Steve Willard, Jon Maunder, Nigel Dodds, James Newman, Jody Lawrence, Robbie James, Sharon Hopkins, Nick Bale, Rob Collins, Ian Musty, Wayne Tinson, Andy James, Caroline Pattinson, Neil Cheesewright, Graham Clarke, Sam Denning, Jim Woodcock, Claire Kilby, Mark Higginson, Simon Gordon-Walker

Apologies sent: Claire Newman, Callum Higginson, Charlie Buse, Liam James, Craig Musty, Mark Chamberlain, Rosemarie Chapman

1. **Minutes of 2015 AGM** were agreed and approved
2. **Matters arising** – none arising
3. **Chairman's Report (DWD)**

Well what a season 2016 was; our 125th recorded year of running cricket in and around Poulton. This year beyond many I feel so proud to be the chairman of Poulton C.C

I also sit on the CDCA committee and listen to the doom & gloom of all other clubs in our district clubs folding or joining together to keep just one team going, no volunteers no togetherness only one person doing the ground the teas the team etc.

So when we decided to run a Cricket Week, what we needed more than anything else was volunteers & togetherness; and we got this abundance I think I added well over 55 separate contributions from club members. I think all members and friends who attended the cricket week would have enjoyed different aspects of the week but we enjoyed the events together. The quiz night was a success behind the bar and watching people from the village and club mixing together so well. The White Ball going beyond all aspirations (250 people attending). This I think helped the playing side gather momentum - the firsts started so well but availability in the middle part of the season needs to be addressed to get a full season from some of our home grown talent.

We need to challenge these individuals by being on top of the League in July and making them feel that this is the place to be on a Saturday playing for a promotion and having so much fun that anything else does not matter. I would also like to add comment to Olly who could not play this season as Captain of the 1sts due to a shocking injury in one of his last Rugby games, captained the club maturely, with sense and leadership beyond his years, when so many would have simply not had tried.

The Seconds brilliantly led by Jody along with his senior 5 players and a blend of Youth & very young players won Division 2, this combined with Jody's help for the Sunday team again shows a Captain with Poulton CC values.

The ladies Squad, again won the CDCA League winning 9 out of 10 games, They are extemporary in how they make sure every player feels special & part of the squad, well done to Philippa and Sharon, along with a special thanks to Jody & Callum who made a big difference helping each week at training, the one thing the senior club could copy from the Ladies is there desire to train as a team, each week without fail 80 plus per cent of the ladies trained and it shows on the field that togetherness!!!

The end of season also held a special evening for the Cutts family a massive thanks for their support to the club, by inviting openly the club to their event we were able to meet up with the Cutts old club members and a good night was had by all.

The Youth sides have been led superbly by Rob, Nigel Jim Chris Richard Scott & Emma, we are so lucky to have so many people prepared to work for the club for the right reasons to keep the conveyor belt of talent coming through the system and as soon as its ready for the seniors; along comes Jody and another Poulton player is made to feel welcome in the senior sides!!. Looking forward in working along with Neil Cheesewright a new coach a new member another junior coach with leadership skills too!!

A massive thanks to the parents who provide teas and breakfasts on Sundays, Thanks to Marie, Clare, Andi King and to Richard Butt for scoring, for John Nunn who keeps the exterior of the field neat & tidy, to all volunteers whom I could list for their help, support, work

A big thanks and sadly the last minutes carried out to Rosanna who has again followed her boys through the Poulton system; however Rosanna has agreed to help in two years' time with another White Ball!!

For next year: the first's fighting for the top 4 spots, the second's to be in the top half of the Division 1, the ladies to carry on their success, the Juniors to have fun and enjoy playing cricket, to those who will break into the senior sides, and to so many volunteers who may also help. So all in all looking forward already to 2107, let's see if we can improve on the firsts squad bringing in top end talent which in turn will help the seconds; let's all look forward to 2017!!

Additionally and MOST IMPORTANTLY DWD thanked the ground staff for all their hard work during the year.

4. Treasurers Report (Steve Willard)

Our club has enjoyed a truly incredible year financially in 2016. At the beginning of the year, I was worrying about how we were going to pay back the remaining £6,600 loan to Wayne for his generous purchase of our new roller. Now, at the end of the season, I am left scratching my head wondering how we managed to not only do this, but to also make a surplus of £8,696! Even if you take off the £900 prepaid in advance of November's Dinner & Dance, this still leaves the club £7,796 better off than this time last year.

The club currently holds £16,012 in the bank and is in probably the healthiest position it has been throughout its history. The majority of this good news is undoubtedly thanks to the immense effort put in by the many club members who made our 125th Anniversary Week such a flying success.

And there are a few individuals who deserve a special mention, as follows;

Dave Dunn – who worked tirelessly behind the scenes throughout the winter and pulled the whole thing together, driving the entire week from start to finish

Rosanna Armitage – who ran a faultlessly enjoyable White Party (and we hope she'll come back and do many more in future)

Wayne Tinson – who, whatever happened during the week, you name it, Wayne was involved somewhere along the line

Simon Gordon-Walker – another who put his hand to almost anything and everything, in particular the Beer Festival along with Dave

Claire Newman – who organised the best raffle the club has ever held by a country mile

I'd personally like to thank each and every one of them for their efforts.

INCOME

GROUND ADVERTISING HOARDINGS

This has once again generated a very helpful source of income. The majority of the initial 3-year agreements had come to an end, so we ended up with a smaller number of advertisers than previous years. Now that the focus can be switched away from the Anniversary celebrations, our challenge for 2017 will be to a) renew as many of the existing sponsorships as possible, and b) attract new sponsors to the club. Please take the time to consider whether you know any company or individual who may be attracted by this advertising opportunity and contact either Dave or Simon with the details.

PLAYER MEMBERSHIPS / GIFT AID

I'm pleased to report that all senior players were fully paid up members by the end of this season. On the junior side, thanks goes to Tricia Dodds for her superb efforts in collecting youth memberships again for the final season this year. Although numbers were down on last year, we very nearly topped £5,000 of player donations across all age groups, which should equate to around £1000 in Gift Aid reclaim from HMRC next year, so well done to everyone involved in collecting and paying their subs.

GOLF DAY

This year's Poulton CC golf day was run by Gecko Cricket and raised £660 for the club and we stuck to our promise of using this money to pay for senior player coaching. I feel that with better preparation and advertising, this event could grow into something bigger and better again next year.

MATCH FEES / TEAS

This was again a steady contributor to the club's income. This was bumped up by the Sunday morning youth sessions selling teas, coffees and refreshments so a big thank you to all involved in collecting the money over the season.

CLUB KIT

We managed to shift another £535 of shirts, caps, etc, this year and I would hope that we can continue to sell the remainder as new players continue to join the club.

EXPENDITURE

NEW PITCH ROLLER

We were able to pay back the remaining £6,600 to Wayne on 21st June this year following the Anniversary Week. My personal thanks go to Wayne for funding this out of his own pocket initially and avoiding the need for a lot of long-winded bureaucratic form filling with the ECB's loan system.

CRICKET COACHING / WINTER NETS

We have continued to employ Gecko Cricket as already mentioned, with the summer training funded by the proceeds of the Golf Day. We still didn't manage to cover the cost of the winter nets but I am philosophical that most clubs in the region now employ cricket coaches so we are definitely not in the minority by doing this. Some good work was put in during pre-season (hence the high expenditure on Senior Nets) and this continued during the majority of the season. The challenge next year will be to aim to maximise the budget available to spend on coaching in order to gain the maximum benefits from our coaching.

PICNIC TABLES

We bought a new set of good quality picnic tables for £792 which are a great addition to our already fantastic facilities.

2017

We go into the new season as one of the most solvent clubs in Gloucestershire, if not England, but I hope we don't rest on our laurels in terms of fundraising.

We are in the enviable position of having capital available should we wish to embark on any new projects and I'm sure the committee will have lots to discuss in this area over the coming months.

It's just left for me to say thanks once again to all our members for putting in so much effort over the year and helping to ensure the financial stability of the club!

5. **1st team review (Oliver Newman)**

Again it was a very up and down season with many mixed results. There were some exceptional performances, both individual and team, along with some distinctly average/poor displays. Once more we saved and played our best cricket against the best teams in the league, gaining winning against the three teams who eventually got promoted.

Availability was unfortunately again an issue but we did manage to cope and full credit must go to all the boys who came in last minute, or stepped up the 2nds; some putting in some strong displays.

In conclusion, although the season should be viewed for the 1st team as a disappointment, we did manage to stay up and blooded plenty of young players. Once again with some slight changes, good decision/signings we should be well placed to go again next season. Knowing full well, when we were at our best, we are extremely competitive and promotion contenders.

A special thanks must go to Ross and Maunds for all the help and aid they gave me along with Jody.

Payed 14: No result 4 Won – 5 included in that is wins againts the top three Lost – 8 – includes losses to the bottom teams and Tied - 1

6. 2nd team review (Jody Lawrence)

Champions of CDCA Division 2!

Finished top in a rain affected season. Won 7 and lost 2 of our completed matches. Average of 16.67, most batting points in the league. 3 of the top 4 highest scoring batsmen in the league.

Scored 200+ in six of our nine matches, including 2 successful chases of 230-1 v Williamstrip and 203-6 v Tetbury.

Scott Meredith – 502 runs @ 125.5. 4 fifties, 1 hundred, top score 110* v Williamstrip
Callum Higginson 348 runs @ 58. 4 fifties, top score, 79 v Tetbury
Jody Lawrence 340 runs @42.5. 4 fifties, top score, 86 v Williamstrip

Scott took the most wickets with 12, Mark Higginson 10

We used three under 13s (Dan Collins, Felix Cheeseman and Benjy Dodds)

We also had three of the ladies team play during the season (Emma O'Connor, Ceris & Sharon Hopkins)

7. Ladies Cricket Team Review (Sharon Hopkins)

Four girls have been selected for county.

Won the CDCA League.

Have over 20 girls in the U14s.

8. Junior Cricket Review

U13 review (Rob Collins)

The U13's had their best season to date, narrowly missing out on winning the CDCA league, having beaten the eventual winners Bourton Vale and ending up playing a game less. In the GYL, the U13's were competitive, ending up mid-table with a notable win against Charlton Kings, a tie against Cheltenham and close fought matches against Dumbleton and Frocester. Numbers for the U15's are low for next season and hence we have agreed a merger with Cirencester in the Gloucestershire Youth League. However, we will remain as 'Poulton only' in the CDCA and will draw on the U13's heavily for that side. Cirencester to share home matches in the GYL, will be shared with Cirencester so we can anticipate around 3-Sunday 40 over games at Poulton.

U11 review (Jim Woodcock)

30 players registered and turning up. Mid table finish in both leagues, lots of match exposure for all the boys. Emphasis has been on coaching and getting everyone to experience matches. Four into the district squads.

U9 review (DWD)

25/26 children on a Sunday morning. They were unbeaten and there are some talented children coming through the system; coming runners-up in the Lechlade Under 9 Tournament.

Thanks to Tricia Dodds who has undertaken that junior membership administration over the last two years...and welcome to Caroline Pattinson who is taking over...another thank you.

9. Club Development Plan

The club has continued to develop well on all fronts; facilities, playing and community. The club did not renew its ClubMark accreditation when this was due in 2014 but SGW will be reviewed this year with Neil Cheesewright to see if we can reapply to the GCB.

10. The election of officers:

The following were elected:

President	Rosemarie Chapman
Chairman	David Dunn
Club Secretary	Simon Gordon-Walker
Treasurer	Steve Willard
Youth Development Officer	Neil Cheesewright
Youth Development Membership	Caroline Pattinson
Child Welfare Officer	Neil Cheesewright
1 st XI Captain	Ross Cutts (with support)
2 nd XI Captain	Jody Lawrence
Ladies Team	Sharon Hopkins
Sunday XI Captain	Jody Lawrence
Fixtures Secretary	Jody Lawrence
T20 Captain	Liam James (with support)
Independent Auditor	Bridget Lazenby
Ground Committee	Wayne Tinson, Andy James, Neil Shaw
Other committee members	Sam Denning, Mark Higginson, Jon Maunder, Oli Newman

The secretary will go through the lists of Hon Life Members and Hon Vice Presidents and prepare a list for the committee and the Club President: and here it is...

Our Hon Vice Presidents are: Mr R W Butt, Mrs A Shaw, Lt Col The Lord Wigram, Mr J Tinson, Mrs M Edwards, Mrs J P Nunn, Mr J F Nunn, Mr & Mrs D Higginson, Mr D Fowles, Mrs V Gardiner, Mrs M Thorn

Our club Life Members are: Mr A J Ayres, Mrs J Lomas, Mr D Morrison, Miss J Nunn, Mr P A Oakley, Mr M Smith

11. Subscriptions and Membership:

2017 fees will be £60 for all players, adults to U15s.

U13s & U11s - £50,

U9, U7 & Women and girls - £30.

Match fees are £5 and payable by anyone representing the club at senior level. For those players who are only around for a couple of games, it was agreed to charge a £5 playing fee as well as the £5 teas fee.

Weekly emails to be shared with captains of the non-paying members.

One off direct debit of £60 or 12 payments of £5 per month. All to be paid by BACS if possible.

If not paid in full or signed up to direct debit by end of May then they will rise to £75.

Committee to look at a family membership option.

12. Fund raising activities for 2017

- Social events: Golf Day happening in March. JM and ON to arrange.
- Beer festival – to hopefully happen at end of summer half term weekend. SGW to discuss with the Playing Field and Allotment Trust
- To have another raffle if possible on a smaller scale. ON to ask Mum.
- Ground Boards: Important that this will be concentrated on this year. The committee will discuss.

13. Any other business

- Winter nets: to run for 6 weeks. Decided to return to Sundays at Rendcomb.
- To have a fixtures meeting February with all coaches, Wayne and Jody in attendance to discuss ground allocation.
- Awards: The players have requested that this is changed to run/wickets taken and not done on averages...to be discussed but make no odds for this year.
- Match reports: Literati Charlie B and Jody to do for the respective league senior teams.
- Kit: more men's sized kit to be ordered and all to be reviewed by DWD and WT and contact with Gecko to be made
- Cricket tour: possibly the Tuesday/Wednesday of summer half term. SGW, NB and JL to investigate
- Coaching: members expressed interest, if they attend the course and then support the club with coaching, they will be refunded their course fee.
- Winter dinner/dance & presentation evening: More people still needed – everyone to actively chase for payment and increased support.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm