

**Walthamstow Cricket Club AGM 29 January 2024 7:30 pm**

**Buck Walk**

**Apologies:**

**Dan Gillman**

**Dan McNamara**

**Mustafa Khan**

**Fareed Ahmad**

**Shahid Fatmee**

**Scott Devine**

**Attendees:**

**Fredrick Blassberg**

**Derek Steward**

**Tom Davey**

**Don Isuru**

**Cat McMillan**

**Archie Trow**

**Adeel Kauser**

**Deepan Gnanalingam**

**Aamir Shaikh**

**Suffian Saleem**

**Tanvir Sandhu**

**Umar Zahid**

**Josh Hockridge**

**Sully Mirza**

**John Fernandez -Steele**

**Naveed Malik**

**Rifan Fiaz**

**Nigel Kleinfeld (Whole club chairman observing only)**

## **Agenda**

### **1. Chairman's statement**

2023 was a happy season but not successful - this is becoming an increasingly serious issue that needs addressing. The 1st XI particularly needs to get out of the bottom league. With new clubs joining meaning the league has grown in size we're increasingly unlikely to have games in the bottom league umpired by a proper umpire. We need to be aiming for promotion.

Discipline has remained good, it's important to play the game in the right way, but we need to win more often

Thanks to those who have given their time in committee roles the past season. The committee has worked well.

We'll be sad to say goodbye to Josh and Archie in September. Thanks to Josh for setting up and running the 100 club, which has brought in much needed income for the club. Thanks also to Tom for all his hard work with stabilising the finances and putting us in a strong position to grow as a club.

We need more members to take an active role in how the club operates. There are some key decisions coming up over the next few years concerning the whole club development. We need to ensure cricket's priorities are represented in those discussions..

Winter nets have so far been a great success. Well attended with lots of new faces who are keen to join and play for the club. Some look like really good players.

We need to build on women's section

A statement from Dan Gillman, who couldn't make it tonight, about the state of the Juniors section:

- We've had five competitive teams this past season: U9s, U11s, U13s, U14s and U15s
- We've had juniors from each team invited to Essex Eagles trials.
- We've had U13s play for the district team
- We've had players at London youth Games & MCCF tournaments
- We've had over 100 juniors train or play
- We've run summer masterclasses
- Goal is to win a cup or league this coming season and recruit more girls

## **2. Secretary's statement**

- Reminder about the whole club EGM. Communications sent recently by the club secretary and also a reminder by me on whatsapp. The cricket Committee supports the club committee position that spending the thousands of pounds on an audit is an inappropriate waste of club resources. The funds used to pay for the audit would likely need to be recouped through increased membership costs.
- DBS - Captains need to make sure they've renewed their DBS well in advance of the season starting. Captains to ensure their teams have multiple players with a valid DBS check.
- Appeal made for more members to become involved in the running of the club. Falls on a small number of volunteers and is becoming unsustainable.

## **3. Treasurer's statement and financial update**

### Year ending 31 March 23

- Income increased from £35k to £54k. Mainly due to additional £17k from membership fees, match fees and training fees
- Costs increased from 332k to £64k. Largely down to coaching fees, teas and additional ground maintenance
- Overall position was a loss of £10,500. Doesn't look likely to be repeated for 2023/24

### April - December 22 vs Apr - December 2023

- Cash in the bank remains stable at £5.2k
- Higher percentage of juniors at winter training now on annual or monthly subscriptions making it better to predict income and manage expenses more easily.
- Income in 2023 down from £50k to £37k. Explained by lack of income from grants (£14k previously used for ground maintenance)
- Membership fees and training fees down £4k compared to 2022
- Sponsorship income up £4k, 100 club income up £1.1k and match fees up £500
- Expenses 2023 £29k down from £58k in 2022 mainly due to 313k reduction in ground maintenance
- Coaching costs reduced by £5.5k, general expenses down 35k and teas down £4k. All expenses categories are down compared to 2022 with the exception of 100 club prize expenditure which moves in line with 100 club income.
- Overall position is moving from a loss of £8k in December 2022 to a profit of £8k in December 2023.

### Balance Sheet

- Cash £5.2k
- Receivables (match fees and training costs) £800

- Debtors - coaching, hall hire £3k (hall hire fees to be recouped through training fees)
- Loans - £5k loan from main club is now at £4.5k. ECB loan of £6.7k down to 35k.  
Total reduction of £1,250

#### 2023/24 review

Club finances have stabilised such that we're now able to meet all of our obligations and pay off loans to ECB and main club. Whilst stable, we need to ensure expenses are controlled and maximise income. We've managed this well in the last year by finding new arrangements for teas (a saving of £4,000) and ensuring we have the appropriate number of coaches at juniors training.

Income has been boosted by hiring out B8uck Walk for most Sundays when not used by the club which brought in £1,600. The 100 club brings in regular monthly income, increased to £1,500 YTD. Lastly, regular collection of match fees over the summer ensured £7,600 was collected with on 4% going uncollected. Would like to reduce this further to 2% or less in 2024.

In other new merit has agreed to continue being the main sponsor for another year, bringing in £5k. Some of this has been ring fenced for women's cricket, with the hope they continue to bring home trophies as regularly as they have so far.

We're in advanced talk with a new kit supplier - will create a club shop for us like Fentons and club kit will be cheaper than Fentons has been able to supply. They're also providing 1st XI match shirts and training tops and a 10% credit back to the club on all purchases made through them. A link will be shared once the shop has gone live. We're also in talks with one of the breweries who supplies the bar who have expressed an interest in sponsoring the club.

Opportunity for questions - none were raised

#### **4. Clubmark safeguarding policy statement**

This was shared previously with members, having been discussed and agreed to by the committee previously. Copies were made available on the night for those who hadn't seen it yet.

Opportunity for questions or comments - none were raised. Policy statement adopted and signed.

#### **5. Appointment of committee roles and captains**

##### Committee Roles

- Chairman - Derek Steward
- Secretary - Frederick Blassberg
- Treasurer - Tom Davey
- Club Captain - Deepan Gnanalingham

- Juniors Chair and Vice Chair - Dan Gillman & Adele Minchin
- Women's section reps - Cat McMillan & Jen Liu
- Fixtures Secretary - Sufian
- Membership Secretary - John Fernandez Steele
- League Liaison officer - Frederick Blassberg
- Social Secretary - Josh to carry on until September - Ansar has let Derek know he's keen to get involved organising post-match socials subject to work
- Ground manager (Buck Walk) - Umar Zahid
- Out grounds manager (Leyton and Parmiters) - Sufian
- Safeguarding officers - Rebecca and Koen to carry on until new starters have completed their training
- Development officer - remains unfilled
- Social media manager - Archie but will need to hand over when he goes travelling in September. Keen to share the role with anyone who wants to collaborate
- Club Management committee reps - Tom, Dan Josh, Umar
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- 1XI captain - Tom Davery
- 2XI captain - Dan McNamara
- 3XI captain - Don Isuru
- 4XI captain - Deepan Gnanalingham
- 5XI captain - remains unfilled
- Sunday XI captain - Hamza Shakheel
- Women's captain - Noor

All appointments were unanimously agreed

## **6. Any other business**

Celebrating community cricket event - Monday 19 Feb at county hall. 6pm Drinks and food. An evening to celebrate schools, club, womens and juniors cricket. Nasser Hussein will be there giving a talk.. Del will go but if anyone else wants to go let him know

Josh - reminder of the 100 club. £5 a month to enter. Money raised is split 50/50 between the prize pot and the club finances.

If anyone runs a business, or knows some who does, who is interested in sponsoring us we have lots of opportunities available for a range of budgets. Sponsorship pack to be finalised by Archie. Speak to Tom or a member of the committee to discuss further.