

Minutes of the 5th meeting of the Zurich Crickets Cricket Club

Time and Date: 10:30a.m., 19 March 2011

Place: Kantonsschule Hottingen, Lower gymnasium

Attending: Glen Collins
Stephen Hirst
Ray Boucher
Keith Cameron
Laurence Pariaug
Neil Mackie
Philippa Mackie
Ian Morris
Brijesh Luthra
Janet Palmiero
Johan Kruger
Paul Langford
Patrick Henderson (Chairman)
John Millar (Minutes).

Agenda:

1. Meeting Opening – P Henderson
2. Confirmation of minutes of last meeting – John Millar
3. Financial report: Membership report and fees; ZCCC account; Development Fund – J Palmiero
4. Season 2009/10 Report – P Henderson
Auditor's report – Keith Cameron
5. Election of Committee Members – John Millar
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Sponsorship/Fund Raising Manager
 - Website & Publicity Manager
 - Committee Member
 - Committee Member
 - Auditor
6. Coach & manager appointments for season 2010–11 – P Henderson
 - U9 coach and manager: Brijesh Luthra
 - U11 coach & manager: John Millar and Paul Langford
 - U13 coach & manager: Glen Collins, Johan Kruger, Pasquale Palmiero and Radovan Kratky
 - U15/17 coach & manager: Ray Boucher, Neil Mackie, Patrick Henderson and Stephen Hirst
7. Match/Tournament Schedule: Spring/Summer 2011 – coaches and managers
Autumn/Winter 2011/12 – coaches and managers

8. Fund Raising: Activities 2011 Plans

- 2011 Awards Night
- AMAG event

9. Website & Publicity Update: 2010 Activities & 2011 plans – A Wilmot

10. SCA update – P Henderson

11. Other Business – All

12. Meeting Close – P Henderson

1 Meeting Opening

Patrick Henderson (PH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked John Millar (JM) for having agreed to stand in as Club Secretary following the departure during the year of Ivo Favotto for Australia.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting

JM noted that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all members by way of the Club website. They were confirmed at the meeting, and signed by PH and JM.

3. Financial Report

Janet Palmiero distributed a Financial Statement summary for the period 1 March 2010 to 28 February 2011.

This showed that Club income exceeded Club expenses for the period by CHF 4,562. Significant matters of note were:

- The net income position reversed the net expenditure seen the previous year.
- Annual collection of subscriptions, introduced for the last season, had been much easier to administer than the previous two-seasons per year approach. Some late payments, but easily followed up by e-mail. subscriptions totalling CHF 1,300 were still outstanding.
- At 28 February 2011 the Club had an Operating Fund balance of CHF 7,323, in addition to remaining Development Fund balance of CHF 6,400.
- All incomes and expenditures had been processed through the Club bank account. Keith Cameron (KC), Club Auditor, confirmed that this improved the transparency of the accounts compared to previous years.
- Within the net income in the year to 28 February 2011, ZCCC had financed the Zuoz tournament, with no external funding received. In the accounts, "Meals" included the cost of providing all participating players with a hot lunch each day, a detail the Meeting agreed was important.
- Income in the year included CHF 1,680 from Kanton Zurich. PH was in the process of completing the (extensive) forms required to apply for 2011.
- Club monies were generating minimal interest in the bank account.

Proposals for utilising the funds included:

- A new bowling machine (Stephen Hirst, SH)
- Safety equipment to protect loaders of the existing bowling machines, because of the strength with which older members hit the balls back towards the loader (SH)

- A new, high quality mat to replace/ complement the mat at ZIS Adliswil, which would become our "match" mat and be useful when John Cook was running sessions at Adliswil at Easter. (PH)
- Additional rentals of larger halls to have more games over the winter, perhaps Farlifang. (Ray Boucher) This had not been required this year as we had been able to use the ZIS Adliswil Hall for a number of events, at no charge. PH noted that our relationship with ZIS continued to be good, with a good contact through the Burnham family. PH reported that he had been approached by ZIS who were considering a Cricket Academy with which they hoped ZCCC would have some involvement. (It was also noted that the charge for Farlifang, at CHF 500 per day, was prohibitive). The cost of using the Deutweg ground in Winterthur for the coming Summer season was covered by Club Funds.
- Financing the Annual Awards Dinner – though the Meeting agreed with Ian Morris's observation that Club funds should be used for equipment the Club can use, not on Dinners.
- It was noted that it remained Club policy to keep Subscriptions low for all members (relative to other sports clubs the subscriptions remained very low), so where players had to travel to represent the Club, the additional travel/ accommodation costs are not subsidised by the Club.
- On Club spending, KC suggested that PH should continue to have a veto. this was agreed.

4. Season 2010/ 2011 Report

PH distributed a Report listing all of the events and activities at the Club in the last 12 months, noting that the number of activities and achievements that there had been at the Club in the past year had been very satisfying, and that many activities were lined up to make the summer of 2011 very busy, too.

During 2010, 92 players had registered with the Club, and currently around 60 players regularly attend training sessions. Ten coaches work with the players, in addition to team managers, parents providing support and sustenance at matches and tournaments, scoring, umpiring and keeping the Club informed through the website.

5. Election of Committee Members for 2011–2012

Following appropriate nomination and seconding, the Committee elected for 2011–2012 is:

- President: Patrick Henderson
- Secretary: John Millar
- Treasurer: Janet Palmiero
- Sponsorship/ Fund Raising Manager: Stephen Hirst
- Website and Publicity Manager: Philippa Mackie
- Committee Member: Ray Boucher
- Committee Member: Glen Collins
- Committee Member: Brijesh Luthra
- Auditor: Keith Cameron

6. Coach and Manager appointments for 2011–12

The following appointments were confirmed:

- U9 coach and manager: Brijesh Luthra
- U11 coach & manager: John Millar and Paul Langford
- U13 coach & manager: Glen Collins, Johan Kruger, Pasquale Palmiero and Radovan Kratky
- U15/17 coach & manager: Ray Boucher, Neil Mackie, Patrick Henderson and Stephen Hirst

7. Match/ tournament schedule for Spring/ Summer 2011

PH asked the coaches to outline the fixtures planned for the summer.

JM reported that he had been in contact with Gingins proposing a series of outdoor fixtures until late September which would give the players a competitive event approximately monthly. The proposal was to have U11 and U13 fixtures on the same day, playing 11 a side. This was to be confirmed by Gingins. We had also been approached by Geneva Region Youth Cricket Club about arranging fixtures, to which we would respond.

The U15s had a Schweiz v Suisse game organised for Mid May.

Zuoz would be a major event for all three age groups.

The importance of the coaches acting together on fixtures was stressed, to ensure no clashes.

Currently it was not possible to play Basel (see item 10 below), which was unfortunate. It was hoped that this would resolve in the coming months.

8. Fund raising activities: 2011 plans

2011 Awards night

- It was agreed that the Awards Night had been a success and should be repeated in 2011
- Rather than December, however, a date closer to the end of the summer season was recommended, with the meeting agreeing that the beginning of schools' 2 week half term holiday in October would be ideal.
- JP and SH agreed to organise the 2011 event.

AMAG event – September 2011, Dubendorf

- PH noted that AMAG, who had been a loyal sponsor of the Club, were organising an event in September in which they would like the Club to participate.

Kids Charity Gala

- PH advised the meeting that he had been in contact with Kids' Charity Gala, which holds dinners raising money that it distributes to selected recipients. He believes that ZCCC qualifies exactly for consideration to receive a donation, and will maintain contacts as their next dinner in Winterthur approaches.

9. Website & Publicity update

PH noted that the Club website was a prime asset and that he receives contacts from potential members regularly as a result of it. He has also been told by other clubs that they like our supporting pages so much that sometimes they use them too!

GC and JP noted that it was important to take care about anonymity in preparing match reports for publication.

10. Swiss Cricket Association update

PH reported that attempts to reach a reconciliation between the SCA and the breakaway Schweizer Cricket Verbund had failed and no further attempts would be made. This would be likely to lead to the expulsion

of Swiss cricket from the ICC, leading to a further year in which no funding would be received from the International Cricket Council (ICC) and impact on National teams.

The SCA has, however, recently launched its website and has invited ZCCC to become an Associate Member, with voting rights. In the past this had been prevented because ZCCC does not have a Seniors section.

The SCA has asked for loans from Clubs to help reestablish itself. On the basis that a functioning SCA, facilitating consistency between Clubs, obtaining recognition and funding from the ICC and organising tournaments, would be to the clear benefit of ZCCC members, the meeting unanimously approved, by vote, the granting of an interest free loan of CHF 1,000 from the Development Fund to the SCA for a period of up to 12 months.

One impact of the Schweizer Cricket Verbund breakaway noted at the meeting was that junior members at Basel, with whom we had in the past a good relationship, are unable to take part in games with us, including Zuoz 2011. PH proposed that to support broader Cricket in Switzerland a new, temporary, category of ZCCC members be created to enable interested Basel juniors to join us to be able to participate in a Swiss Wanderers side at Zuoz. The proposal was put to the meeting and approved by unanimous vote.

11. Other business

- SH agreed to coordinate accommodation at the Youth Hostel in Zuoz for Club players/ families.
- Brijesh Luthra noted that it was sometimes difficult to keep fully on top of e-mail confirmations (other coaches agreed), and web-based alternatives were discussed.
- PH had received an offer from Deutweg of free tickets to Women's World Ice Hockey Championship games at Deutweg in mid April. Interest was shown, so PH agreed to circulate details.
- BL noted that there seemed insufficient small equipment suitable for the U9 players. After the meeting the Club equipment was separated into U9, U11 and other boxes/ bags, clearly marked. There did seem to be sufficient equipment, and effort would be made in future to ensure the smallest equipment remains separately stored.
- Laurence Pariaug asked if there was a possibility of more U9 games, following the success of the recent indoor day of games against Gingins. It was agreed that this was desirable, but PH reported that ZCCC is really the only club able to field teams at U9 level, so we are limited not by desire but by competition. we would maintain contacts with other clubs to see if more U9 fixtures could be arranged.

12. Meeting close

There being no further business, PH thanked all for attending and declared the Meeting closed.