**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE W C G A**

**4th FEBRUARY 2018.**

**VENUE** : CORSHAM CRICKET CLUB

**TIME** : 10.15 am

**ATTENDANCE** :

G Clift (Shrewton/WGA), P Jackson (Corsham CC/WGA), I Coffin I Soutar (Redlynch & Hale) P Stayt (Erlestoke & Coulston /WGA), P Dennis, A Foyle (Steeple Langford) A Frost G Kitley (Heytesbury & S V), M Butler (Calne CC), J Wilkins (Goatacre CC) D Betts, Ron Low(Box CC), M Smith (B-O- Avon CC & SWCCL, P Sykes WC Ltd P Mortimer WEPL, P Dewsbury, R Coole, (Cricklade CC), , S McClure J Nicholson Shrewton CC, K Thompson Swindon CC, G Gill Westbury CC, A Short, K Boulton (Biddestone CC),Will Hearsey Winterbourne CC, Alex Vickers Guest Speaker, P Merrett Bathford CC, ( 27 no in attendance)

**APOLOGISE** :.)., N Pearce (Lechlade CC) G Tompkins, (Swindon CC), Ian Sharpe White Horse CC, R Saull Grittleton CC, R Mosdell WCGA PA & Malmesbury,D Fisher ,S Johnson (IOG) H Evans Biddestone CC, J Colyer Potterne CC,

**PREVIOUS MINUTES** :

The minutes were adopted as a true record: Carried from the floor.

**MATTERS ARISING** :

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

 **CHAIRMANS REPORT** :

**WGA – Annual General Meeting – 04.02.18**

**Chairman’s Review of 2017/18**

**Matters covered:-**

* Welcome delegates and guests - thank you to Corsham CC for hosting. Particular welcome to any newcomers.
* Reminder re our Aims and Objectives.
* One of challenges as a CGA is to widen the clubs we actively engage with and support.
* Thanks to fellow Committee members (particularly Tony Shardlow who stood down during year).
* Thanks to WCCL and WEPL for support.
* Thanks for support of Wilts Cricket during year.
* Introduce (and thank) today’s guest speaker.
* 2017 season fixture completion rate despite some tough weather.
* Particular role of WCGA to support/advise clubs (and consider pitch marks).
* Worm treatment (Carbenzium as control agent outlawed)- concerns.
* The ECB/county trailer - thanks to 2 x operators (John Wilkins and Phil Mortimer – Phil’s last season). Richard Mosdell taking over as operator
* 2018 Workshops - please support.
* Communication with groundsmen - better and updated database.
* As Chair, concerns re support/training for our Pitch Advisor and lack of clarity from ECB around role of county Pitch Advisors and Grounds Associations. Look forward to developing relationship with newly appointed IOG/ECB South West regional advisor.
* Thank you for attending and for the time you give to cricket as volunteers.

**WILTSHIRE CRICKET MANAGING DIRECTOR: PETE SYKES**

Pete Sykes representing Wiltshire Cricket Ltd, took to the floor and gave a brief overview of current and ongoing activities ie. Grants etc. being undertaken by Wiltshire Cricket Ltd,

**SECRETARIES REPORT** :

The WCGA committee has continued to meet on a monthly basis with Pete Sykes (MD Wilts Cricket Ltd.) at Corsham, to continue to develop the roles of the WCGA and along with Mike Smith Wilts CL to monitor and discuss pitch marks throughout the season and this practice will continue.

The WCGA successfully ran its second training workshop (Autumn Renovations) this season and this was held at Dauntsey School Lavington,with a good response from clubs,15no clubs applied to join the course and the course was run by Gordon Gill. It is hoped that the WCGA can continue to use the facilities at the school for future training courses.

The dates are yet to be set for the two courses, (Spring & Autumn) in March 2018 & August 2018. Dates to be posted on the Wilts Cricket Web Site in due course.

The two trailers were deployed again in the autumn with a good degree of success, albeit one or two minor teething problems, namely the weather, but our two operatives managed to work around it.

Clubs are reminded for those wishing to hire the trailer for Autumn renovations 2018, to contact the WGA Secretary G Clift Tel: 01380 813928 to book early for next year’s renovation works.

**TREASURERS REPORT** :

 The treasurer reported a closing balance for the year end, of **£7765.59** asat the date of 30th September 2017 the balance sheet is supplied amongst the handouts. A new budget for 2018 will be compiled for approval by the MD (P Sykes and the WCGA Committee) for various strategic activities throughout 2017/2018. The current balance as at the time of this meeting stands at **£2555.94**

The trailer system was sent out on hire and undertook works to 26 cricket clubs (29 Squares) during the renovation period, bringing in an income of **£6,775.00** showing a plussage on last year’s hire of **£260.00** (£6515 .00 this was last years trailer income)**,** with outgoing transport and operator costs of **£4,321.00,** the repairs during the renovation period totaling **£284.87.** this wasalso down on last year’s repairs of (£606.76).

The WCGA would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to both John Wilkins and Phil Mortimer, for all their hard work in delivering the programme on behalf of the WCGA. Unfortunately Phil will not be carrying out our future renovation works in the South any more, so many thanks Phil for all your hard work over the past years.

Report Adopted as a True Record : Proposed By:P Jackson, Seconded By: G Gill : Carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** :

**Chairman :**  P Stayt Prop.By : P Dewsbury, Sec. By, G Gill: Carried

**Vice Chairman :** M Smith: Prop.By, M Butler, Sec. By, P Stayt : Carried

**Secretary :** G Clift : Prop. By, P Jackson, Sec. By, M Smith : Carried

**Treasurer :** G Clift : Prop. By, P Jackson, Sec. By, M Smith : Carried

**WGA Board Representative :** P Jackson: Prop. By, P Dewsbury, Sec. By, G Gill, Carried

**A O B** :

GC mentioned to members, that the Dennis Company has kindly invited our association up to their establishment for a tour of their workshops etc, and would members be keen for us to implement this visit. It would be weekday trip, I would need to have committed numbers for the visit so that we could arrange transport ie mini bus etc and then arrange a suitable time and date with the Dennis Company. The feedback from the floor was encouraging, therefore G Clift / G Gill will pursue this proposed visit once committed numbers are to hand.

The date for next year’s AGM will be the **3rd February 2019 and the venue will be at Shrewton CC.**

The AGM finally closed at 10.50 am.

Our WCGA Chairman then introduced and invited our guest speakers A Vickers who gave a very good presentation on the science of good rolling practices pre season and wicket preparation do’s and dont’s

**G W Clift (Hon.Sec. / Treas.) Date: 4th February 2018**