**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE W C G A 3rd FEBRUARY 2019**

**VENUE** : SHREWTON CRICKET CLUB

**TIME** : 10.15 am

**ATTENDANCE** :

G Clift (Shrewton/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 (Chairman of Somerset CGA and committee member of WEPL), P Dewsbury, R Coole, (Cricklade CC), J Nicholson {Shrewton CC), S Woolnough Guest Speaker, C Pope {Sutton Benger CC) (20 no in attendance)

**APOLOGISE** :. R Mosdell WCGA PA &,S Johnson (IOG) , P Jackson (Corsham CC/WGA), K Thompson Swindon CC, G Gill Westbury CC, A Short, K Boulton (Biddestone CC),Will Hearsey Winterbourne CC, M Gardner Purton CC, Bretton King Ecosolve

**PREVIOUS MINUTES** :

The minutes were adopted as a true record: Prop.M Butler Sec. C Pope: Carried from the floor.

**MATTERS ARISING** :

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT** :

**WGA – Annual General Meeting – 03.02.19**

**Chairman’s Review of 2018/19**

**Matters covered:-**

**WCGA AGM – 3rd Feb 2019 – Shrewton CC**

**Chairman’s Review of 2018**

* Welcome delegates and guests - thank you to Shrewton CC for hosting the AGM and special thanks on this cold day to Laura and Jim Nicholson and Tas Gray for providing our members with refreshments and setting up the hall.
* Reminder re our Aims and Objectives.
* One of challenges as a CGA is to widen the clubs we actively engage with and support so move AGM around the county.
* Thanks to fellow Committee members and Thanks to WCCL and WEPL for support.
* Thanks for support of Wiltshire Cricket during year.
* Guest Speaker introduce. Steve Woolnough.
* 2018 season particularly memorable in terms of weather extremes. Pitch Advisor sent out 3 x guidance notes for groundsman during the year.
* Particular role of WCGA to support/advise clubs (and consider pitch marks).
* The ECB/county trailer - thanks to 2 x operators (John Wilkins and Richard Mosdell). Plan to review trailer hire charges for 2019 renovation.
* Please support our workshops and activities (March 2018 Workshop had to be cancelled – trip to Dennis June was interesting and worthwhile)
* Communication with groundsmen - better and updated database.
* As Chair, last year expressed concerns re support/training for our Pitch Advisor and lack of clarity from ECB around role of county Pitch Advisors and Grounds Associations. Bristol Meeting in October gave an update.
* Thank you for attending and for the time you give to cricket as volunteers.

**WILTSHIRE CRICKET Ltd. 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.Reduced Small Grants etc. being undertaken by Wiltshire Cricket Ltd, and the introduction of new pitch lengths for junior cricket and how this impacts on groundsman for 2019 season. The huge success of last years All Stars cricket and how the model format used by Wiltshire and one or two other counties would be adopted. Also Pete spoke about the new 5 year ECB Strategy being rolled out and to be delivered by the County Boards

**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 again ran the training workshop (Spring and Autumn Renovations) during the season and this was held at Dauntsey School Lavington,with a good response from clubs,for the Spring Course ,but the Autumn course was poorly attended only 4 delegates in attendance, the course was run by Gordon Gill. To make the courses viable, then clubs are reminded to try and support this initiative in the future.

The date is now set for the Spring Workshop course, and this will be Saturday 2nd March and will be held at Steeple Langford CC. Pete Sykes has notified all clubs of this event. The date for the August 2019Workshop is yet to be set. Dates will be posted on the Wilts Cricket Web Site in due course, together with newsletters to all clubs.

The two trailers were deployed again in the autumn with a good degree of success, albeit one or two minor teething problems.

Clubs are reminded for those wishing to hire the trailer for Autumn renovations 2019, to contact the WGA Secretary G Clift Tel: 01380 813928 to book early for next year’s renovation work

**TREASURERS REPORT** :

The treasurer reported a closing balance for the year end, of **£3,273.61** asat the date of 19th October 2018 the balance sheet is supplied amongst the handouts. A new budget for 2019 will be compiled for approval by the MD (P Sykes and the WCGA Committee) for various strategic activities throughout 2018/2019. The current balance as at the time of this meeting stands at **£1046.97**

The trailer system was sent out on hire and undertook works to 24 cricket clubs (26 Squares) during the renovation period, bringing in an income of **£6,685.00,** with outgoing transport and operator costs of **£3,975.00,** the repairs during the renovation period totaling **£116.81.** this wasdown on last year’s repairs of (£284.87).

The WCGA would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to both John Wilkins and Richard Mosdell, for all their hard work in delivering the programme on behalf of the WCGA.

Report Adopted as a True Record : Proposed By M Smith, Seconded By: I Soutar : Carried from the floor.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** :

**Chairman :**  P Stayt

**Vice Chairman :** M Smith:

**Secretary :** G Clift :

**Treasurer :** G Clift :

**WGA Board Representative :** P Jackson

All of the above officers were willing to stand for another term and were elected en bloc. Proposed: R Low Seconded: P Dennis : Carried.

**A O B** :

The date for next year’s AGM will be the **2nd February 2020 and the venue will be at Goatacre CC.**

George Clift told members that the WCGA would try to arrange a day trip to Lords for the coming season and will contact Karl McDermott.

Chairman Patrick Stayt addressed the members, to notify them that this will be his last year as standing on the committee as Chairman of the association.

The AGM finally closed at 11.00 am.

Our WCGA Chairman then introduced and invited our guest speaker Professor Steve Woolnough Reading University,who gave a very good presentation on the science etc of weather patterns and predictions.

**G W Clift (Hon.Sec. / Treas.) Date: 4th February 2019**