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

**5th FEBRUARY 2017.**

**VENUE** : GOATACRE CRICKET CLUB

**TIME** : 10.15 am

**ATTENDANCE** :

G Clift (Shrewton/WGA), T Shardlow (Corsham/WGA), I Coffin (Redlynch & Hale) P Stayt (Erlestoke & Coulston /WGA), P Dennis, A Foyle (Steeple Langford) A Frost (Heytesbury & S V), M Butler (Calne CC), J Wilkins (Goatacre CC) D Betts, Ron Low(Box CC), M Smith (B-O- Avon CC & SWCCL, , James Down Potterne CC, P Meadows , M Miles (Devizes CC), P Sykes WC Ltd P Mortimer WEPL, P Dewsbury, R Coole, (Cricklade CC), D Fisher Prior Park School, N Shardlow Wilts CCC., S McClure Shrewton CC, R Mosdell Wilts PA & Malmesbury CC, K Thompson Swindon CC, T Carpenter Beanacre & Melksham CC, D Clarke Whitehorse CC,J Williams Peterborough Arms CC. ( 26no in attendance)

**APOLOGISE** :.). G Gill Westbury CC, M Gardner (Purton), A Short, (Biddestone CC), N Pearce (Lechlade CC) G Tompkins, (Swindon CC), M Miles (Devizes CC), A Collins Peterborough Arms 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 – 05.02.17**

**Chairman’s Review of 2016**

**Matters covered:-**

* Welcome delegates and guests and Thankyou to Goatacre for hosting.
* Thanks to fellow Committee members (particularly George Clift as Sec & Treasurer)
* Thanks to WCCL and WEPL particularly for support.
* Thanks for support of Wilts Cricket (particularly Pete Sykes) during year.
* Introduce (and thank) today’s guests/speakers.
* Introduce – Richard Mosdell, new county pitch advisor.
* 2016 season fixture completion rate
* Role of WCGA to support/advise clubs (and consider pitch marks)
* ‘Get the Game on’ and ECB Small Grants scheme.
* The ECB/county trailer and thanks to 2 x operators
* 2017 Workshops 5th March and 27th Aug – please support.
* Communication with groundsmen - better and updated database
* New Clubs welcome and we should be offering to help/support.
* Thank you for attending and for the time you give to cricket as volunteers.

**Pete Sykes: WILTSHIRE CRICKET MANAGING DIRECTOR:**

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

**SECRETARIES REPORT** :

The WCGA committee has continued to meet on a monthly basis with Pete Sykes (CDM) 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 decided not to run the IOG Basic Foundation course this year and decided to offer to our affiliated club members an alternative option and run this type of course in house, utilizing our experienced retired PA to front up and deliver the courses. Also one of our main aim’s , was to drastically keep the costs to clubs down, with the hope that more clubs would send delegates on these courses and provide a good level of ongoing training and awareness to club members.

It was unfortunate that the scheduled Autumn course, August 2016, had to be cancelled at the last minute, due to a poor response from clubs. If our intended ongoing training is to be successful in the future, then it needs our members to show support for this training initiative in order for the WCGA to continue to provide training support to clubs. It is our intention to run these courses again for 2017, with the hope that members will support this initiative. The dates set for the two courses, (Spring & Autumn) are, 5th March 2017 & 27th August 2017. ( Bradford CC & Westbury CC)

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

Interviews were undertaken during the season to appoint a replacement PA. the successful candidate was Richard Mosdell ( Malmesbury CC), he is now settling into his new role and I am sure that the WCGA and members present would like to congratulate and welcome Richard onboard with his new role.

Clubs are reminded for those wishing to hire the trailer for Autumn renovations 2017, 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 **£7,132.97** asat the date of 30th September 2016 the balance sheet is supplied amongst the handouts. A new budget for 2016/2017 will be compiled for approval by the CDM (P Sykes and the WCGA Committee) for various strategic activities throughout 2016/2017. The current balance as at the time of this meeting stands at **£1573.32**

The trailer system was sent out on hire and undertook works to 26 cricket squares (22 Clubs) during the renovation period, bringing in an income of **£6,515.00** showing a decrease on last year’s hire of **£425.00** (£6940 .00 was last years trailer income)**,** with outgoing transport and operator costs of **£4,165.00,** and repairs during the renovation period totaling **£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.

Report Adopted as a True Record : Proposed By: P Dewsbury, Seconded By: P Meadows : Carried

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** :

**Chairman :**  P Stayt

**Vice Chairman :** M Smith:

**Secretary :** G Clift :

**Treasurer :** G Clift :

**WGA Board Representative :** T Shardlow

All existing serving officers were prepared to stand for another term, therefore all were voted in “En Bloc”, Proposed by P Meadows and Seconded by Des Clarke : Carried.

**A O B** :

GC mentioned to members in attendance, that Dennis/SISIS are hosting a Cricket Groundsman’s Seminar on Thursday the 16th February 2017 at Gloucestershire County Cricket Club Bristol. Should any member wishing to attend, then please contact Roger Moore at Dennis/SISI direct via email [roger.moore@dennisuk.com](mailto:roger.moore@dennisuk.com) to book a place. Closing date 10th February 2017.

The date for next year’s AGM will be the **4th February 2018 and the venue will be Corsham CC.**

The AGM finally closed at 11.10 am.

Our WCGA Chairman then introduced and invited our guest speakers to take to the floor:

**Richard Mosdell** **( The new appointed Wiltshire Pitch Advisor)** gave members an overview on his role and asked members to contact him for any concerns and advice should the need arise.

**Pete Sykes: WILTSHIRE CRICKET MANAGING DIRECTOR:**

**Pete Sykes** representing Wiltshire Cricket Ltd, took to the floor and gave a brief overview of current and ongoing activities being undertaken by Wiltshire Cricket Ltd, he also spoke of the new ECB strategies to be undertaken by counties and the current position regarding Clubmark.

**Neil Shardlow: Wiltshire County Cricket Club Manager** gave members an in depth insight of his role as the WCCC Manager, the current and proposed set up with the addition of a WCCC 2nd Team (Previously Academy) and what is expected of players representing their county when selected. Neil also spoke about expectations from a players point of view regarding pitch preparations at minor counties level, together with the pitch marking system.

**G W Clift (Hon.Sec. / Treas.) Date: 6th February 2017**