



Minutes:	General Committee
Date:	Tuesday 26 th April 2022
Time:	16:00
Place:	Double Box 52/53, The Kia Oval Zoom Video Conference (Dial-In)
Chair:	R Thompson
Members in Attendance:	L Conder C Dymond M Eadon T (Patricia) Garrard P (Philip) Garrard R Harman J Hudson W Jones K Olafare JP D Pakeman Dr M Searle M Tee A Tudor D Watts DL S Wootten
In attendance:	C Doyle (minutes) S Elworthy MBE G Seleznova A Lane A Stewart OBE

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from M Bicknell, B Qureshi and R Trinick.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting on 24th March were agreed as an accurate record.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 R Thompson explained the ‘Seat at the Table’ plaque memorial which would be complete in the near future.
- 3.2 R Thompson noted that a photographer would be commissioned to produce headshots of all Committee members at the next meeting.
- 3.3 R Thompson noted that a separate email address for Members to contact the GC was being established and would be published on the website.
- 3.4 R Thompson noted that the Hobbs Trophy would be played on Friday 10th June at the Kia Oval.

ITEM 4 ELECTION OF CHAIR

- 4.1 M Eadon proposed that R Thompson be re-elected as Chair of the Club, with immediate effect, in accordance with Club Rule 18.3. D Pakeman seconded this proposal. Standing unopposed, and with a unanimous show of hands, R Thompson was duly elected as Chair of Surrey County Cricket Club. R Thompson thanked M Eadon and the General Committee for his re-election and commented on the challenges of the last 12 months.

ITEM 5 CEO REPORT

- 5.1 S Elworthy commented on the ICEC submission, noting the final report would be published in September.
- 5.2 S Elworthy updated the Committee regarding recent issues with the balustrades and the snagging list for the Galadari Stand.
- 5.3 S Elworthy explained plans for a Jubilee lunch on 5th June.

- 5.4 S Elworthy and R Thompson commented on Yorkshire CCC's commitment to provide free entry to its pathway.
- 5.5 S Elworthy noted that LED floodlights would be installed, as part of the venue's sustainability efforts. S Elworthy added that a potential solar panel installation on the JM Finn Stand was being considered.

ITEM 6 CRICKET

- 6.1 A Stewart reported on Surrey Women's start to the season. A Stewart added that no decision regarding the future structure of Women's Cricket had been made by the ECB.
- 6.2 A Stewart commented on the positive start to the County Championship, and praised Lee Fortis and the grounds team for producing excellent cricket pitches so far.
- 6.3 A Stewart reported on overseas signings.
- 6.4 A Stewart reported on player injuries, and noted that James Taylor had suffered a stress fracture.

ITEM 7 FINANCE

- 7.1 A Lane summarised Forecast 1, and reported a negative variance of £69k against budget.
- 7.2 A Lane reported that T20 ticket sales were significantly under-performing against budget by approximately 40%. A Lane noted a large reduction in group bookings.

ITEM 8 GOVERNANCE

General Committee Election

- 8.1 R Thompson commented that the General Committee election had been the largest in the Club's modern history, with 14 candidates.
- 8.2 R Thompson reported that Arun Harinath, Laura Rolles, David Gill and Chris Thompson had been elected as new members of the General Committee.
- 8.3 R Thompson commented on General Committee attendance. R Thompson noted the difficulty several members had in attending meetings in-person, and added that contributions from the General Committee did not have to solely be at meetings, but understood the concerns.

Composition of Board and General Committee

- 8.4** R Thompson displayed the composition of the Board and General Committee and explained the governance structure at the Club. R Thompson commented on the role of the newly established Culture & Values Board. K Olafare will be co-opted to the General Committee for the coming year.
- 8.5** S Elworthy commented that a new non-executive director, Vasi Naidoo, was joining the Board.

ITEM 9 ECB

- 9.1** R Thompson commented on the discussions regarding the new Long Term Staging Agreement.
- 9.2** R Thompson commented on the ECB Chair recruitment process, which had been reset due to a lack of suitable candidates.

ITEM 10 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- 10.1** R Thompson noted that the Board were close to formally approving the Oval Hotel project. C Dymond commented on discussions with Travelodge regarding Oval Hotel and noted that physical building works were likely to commence in July.

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1** R Thompson paid tribute to outgoing Committee members S Wootten, W Jones and K Olafare.
- 11.2** S Elworthy reported on the changes made to the Member guest voucher system, and explained that printed vouchers were available from the ticket office.
- 11.3** D Pakeman commented on the upcoming Sri Lanka XI match at Guildford, and highlighted that attendances in the Committee Room had been disappointing so far this season.

ITEM 12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 12.1** Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 18:00 in the Committee Room.