

Minutes:	General Committee
Date:	Thursday 21st March 2024
Time:	18:00
Place:	Committee Room, Kia Oval
Chair:	O Slipper
Members in Attendance:	M Eadon T (Patricia) Garrard P (Philip) Garrard D Gill A Grabiner A Harinath J Hudson K Olafare JP C Payne P Pocock B Qureshi M Reeve L Rolles Dr M Searle A Stewart OBE M Tee R Trinick
In attendance:	C Doyle S Elworthy MBE A Lane K Leach (minutes)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from C Dymond, W Jones, K Kumaria, C Thompson and A Tudor.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 31st January 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 To be covered in the meeting.

ITEM 4 CRICKET

- **4.1** Aaron Hardie's NOC has been withdrawn so he will not be joining the squad this summer.
- 4.2 The players who have been in India with England are now back in the UK and ECB are advising on their availability for the first rounds of the County Championship.
- **4.3** Four Surrey players are in India for the IPL Reece Topley, Sam Curran, Tom Curran and Will Jacks.
- **4.4** Fourteen Surrey players will be involved in the Hundred competition this summer.
- **4.5** A Stewart announced that he will step down as Director of Cricket in December. The General Committee thanked A Stewart for his unparallelled service to the Club.

ITEM 5 CEO REPORT

- 5.1 The Club has submitted a bid to host a Tier 1 women's team and will be presenting to the ECB on Friday. The ECB has received 16 bids and successful club's will be notified by 19th April. K Leach to share the submission video with the Committee.
- 5.2 S Elworthy updated the Board on ECB meetings regarding the Hundred, CPA 2.0 and planning for the 2025 fixture schedule.
- **5.3** The Committee discussed the new cup levy being introduced through the season. S Elworthy to advise on the process around supporters bringing their own handled cup.

ITEM 6 ICEC REPORT

6.1 The EDI Census results will be presented at the next meeting.

ITEM 7 FINANCE

- 7.1 The Committee discussed the 2023 accounts and annual report, which have been circulated.
- **7.2** M Eadon advised that the accounts had been reviewed by the ARG Committee and recommended the Committee to approve.
- **7.3** The Committee approved the accounts and thanked A Lane, A Kay and the finance team.

ITEM 8 GOVERNANCE

- **8.1** The Committee approved the existing membership limit of 21,000.
- 6.2 The Committee approved the proposal by the Club Honours Committee to award Honorary Life Memberships to Simon Dyson and Graham Ekins.
- 6.3 One name was proposed for Honorary Life Vice President, and this was approved by the General Committee. This nomination will now go the AGM for approval.
- **6.4** C Doyle explained the process in relation to the General Committee e-mail inbox.
- 6.5 There are nine candidates in the General Committee election and the voting process will be online and live from 22nd March through to 22nd April.
- A Nomination Committee has been formed to identify new Surrey Board members and D Gill is a member of this Nomination Committee.

ITEM 9 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- **9.1** The Club has had a series of meetings with LSE and is now working on options for the development of the site.
- **9.2** The Archbishop Tennison School trustees are going to market for an educational occupier so the Club will continue monitor this.
- **9.3** The hotel is now open.

ITEM 10 ECB

10.1 The Hundred host venue CEOs and Chairs will be meeting on 3rd April.

ITEM 11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 L Rolles highlighted the negative effect of scorers no longer being DBS checked by ECB and S Elworthy advised that he has raised this in two ECB meetings. The Club will investigate how it can support with this issue.
- **11.2** M Reeve requested a Club organisation chart.
- 11.3 M Searle attended a post-ICEC meeting and will provide feedback at the next General Committee meeting.
- 11.4 C Payne complimented the Club on celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first One day title win.
- 11.5 In response to P Garrard's question, S Elworthy confirmed that a resource plan was in place for when the Hundred team is fully managed by the Club.
- 11.6 A Stewart advised that the two pre-season matches will not be 'proper' games, with each team having one day to bat and one day to field.
- 11.7 M Eadon advised that Joe Ryan and Charlotte Samuelson have stepped down from the ARG Committee and the Committee thanked them both for their support and dedication over the years.

ITEM 12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 The date and time of the next meeting is Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 15:30.