

# **Uppermill Cricket & Bowling Club Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 7.30p.m.**

## **PRESENT:**

Steve Roberts (Chairman), Claire Haslam, Jim Bradbury, John Poulter, Kath Roberts, Marcus Riedlsperger, Steve Greenwood, Phil Cooper, Stewart Potts, Sarah Potts, Leigh-Ann Faulkner, Shannon O'Dowd, Max Cooper, Mark Spratt, Jack Wood, Oliver Whisker, Tom Potts, Will Potts, George Redfearn, Noah Price, Graham Harris, Alicia Harris, David Price, James Chamberlain.

## **APOLOGIES:**

Lynda Bradbury,

A minute's silence was held in memory of members who had passed away since our last Annual General Meeting, with a particular noteworthy mention for Cec Wright, following which the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, held 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were distributed.

## **Matters Arising:**

A member asked whether the debts included within the treasurers report had been paid:

The listing fee from Wilds had been received. The money owed for invoiced team sponsorship was not received and had to be written off, with the boards removed; and the upfront payment to Lincoln Roberts, who had agreed to play for us in 2024, had to be written off as he had left the country and we were unable to contact him.

The minutes were proposed for approval by Stewart Potts and accepted unanimously.

## **REVIEW OF THE YEAR:**

### **TABLE TENNIS:**

Finished a respectable 5<sup>th</sup> in Division Three. The best player was Stuart Hanson with 70% wins.

### **SENIOR CRICKET:**

Both teams were relegated. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team on de-merit but the 1<sup>st</sup> team very controversially when the league deducted points implementing a rule that players could only play in one weekend league. This was the first time this rule had been applied in the 7 years since the GMCL was formed. Despite fighting this decision the rule was, unfortunately, upheld. The Cricket Committee informed the meeting that

they have put procedures in place to ensure this situation does not arise in the future.

### **JUNIOR CRICKET:**

U9's had a strong team, winning all but two of their matches.

U11's had two teams out, the Lions and the Tigers, both finishing in the bottom half of their performance leagues.

U13's struggled for players throughout the season, with football and rugby competing for players on Sunday mornings.

U15's proved a strong team with some talented prospects. League winners.

### **BOWLING:**

It has been a very good season with successes for Tameside Men's Vets Team A promoted, Tameside Men's Vets A team Cup winners and Tameside Men's Vets B Team Cup winners. No teams have been relegated.

There are currently 121 bowling members, within 15 teams and a new winter league team.

There are currently 19 new members involved in training sessions.

Costs in keeping the green playable have increased.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

The Audited Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 have been prepared for the meeting. The report had only been received back from the Independent Reviewer on Tuesday this week. This was due to them initially being produced in a different style and the Treasurer, Lynda Bradbury, had to work with the Independent Reviewer at short notice to have them reproduced in a comparable style to last year's format.

It is noted that the Treasurer is currently in hospital and therefore unable to attend tonight's meeting to provide additional information to members wishing further clarity on the figures contained within the accounts.

In her absence Jim Bradbury advised that:

- The accounts show a profit this year of £2,940 compared with a loss of £848 last year;
- The figure in the bank £17k is very similar to that of last year, bearing in mind an amount of £1,820 is owed to members on their prepayment cards;
- A new mower had to be purchased;
- The club has paid £5k towards the cost of fitting the solar panels. This is proving to be a good investment, in conjunction with changing our energy

supplier, as the energy bills have already shown savings of £1k. With this recent period of sustained fine weather the last energy bill was just £200 so it is apparent that better savings can be made; and

- Bar takings are quite a way up this year, with the cost of stock purchases down. Thanks were expressed to the Bar Manager, Marcus Riedlsperger, for his diligence in shopping around seeking competitive prices.

Member, Steve Greenwood, advised there were some items in the Annual Accounts that he felt needed further clarification prior to adoption. A general discussion took place regarding this situation, and due to the fact that the committee had not met to discuss these prior to the meeting in order to assist in the absence of the Treasurer, this will be an agenda item at the next committee meeting for a way forward. The accounts were not adopted during this meeting.

It was at this point that a **CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION** was proposed by the committee, increasing from 2 to 3 months the calling of the AGM after the end of the financial year.

This would alleviate any problems with getting the accounts provided within such a short timescale.

Section 4.13 in the constitution now reads:

The Annual General Meeting shall be called no more than **3 months** after the end of the financial year, when the committee for the time being shall submit the past years accounts to the members, who shall appoint an independent reviewer to examine the Club accounts.

The proposal had been made in the required 21 days before the AGM.

This change to constitution was unanimously agreed by the members.

## **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS:**

An error had been made in not advising the Bowling Section of last year's increase in subscriptions with the result they have a further year at the previous rate.

It was unanimously agreed to keep social membership at £30 and over 60's at £25 for this year.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICIALS/SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:**

Committee members re-elected: Lynda Bradbury (Treasurer), Jim Bradbury, Steve Roberts, Mark Spratt, Stewart Potts, David Price, Max Cooper, Graham Redfearn, Claire Haslam, Marcus Riedlsperger, John Poulter, Michael Hill.

New committee members: Kath Roberts (Minutes & Correspondence Secretary), Leigh-Ann Faulkner, Steve Greenwood. Proposed: Sarah Potts, Seconded: Alicia Harris. All unanimously elected.

Safeguarding Officers: Sarah Potts and Jim Bradbury (Cricket Section) Fred Dellar and Pam Tomlinson (Bowls Section).

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Phil Cooper asked if there were any signs informing of 'CCTV in operation', this being a legal requirement. This will be checked and rectified urgently for compliance. He also felt that, following a young child nearly being hit by a cricket ball last week, a safety sign should be erected which reminds parents of their need to take responsibility for their children whilst games are in progress.

Sarah Potts asked if the club currently had an Accident Book and its location. To be checked and new book purchased if required.

John Poulter and Phil Cooper asked whether there were plans to extend the netting on the roof as the bowlers were still feeling very vulnerable.

A discussion was held around insurance for the bonfire. A fuller discussion on this will be added to a committee agenda.

Jack Wood asked about the availability of the disabled toilet and whether a key could be kept behind the bar. Can we also look at baby changing facilities. Speaking on behalf of some members they felt that the condition of the outfield areas let the club down in comparison with other clubs they have visited this season. Leigh-Ann Faulkner added she was willing to organise some fundraising activities, engaging some of the junior section parents, to help support the costs of enhancing the environment.

It was agreed the above items of any other business will be taken forward for discussion at future committee meetings.

There being no further Any Other Business items the Chair thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

