

## DUNFERMLINE & CARNEGIE CRICKET CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022

7pm – Sports Club, McKane Park

**PRESENT:** (those who signed into the AGM) Nancy Gibson, Erin Leslie, John Huton, Gareth Coles, Brian Brown, James Spreng, Alistair White, James Pike, Dejesh Deenadayalan, Jim Stark, Anthony Xavier, Stanley Wilson, Steve Rowley, Arfan Yousaf, Junaid Iqbal, Omar Riaz, M Rehman Yousaf, Farhan Yousaf, Dylan Wood, Pete Millmore, Alan Leitch, David Millar, John Parsonage, A Khan, Bryan Keenan, Vasu Reddy, Usman Saleem, Ajaz Mohammad, Ali Raza, Muhammad Arslan, Usman Asim, Siddhu, Salman Sarwar, M F Ali, Manbir Singh, Richard Cox, Simon Forster, Jazai Mohammad

**APOLOGIES:** Iain Worth, George Olney, Jamie Lee, Ian Barron, Bruce Callan, Andy Callan, Donald Petrie, Geet Grover, Andrew Miller and David Cooper, President, Dunfermline Sports Club.

#### **Welcome from Club President**

Welcome everyone, for any members who may not know, the AGM is a chance to hear a review of the year from all areas of the club and to vote for who will be in key roles for the next year. Dunfermline & Carnegie Cricket club has roots dating back over 100 years and it's always been the members that help shape its future.

This year, it would be an understatement to say it's been a challenging year, but I would like to thank everyone for attending, without you all and the members unable to make it today we show that cricket can bring together people from all walks of life and create bonds that can last a lifetime. One of the benefits of being at this club, personally, has been the social aspect, which I think is one of our strongest assets and one of the best any club can have. As long as we have respect for one another and continue to work with each other we can get through any event that is thrown at us and come back stronger.

We shall now progress to the reports from each of the positions at the club.

#### **President's Report**

As mentioned this has been a challenging year.

Sadly this year has been marred by disciplinary complaints which have challenged us all. Although still ongoing, we hope to see a swift resolution of these with efforts to resolve these amicably with ESCA and hopefully next year will be a more positive year.

Covid subsided this year and it allowed for a more open season including some matches where teas were provided and I think I talk for everyone when I say it was greatly enjoyed and appreciated to see this return even if just a limited number of games.

Winter training started in February and attendance was good, although dropped off a little towards the end. We also welcomed some new members and Steve got to work clearing out the cobwebs and getting us reacquainted with the game again.

This was a bumper year for matches with only 1 match being rained off all season. All three teams won their opening games with the 1st eleven winning their first 4 matches. Sadly this form wasn't to last with both the first and second teams losing matches by fine margins. Both teams finished 5th in the top half of their respective leagues with 9 wins each. Although not the promotion we all were looking for, it consolidates our position with a look to promotion next year. Worthy of note is the senior side debut of Arav, Conor and Nikhil. All have grown in confidence throughout the year and I look forward to seeing them continue this growth next year and stake their claim for places in the 2nd XI. We also see the welcome addition of some new 1st team members to strengthen the ranks and help us push forward.

On the Sunday team side things started well with wins early on. Unfortunately the difficult nature of a development XI repeated its history with 50% of the games planned being called off due to unavailability, mostly on the opposition's side. There were some great performances from the junior section and it bodes well for the future of the club to see these players coming through.

### **Treasurer's Report**

David presented the accounts for 2022. David made it clear that the accounts handed out were only draft as the club's financial year was to the 30th September 2022.

In terms of the accounts Subs income was up due to a lot of new members coming in – but still some due to pay which has not been reflected – but would need settled before players play next year.

In terms of major income/spend – there was £5k received in grants for the sit on lawnmower which Nancy had managed to secure the funding for. This didn't pay for the mower in full but contributed mostly to it. The major costs were Ground Running Costs and Equipment Purchases. Main equipment was the mower. In terms of Ground Running costs this would have been higher – had James Stark not donated one cut per week in diesel costs. Ajaz Mohammad asked about Sponsorship – and David mentioned the £1,000 in 2021 from Purvis covered two years so really £500 should be in this financial year – however the accounts are prepared on a cash basis.

David stressed that going forward the club needed to do more on fundraising to allow it to continue to improve the facilities and pay for coaching. The accounts in draft were showing a deficit of £3,445 which is worrying – but we were fortunate to have money in the bank. However next year we need to at least break even.

### **Secretary's Report**

All correspondence for the Club over the past year with ESCA, Cricket Scotland and Clubs in our Leagues has all been handled. I've now been in the role as Secretary of the Club, which I volunteered to do 6.5 years ago, after the then Secretary Donald Walley stood down as his shifts had changed and he couldn't attend meetings.

I would like to thank Alistair, David and Arfan plus all the Members of the Committee for all their help in handling the cases brought against the Club and Members of the Club by our opposition most of which is still ongoing.

I would also like to say it's been a bit different latterly with our President, Martin Honeyford, having to step aside due to allegations and Alistair has done well moving into the role with Arfan becoming Interim Vice President and Simon becoming Child Protection Officer.

The Club managed to obtain a Grant once again from the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust for the new grounds mower. The Trust agreed a £5,000 Grant with the Club paying £1,000 to cover the VAT. I would like to thank Gareth for his assistance in identifying and sourcing the mower for sale and his help with the suppliers.

### **Ground Report**

Gareth mentioned that the wickets prepared on the square are improving year by year with the work put in over the winter period with help from Jimmy and Frank. There's a lot still to be done this winter and it may be that we need to purchase one or two items of equipment to make this happen. There were also two new grass nets created next to the main nets and everyone seems happy with them. Regular cutting and rolling will help to improve the outfield.

### **Pavilion**

Frank gave a Report on the Pavilion. Frank will be working 2 days per week around the Cricket Club and 2 days for Dunfermline Athletic and then in the shop on Friday mornings.

The ceiling in the main entrance was attended to and painted during last winter – that took a wee while to do. Frank asked whether the Committee were looking to have the Dressing-rooms painted during the winter?

The covers have been attended to and the nets have to be taken down and stored. Frank may need some help with this.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain's Report**

Arfan Yousaf who captained the Club in Season 2022 and finished in fifth place, said that the second half of the campaign was disappointing. It was a good campaign overall. We went into the second half of it close on the tails of the leading two clubs but availability became a little bit patchy and the closing few fixtures which saw us field much weaker teams which cost us results. Looking ahead we must try to field our strongest side in every game and work as a really solid, committed unit.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain's Report**

Alan Leitch said the team finished in the top half of Division Six and a lot of their younger players had shown great promise. Our batting was solid but, at times, our bowling and fielding was inconsistent. Key points were:-

Reasonable performance from the 2s.

All players must look at their attitude and behaviour on the cricket field.

More personal responsibility for availability & notifying captains of non-availability is required across the board.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> XI is a must.

### **Sunday XI Captain's Report**

On the Sunday team side things started well with wins early on. Unfortunately the difficult nature of a development XI repeated its history with 50% of the games planned being called off due to unavailability, mostly on the opposition's side. There were some great performances from the junior section and it bodes well for the future of the club to see these players coming through.

Some of the highlights worth mentioning was Arav's 5 for 2 runs off 4 overs in the opening fixture and batting from start to finish at Westquarter to outscore his dad by 2 runs. Nikhil too showed his skill with the bat getting 31 himself at the next game against Broomhall and William showing how dangerous he is with anything down leg with 28 against Edinburgh Accies. Each should take great pride in their achievements this year and we look forward to seeing what greater heights they aspire to next year.

I would also like to call out the great spirit that everyone in the development league games have played with this year. Throughout the matches everyone has worked hard, tried their best and it's made the games enjoyable to be part of and is a true inspiration for the future of the club.

### **Colts/Juniors Report**

#### **2022 Junior Season**

U-12s 47   U-16s. 9

Sunday Kwik Cricket Festivals well attended.

U-16 & U14 hardball also well attended.

10 sessions at Woodmill High School

Indoor at Cluny - 4 sessions.

Fixtures for next year.

Schools coaching March, April & May with Kwik Cricket Tournament at McKane Park supported by Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council and the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.

Coaching courses Cricket Scotland.   PVG and First Aid.   Volunteering.

Promotion of club at Kingsgate Shopping Centre in the winter to encourage more players into the Club.

## **2022 Women's Cricket**

12 attendees.

Wednesday practice changing to Thursdays in 2023 to attract rugby and Hockey girls.

Possible Winter indoor sessions if demand is high.

Arrange fixtures once Ladies team is up and running.

£1000 Grant for kit to be submitted to Cricket Scotland. £500 Grant to be submitted to Dunfermline & West Fife Sports Council.

Promotion of Ladies cricket to be held at Kingsgate Centre Dunfermline.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2022/23**

### **President:**

Ajaz Mohammad - Proposed by Omar Riaz Seconded by Arfan Yousaf

Dejesh Deenadayalan Proposed by Nancy Gibson Seconded by David Miller

At this point Alan Leitch, 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain asked Ajaz Mohammad as to who he was as he had not been at the Club all year and most of the members didn't know him and he was standing for President. Ajaz said a few words as to the businesses he has in Dunfermline, how he set up Kismet Cricket Club many years ago and that he was Chairman of the Mosque in Dunfermline and wanted to tie up with the members of the Mosque and the Club.

Dejesh Deenadayalan then said a few words as to why he wanted to stand as President for the Club.

Treasurer, David Miller mentioned that a few of the members who had joined in April hadn't paid their full Subscription to the Club and therefore couldn't vote at the AGM. Many discussions went on for some time and eventually a compromise was set and some of the new members who had only played a small number of matches were allowed to be Social Members and could vote.

The voting at the AGM was by 'ballot' this year and everyone who could vote were asked to come forward to make their choice and add the papers to the Ballot Box.

DEJESH DEENADAYALAN WAS VOTED INTO THE PRESIDENTS ROLE

**Vice President:**

Usman Saleem                      Proposed by Gareth Coles    Seconded by Richard Cox

Arfan Yousaf                      Proposed by M Rehman Yousaf    Seconded by Omar Riaz

USMAN SALEEM                      WAS VOTED INTO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S ROLE

**Treasurer:**

David Miller                      Proposed by Dejesh Dinakaran    Seconded by Brian Brown

DAVID MILLER                      WAS VOTED INTO THE TREASURER'S ROLE

**Secretary:**

Nancy Gibson                      Proposed by James Spreng    Seconded by David Miller

At this point Ajaz Mohammad stood up and said that Nancy could not stand for the Secretary's role as she had been in the position for 5 years and that in terms of the Constitution she would have to stand down. Nancy said that as the new members had not followed the rules of the Constitution in terms of Subscriptions paid that she was standing for Secretary as she was now in her second term of 5 years. Nancy also said she wanted to make the AGM members attending aware of the fact that the Grounds Convenor, Gareth Coles, had been in his role for 7 years and that Gareth would also have to stand down.

Erin Leslie said she would like to stand for the Secretary's role.

Erin Leslie                      Proposed by John Hutton    Seconded by Haris Saleem

NANCY GIBSON                      WAS VOTED INTO THE SECRETARY'S ROLE

**1ST XI CAPTAIN:**

George Olney                      Proposed by Bruce Callan    Seconded by James Spreng

GEORGE OLNEY                      WAS VOTED INTO THE 1<sup>ST</sup> XI CAPTAIN'S ROLE

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI CAPTAIN**

Alan Leitch                      No other contender

ALAN LEITCH                      WAS VOTED INTO THE 2<sup>ND</sup> XI CAPTAIN'S ROLE

**COACH:**

Steve Rowley                      Proposed by James Spreng    Seconded by Gareth Coles

STEVE ROWLEY                      Unopposed and VOTED INTO THE COACHING ROLE

**GROUND'S CONVENOR:**

Gareth Coles                      Unopposed and VOTED INTO THE GROUND'S CONVENOR'S ROLE

**CURRENTLY ON THE COMMITTEE:**

Simon Forster, Vasu Reddy and Alistair White

**ADDED TO THE COMMITTEE:**

Ajaz Mohammad

Haris Saleem

James Spreng

Richard Cox

James Pike

Arfan Yousaf

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CLOSED AS THIS WAS RUNNING TOO LATE INTO THE EVENING.

**DUNFERMLINE CRICKET PARK TRUSTEES**

Jim Stark chairman of the Cricket Park Trustees: "Our cricket ground was donated by John McKane for the playing of cricket in Dunfermline over 100 years ago, and the current Trustees are local people who are committed to ensuring that his desires are maintained.

"That is that cricket continues to be played at the ground, along with other sports which are seen as appropriate.

"Rugby has been the sport which has been sharing facilities at McKane for over seven decades and has seen the ground be ahead of its time.

"Multi use facilities are seen as a modern idea, but McKane Park has had cricket, rugby and latterly squash, based at it for a long, long time.

"It means that McKane Park is in use 12 months of the year and it is the Trustees' duty to ensure that this continues, with cricket the key element."

**DISCIPLINARY COMPLAINTS**

As everyone is aware there have been a number of disciplinary complaints lodged against us this season, with the most serious being levelled at Martin. Sadly this has taken its toll on Martin and he has chosen to resign from the club to focus on himself. The club is continuing to work with him on the complaints and with options to rejoin when he's able to. We've worked with him to provide reports to ESCA on this matter and are currently awaiting the next step of the process.

In regards to the level 1 complaints we've looked to start a mediated conversation with Tranent to find an amicable resolution to these. This is a case of needing both sides to come to the table and find a way to move forward and not just 1 side accepting the blame.

It saddens me that such complaints are being levelled at us, as I know everyone looks to play the game in the right spirit and it's been frustrating when it's not reciprocated. Clearly this has been a difficult few years for many, and in some cases we may have seen the effects of that from the opposition.

### **McKANE PARK COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB**

For those that don't know the McKane Park Community Sports Hub is for all the sports clubs at McKane working together to promote the sports played at McKane. We have a representative from Fife council which is tasked with helping us achieve this by providing support with directing us to available grants, keeping us informed of initiatives being taken Fife wide and providing us the ability to reach out to the rest of Fife with activities that are happening at the club.

As some of you may have seen, the Sports Hub is looking at options for redevelopment of the McKane Park facilities. This has a big push from the Rugby section but there are representatives from each section at McKane Park so that it can look to benefit everyone. Given the scope of what they are looking at it's going to be a multi year project and DJ and Richard have volunteered to be involved in the sub-committee on this from the Cricket side of things.

### **INDOOR NETS**

Senior Nets 2023

6 Indoor sessions to be held at Cluny Clays February - March.

Outdoor practice at McKane Park on Tuesdays beginning April. Focusing on fitness, technique and team bonding.

### **3<sup>RD</sup> XI**

Discussion to take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI when the new Committee meets.

### **SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS**

We received funding from Aldi for the new battery and balls for the bola bowling machine and it's been great to see it getting used throughout the season. It provides us with more options when doing batting training with that and our other bowling machine.

We had hoped to get banners put up this year for each home game, however the information for this only started coming together as the season was starting and wasn't something that we were able to organise during the season. We were able to get the costs of the banners and a draft of the proposals for business to buy, so the committee will be looking to sell these over the winter in preparation for the next season. These will be banners that need to be put up and taken down after every match to make sure they don't get damaged.

### **PVG/COACHING/UMPIRING COURSES**

To be addressed by the new Committee when it meets.



## **WINTER SOCIAL EVENTS**

The 2 barbecues we had this year were successful in promoting team bonding and provided a great place for people to relax. With the winter months usually quite quiet, we want to look at doing some social events to keep everyone connected and help continue building on this.

We will be looking to do an awards ceremony in November, the current thoughts are maybe a meal at McKane with the awards handed out during it. Other events we could look at are ice skating, ten pin bowling, mini golf or even looking to go to an ice hockey match. If anyone is interested in helping organise these please let us know. We are looking for things that families can be involved in, with the main activity only being a few hours and allow people to do things after if they are interested.