



<b>Minutes:</b>	General Committee
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>Time:</b>	15:30
<b>Place:</b>	Committee Room, Kia Oval
<b>Chair:</b>	O Slipper
<b>Members in Attendance:</b>	M Eadon T (Patricia) Garrard P (Philip) Garrard D Gill A Grabiner KC A Harinath K Kumaria K Olafare JP C Payne B Qureshi M Reeve L Rolles Dr M Searle R Trinick
<b>In attendance:</b>	C Doyle S Elworthy MBE A Lane K Leach (minutes)

**ITEM 1            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1     Apologies for absence were received from J Hudson, P Pocock, A Stewart OBE, M Tee, C Thompson and A Tudor.

**ITEM 2            MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- 2.1     The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were agreed as an accurate record.

**ITEM 3            MATTERS ARISING**

- 3.1     M Searle will send his ICEC meeting feedback to the Committee in writing, rather than provide an update at this meeting.
- 3.2     Elliott Rousen, the Club's EDI Lead, along with HR is looking closely at the EDI Census results and investigating further some of the areas for improvement. It was suggested that GC members each have a catch-up with him to discuss any thoughts or feedback.
- 3.3     The Club Safeguarding Officer, Heidi Langrish has contacted Laura Rolles regarding the concerns around club scorers no longer being DBS checked. The Committee will continue to monitor this situation and provide support where possible.

**ITEM 4            CEO REPORT**

- 4.1     The Committee discussed the sanctions imposed on the member who stole one of the Somerset team jumpers at the recent County Championship match. The member has appealed the decision of a season's suspension from the Club. After a lengthy discussion and referencing the Club rules, the Committee agreed unanimously to uphold the Club's original decision and the member's ban will remain in place. It was noted that members being allowed to access the pitch at lunch and tea was a privilege that could be lost through incidents like this and that the embarrassment to the Club could also not be ignored and therefore, the Committee felt that the suspension of membership and refund of Test tickets was the correct course of action. The Committee thanked the security team for their considered handling of this matter.
- 4.2     A Grabiner suggested a sub-group of the Committee be formed to look at these types of issues in the future.
- 4.3     S Elworthy updated the Committee on discussions around the 2025 schedule, which a sub-group of the PGC is currently looking at. Attendance from the 2023 and 2024 seasons will be analysed to help this process.

## **ITEM 5            CRICKET**

- 5.1**     The Committee congratulated the team on the great start to the 2024 season.
- 5.2**     Four Surrey players have been selected for the T20 World Cup squad.
- 5.3**     The Club successfully bid for a Tier 1 professional women's team and O Slipper thanked the bid working group and the presentation team for their hard work.
- 5.4**     Discussions around The Hundred are ongoing between ECB and the FCC's. The Committee discussed the proposed equity sales and also the costs and risks associated with operating the tournament. Revenue growth from TV rights, sponsorship and ticket sales were discussed.

## **ITEM 6            ICEC REPORT**

- 6.1**     The government recently announced a £35m investment into state school cricket and the Club's own programme will have 80 pupils across 8 different schools next year. The Committee highlighted the excellent work done by Judy Wallis on this project.

## **ITEM 7            DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

- 7.1**     The Club is having ongoing discussions with LSE regarding developing the facilities for the Surrey men and women's teams.
- 7.2**     O Slipper advised that the Club's offer the purchase The Cricketers had been rejected.
- 7.3**     The Oval Cricket Ground Travelodge was officially opened last week.

## **ITEM 8            FINANCE**

- 8.1**     A Lane advised that Forecast 1 would be circulated next month and that most lines are in line with budget.

## **ITEM 9            GOVERNANCE**

- 9.1**     M Eadon proposed O Slipper be elected as the Club Chair, standing unopposed. The Committee voted in favour of electing O Slipper as the Club Chair.

- 9.2** M Eadon confirmed that nine candidates had stood for election to the General Committee and that 14.7% of the membership had voted in the online election with 8832 votes cast. The candidates voted onto the General Committee are Zafar Ansari, Warwick Jones, Emma Lewendon and Oli Slipper.
- 9.3** O Slipper thanked the outgoing General Committee members, Phil Garrard, Kunle Olafare, Bob Qureshi and Martin Searle.

**ITEM 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1** C Payne requested clarification of the process for Committee members to book to attend away matches as Club representatives.
- 10.2** P Garrard stated that it had been an honour to serve on the GC and hoped that the Committee would continue to protect the 14 fixture County Championship.
- 10.3** K Olafare recognised the depth of knowledge on the GC.
- 10.4** M Searle stated it had been a privilege to serve on the Committee and that the Committee should continue to act in the best way for the Club.
- 10.5** B Qureshi stated it had been a joy to serve on the GC and thanked everyone for the opportunity.
- 10.6** D Gill congratulated the Heritage Committee on the introduction of a disability cricketers honours board in the pavilion, which will hang alongside the men's and women's honours boards.
- 10.7** L Rolles stated that the fixture schedule with Sunday cricket this season was very much appreciated.

**ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 11.1** The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 18:00.