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DULWICH CRICKET CLUB: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 28th November 2019

Dulwich Cricket Club will be holding its 2019 Annual General Meeting on **Thursday 28th November 2019**. The meeting will be held at the Dulwich Sports Club and will begin at **7.45pm**.

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting will be to:

- a) To receive, and if approved, to adopt the statement of the section's accounts up to the preceding 30th April.
- b) To elect the Officers and other members of the Club's Executive Committee.
- c) To elect the Captains of the senior men's teams where appropriate
- d) To deal with other relevant business generally.

Agenda:

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of the last AGM held on 18th November 2018 and any matters arising (including a motion to amend the constitution of Dulwich Cricket Club to clarify persons eligible to vote)
- 3. Financial report from the Treasurer (Tony Simmonds – *see summary issued separately*)
- 4. Overview of playing matters for men, junior boys and women / girls (Graeme Hough, Sam Kraft and David Moore – *see summaries below*)
- 5. Consideration of nominations for positions of Vice Presidents and Life Members
- 6. Election of Dulwich Cricket Club Executive Committee members
- 7. To receive a list of nominations of senior men's team captains agreed by the DCC Executive Committee (*see below*)
- 8. Senior men's Players' Player of the Year for 2019
- 9. Any other business

Item 4 - report on Senior Men's section for DCC AGM – 28th November 2019

1. Final league positions

1st XI – 4th
2nd XI – League champions
3rd XI – League champions
4th XI – 2nd (promoted)
5th XI – 5th
6th XI – League champions

Academy XI – lost in semi-final play offs

2. Selected highlights

- The above list speaks for itself!! This has to rank as one of the best seasons for DCC for many seasons.
- Integration of a significant number of younger players in to the Saturday league teams (and Academy XI) who all performed well, showed an excellent attitude and who were welcomed and integrated well by the senior players and captains. Special thanks in this to Sean Keaton, Allen and his coaching team and the parents who supported their boys.
- Two under 14s playing in the 1st XI during the season, and many others contributing to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI successes showing that DCC's Pathway Programme works and is the way to develop the Club on the field.
- The successful integration of a significant number of new players joining the Club
- Putting out 8 teams on a few occasions, and 7 teams on others -o with special thanks to John Lawrence for all his hard work in achieving this.
- Huge thanks as always to our officials – John and Jenny, Rinaldo and Chris

3. Priorities for 2020

- Further recruitment to the higher teams, especially batsmen (but all players) to make a promotion challenge for the 1st XI and for the 2nd XI to maintain its status in the Premier League
- More structure and attention to detail at practice sessions
- Better availability in the higher teams – generally good in 2019, but room for improvement whilst acknowledging there are things outside of cricket in summer.
- Continued integration of younger players in to the higher Saturday teams
- Continued development of the better, younger players through the Development and Academy Team Pathway, hopefully attracting other good youngsters

Item 4 - report on DCC Junior section for DCC AGM – 28th November 2019

1. Membership

While the exponential growth of the juniors section over the last five years has now slowed (due to a deliberate decision to place caps on the various age groups), the juniors section continues to thrive, with most age groups full to capacity, and a notable increase in retention levels in the under 14 to under 16 age groups compared with previous years.

Our junior membership generally hovers around the 650 mark, including about 120 girls, with an age range of 5-16. Each year we run indoor training at Dulwich Prep in the spring term, holiday cricket in the Easter, May and summer holidays, and outdoor training seven days a week during the peak period from late April to mid-July.

2. Achievements

As in past years, this year we entered junior teams into a range of Surrey and Kent competitions, as ever trying to strike a balance between focusing on performance (for our A teams) and participation (by ensuring that everyone has a chance to play some competitive cricket).

Notable successes for the boys' teams this year include league victories for the under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams, a cup final for our under 10s, and cup victories by the under 14s in both the Kent and Surrey age group cup competitions (performance by the girls is covered in the separate report on women's and girls' cricket). For the first time we entered our under 9 soft ball players into the participation festivals run by Kent CCC – this was a great way of involving more of our younger players in matches and we will undoubtedly repeat the experience next year.

3. Looking forward

We continue to field regular enquiries from parents seeking to sign their children up for next season, and expect to continue to be oversubscribed at the most popular, under 9 to under 12 age groups.

This season will see some changes to our playing arrangements within Surrey, as the five junior leagues within the county are being amalgamated into a single structure administered by the Surrey Cricket Foundation. At the same time, games will move to new, smaller-sided formats promoted by the ECB, creating some challenges in terms of a need for additional grounds and more volunteers to run games – but challenges we are fairly confident we can meet.

We are also awaiting news of a new Under 17 competition that will replace the Under 16 competition in 2020.

Item 4 - report on DCC women and girls for DCC AGM – 28th November 2019

1. Open Age/U19

The season was essentially successful as we continued the development of the last couple of seasons. We won more games than we lost across all formats including our first wins without Kira Chathli. The oldest girls began to contribute strongly across the board with a number of girls turning in match winning performances.

We finished second in Kent and second in Division 2 in Surrey. We also played in cup competitions against clubs in the top tier of women's club cricket in the country. Although we didn't win but we lost with honour intact in each case. We have also recently won the Kent hardball indoor competition.

2. U13/U15

This age group needs a lot of work. We finished bottom in each of the three leagues we entered. Teams we were beating comfortably a couple of years ago are now beating us as the standard at this age group has risen rapidly. We have some talented girls and will working over the winter on ideas how to remedy this.

3. U11

This age group was successful . They finished 2nd in North Surrey and having good finishes in the stronger Kent festivals with a best place of 4th (of 20) at Hayes and otherwise generally finishing around 7th / 8th.

4. General

With regard to numbers there has been a slight increase over previous years and we have begun to attract new women members as well as girls. We need to increase numbers significantly at the younger age groups and there are plans being developed to do this.

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Item 7 – nominations for captaincy of Dulwich CC's senior teams for 2020

The following nominations for captaincy have been received and have been endorsed by the Executive Committee.

1st XI – vacant
2nd XI – vacant
3rd XI – Ollie Smith
4th XI – Ben Lester
5th XI – vacant
6th XI – vacant
Academy Team – (to be confirmed)

Notes

As can be seen from the above there are a number of vacancies for captaincy positions. Interest has been expressed for some of the positions and, for others, negotiations are on-going. Although it is traditional that captains are nominated and elected at the AGM it is important that those who express an interest are given the time that they need to come to a decision.

It is possible that some of these positions will have nominations by the AGM on the 28th November. If that is the case then these will be informed to members prior to the meeting.

If at the AGM there remains vacant positions then the meeting will be asked to agree that the Executive Committee, and others as relevant, are tasked with finalising positions by the end of 2019. It is imperative that posts are filled, particularly in the higher teams, by the early part of 2020 to help planning and recruitment for the 2020 season.