**Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2023 at 7.00pm at Bath Cricket Club, North Parade Bridge Road at 7pm**

**The 20th Annual General Meeting**

**The Chairman** welcomed the attendees to the AGM as a charity and company limited by guarantee. The chairman declared the meeting quorate and confirmed the Management Committees intention to return to holding AGMs in October.

1. **To receive and consider the annual report of the Management committee (MC) and the consolidated statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.**

Karen Young reminded members of the legal structure of the club to assist in the understanding of the BCC Financial Statements which are prepared using the provisions in the Statement of Recommended Practice “Accounting and Reporting by Charities”. Bath Cricket Club (BCC) Ltd is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee which prepares consolidated accounts and Bath Cricket Services (BCS) Ltd a subsidiary company wholly owned by Bath Cricket Club.

Bath Cricket Services (BCS)

KY reported the £38,533 loss reported resulted from two significant factors.

1. the closure of the pay and display car park to enable the student development to be built – the compensation monies negotiated by the club are accounted for in the BCC results (as the legal owner of the land)
2. After returning to near normal levels of activity in the summer for The Boundary, the emergence of the Omicron covid variant resulted in the cancellation of significant Christmas trade.

Therefore, after adjusting for the quarterly recharge invoices from Bath CC of £110.2k (costs accounted for in charity accounts which support BCS trading, for example, payroll costs, allocation of utility costs), the underlying BCS profit was £71.6k.

BCS post balance sheet update

The main car park re-opened in October 22. We are experiencing lower income compared to 2019 driven by a combination of factors including c. 25% fewer spaces (excluding those outside the indoor school), the car park being less visible and fewer visitors to Bath (commuters and tourists). In response, a new electronic entrance signage will be installed and opportunities to promote the car park are being explored. The Boundary is enjoying a covid free year of trade although the general economic environment continues to be challenging for the hospitality sector.

Bath Cricket Club (BCC)

The BCC accounts included the normal sources of income including memberships, sponsorship, and youth cricket holiday courses/camps as well as all the costs associated with of delivering the club’s charitable objectives and most of the club’s general overheads. During 2021-22 the club also received £376,784 in car park compensation payments from the developer and £18,015 of Government COVID support in the form of grants and furlough payments.

As previously reported the 2019-20 result was heavily distorted by the delay in the completion of the student development project and the £296k consolidated loss was the result of a large outgoing of resources attributed to the professional costs and fixed asset book accounting losses (primarily the demolition of the old indoor school). The lump sum financial benefit/revenue from the project and partial compensation for our professional fees was received and accounted for in 2021 which saw a surplus of £2,833,820 (of which £2,831,112 related to the project) reported. Whilst 2021-22 saw a return to financial results undistorted by the development project, the consolidated loss of £71k recorded was primarily due to one-off professional fees incurred in defending grievance claims bought by a former employee and accruing for an out of court settlement which was reached in April 2022. Without these one-off costs, a small operating profit would have been recorded.

BCC post balance sheet update

Since April 2022, the club has returned to normal activity levels as described in the Trustee report achievements and performance section.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Review 31 March 2022

Bank accounts - £2.484m

Bounce back loan - £49,167 (1st repayment made in March 22)

**Ordinary resolutions**

1. **To re-appoint Bishop Fleming as the independent auditors and to authorise the MC members, as directors and trustees to fix their remuneration.**

The meeting unanimously approved to re-appoint Bishop Fleming as independent auditors and to authorise the MC members, as directors and trustees to fix their remuneration.

1. **To appoint an MC Member to fill the following vacant positions.**

The following nominations were received and elected without the need for elections.

* + Treasurer – David Bean
  + Finance Director – Karen Young
  + Cricket Director – Gregg Brown
  + Playing members’ representative (one) – Kester Moseley

The following positions remained unfilled.

* + President
  + Playing members’ representative (two)

The Chairman acknowledged the position of President remained vacant. He reported there had been discussions with several potential candidates, but the club would go into the season without a President. The Chairman also confirmed it was his intention to stand down at the next AGM, so the Management Committee would look to fill these two important roles at the same time later in the year.

**Special resolutions**

The ECB required the club to consider an amendment to its Memorandum of Association. After careful consideration the following wording was adopted with immediate effect.

11.3 The Club shall be affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket Board as the governing body of cricket.  As part of this affiliation, the Club has adopted and implemented all the requirements of the ECB 'Safe Hands Cricket Policy' for safeguarding children **and ECB Anti-Discrimination Code** as amended from time to time.

The formal business of the AGM was concluded.

**MEMBERS FORUM**

**Rob Maggs updated the meeting on membership cricket or “on the pitch”.**

**Men’s Cricket**

* Competitions

In the senior Men’s competitions, the 1st XI competed strongly, winning 17 of their 18 games in the WEPL. Unfortunately, they lost in both regional cup finals. Bradley Porteous set a new WEPL record for the most aggregate runs - 1260. He also took 30 wickets. The 2nd XI, led by Kester Moseley, had a good season, and provided an opportunity for younger players. Notable that 6-7 clubs in this league are paying players to play. The 3rd and 4th XI competed at a high standard of cricket and were led well by Ted and Mike Roe (3rd XI) and Jonathan Green (4th XI) who nurtured a group of youngsters making their way in senior cricket in a tough league. Great learning and good to see them keen to get stuck in.

* Overseas players

Brad Porteous has agreed to return for the 2023 season.

* New players

Recruited batsman Jason Marshall - aspirations to become professional - currently training at the Gary Kirsten cricket academy. 24 years old.

* Coaching

12 players currently practicing in the indoor school, five from local cricket clubs, all of whom would like to play for our first/second team. 3-4 ladies have been approached to see if they would like to mirror this batting practice. The full indoor 10- week programme starts shortly.

**Women’s Cricket**

* Membership

With 65 girls and 21 women playing in three teams, the club is proud to have an extremely buoyant women’s section.

* Competitions

Lots of change next season. The SW Women’s league has been disbanded. Invited to compete in a new WEPL league with teams from Somerset, Wiltshire, and Gloucestershire - some concern the cricket won’t be as strong, but time will tell. Looking to be leading light in the competition. Ladies have entered all the ECB cup competitions.

* New Players

The club may have an opportunity to recruit an overseas player – she works full time for New South Wales cricket in Sydney but would like to play here and coach - leading run scorer in the NSW league. Have put a package/proposal together for her.

**U19 cricket**

Scott Sanford, together with a group of parents are looking to support this group and promote U19 cricket. Looking to get extra fixtures – midweek and/or Sunday and coaching in the winter. So far very positive.

**Ground and Scoreboard**

Gordon Gill finished at the end of the season but still speaks with Darren and Alex if required. Alex and Darren now have 2/3 years knowledge of the ground(s) and are both hard workers so is the right time to let them go solos - GG confident they are ready. Won WEPL pitch of the year in 2022. Currently, the ground is looking great and only puddled on the last day of recent poor weather. The outfield has improved due to the previous drainage work undertaken. Starting to look at options/potential for a hybrid pitch.

The scoreboard needed to be upgraded to display the DL score. The new board will be the same size with an LED display. Scoring can be from a laptop or mobile so all junior games can be displayed even if the coach is umpiring. It will be taken down and replaced in March. To honor the life of Ken Patterson, the new scoreboard will be formally opened in his name at the start of the pre-season friendly match vs. Swansea CC.

**Indoor Cricket Centre**

Been in use for nearly a year. Equipped with the latest technology. Local cricket clubs are using it regularly, together with plenty of our own activity. Starting to look at how individuals may be able to hire it. Tremendous asset for the club. Need to think about an official opening.

**Junior Cricket**

* Age group structure

Getting to stage where we have school year-based teams from Year 5 to 10.

* Squad sizes

Continue to streamline numbers in each squad – giving more contact time with coaches.

* Girls Cricket

Formally recorded the effort and energy Jan Godman has put into girl’s cricket over many years - grateful for every hour she has given us. Three potential new coaches from Bath university. Will budget in 2023-24 for coach development courses.

* Competitions

Entered county cups, Bath & District youth leagues and national cup competitions. Will continue to promote having a girl’s only team Bath & District league.

**Jonathan Green updated the meeting “off the pitch” community activities.**

Mark Watts is the primary coach delivering our community programme. The club is aware of how important it is to ensure cricket remains a popular sport in BNES as well as maintaining the facilities and infrastructure required for a successful 1st XI team and performance cricket. We will continue to challenge ourselves to deliver more in the area and keep growth of the game going.

* Mentoring

This programme is only possible due to the generosity of Curlew, one of the club’s sponsors. The programme has delivered 432 hours of support, helping 32 children in seven schools. It aims to improve self-esteem and provide teenagers with coping strategies to use in class. All mentees are offered free sessions on holiday cricket camps (with a friend and/or sibling) to continue our support for these young people during the school holidays.

* Female Cricket

Female cricket was massive in 2022. The club was involved in school curriculum time coaching, after school clubs and leadership courses. We delivered 114 hours of coaching to c. 300 children in four state secondary schools. Additionally, the club signed a new agreement with Royal High School to enable cricket to become their main summer sport. The school will also use the Brownsword ground for matches in the summer. Five female casual/part time coaches have also been employed by the club.

* Disability cricket and Mental Health Cricket

Our coaches support the disability cricket activities delivered Somerset Cricket Foundation. 52 children and young adults received 90 hours of coaching in four schools. We also deliver a fortnightly specialist performance session.

Mental Health cricket. We worked with a pilot scheme in Bath run by “Off the Record”, a charity working to improve the emotional health and well-being of young people.

Primary State School Cricket

The team delivered 350 hours of cricket in 24 schools to over 1250 children funded by a mixture of Chance to Shine, school budgets, the club and Curlew. We created standard and bespoke packages for schools.

Projects for 2023

Ideas include a potential collaboration with Bath City College, walking cricket and a holiday activity and meal programme for those children on free school meals.

The chairman added how much of difference these activities made in the community and recommended reading a recent article in The Cricketer magazine which highlighted all the excellent community work undertaken by the club, which often goes unnoticed and isn’t talked about enough. His proudest moment had been watching the U13 win the National Cup competition.

**Financial Update**

Karen Young updated the meeting on the consolidated balance sheet position at the end of December 22 and how the student development windfall cash had been used to date.

* + Current Account £76,100
  + Barclays Reserve Account - £441,000
  + Flagstone Money Market Deposits (fixed interest deposits only – no risk to capital) £805,300
  + Trade debtors £33,500
  + Government Bounce-Back Loan - £41,667
  + Trade creditors - £18,50

Use of Student Development Windfall Cash £2.9m (£2.772m + £150k cost contribution). £1.2m remains.

* + Fees to complete project: £143,000
  + Repay Barclays Loan: £100,000
  + Lease for the bank – enabling access to car park and student accommodation: £155,000
  + Brownsword pavilion: £167,000
  + Indoor Cricket Centre internal fit out (carpet, nets, bowling machines): £78,500
  + Tribunal Settlement: £30,000
  + 250 Year Lease for Car Park and Indoor Cricket Centre: £983,000 (some VAT will be reclaimable)
  + National Grid additional energy supply for car park EV charging: £43,000
  + Planning for North Parade Clubhouse/Flat £30,000

**Project Update**

The chairman updated the meeting on several projects.

* **Student development project**

This is now legally completed. There are some alterations required in front of the indoor school and the club is still getting compensation for these spaces. It is fair to say the club would have struggled during COVID without the compensation payments from the project.

* **Network Rail and Ferry Lane Leases**

The first correspondence with the two parties was in 2017, then the club did not want the additional financial exposure during COVID. Signed 10-year lease for both. Given us a second entrance to the site and player parking.

* **Space above the indoor school**

This space was a gym in original planning application. Applying to planning permission to convert into a flat – numerous options long-term tenants, Airbnb, visiting teams. Should hear at the end of February, then can explore the options in more detail.

* **Clubhouse**

The chairman shared some images of what the clubhouse fully redeveloped could look like. This would be a 2024/25 project at the earliest during to requiring planning permission and some external funding.