**MINUTE OF LARGO CRICKET CLUB’S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**Old Manor Hotel, Lundin Links.**

**Friday 27 October 2017 at 7.00pm.**

**Present: -** Chris Baddeley, Ian Barnes, Ian Brown, Dale Caton, Howard Coates, Dick Dakin, Ally Duncan, Andrew Duncan, Jim Gillin, Gordon Kinnear, Albert Nye, David Scott, Andy Warrender, Chris Barclay, Chris Harney, Murray Sneddon, Nicky Rintoul, Bobby Rintoul

**Apologies: -** Bob Mowat, Ian Scott, George Nairne, Guy Robinson, Ryan Wilson, Bob Fleming, Dave Robertson, Adrian Caddick, Simon King, Bob Tooze, Dan Wood

**1. Introduction.** The meeting being quorate President Howard Coates welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies as above.

**2. Approval of Minutes of previous AGM.** Proposed – David Scott Seconded – Ian Barnes

**Matters Arising: -** Any ”Matters Arising” were covered by agenda.

**3. Reports.**

**(a)President’s Report.**

* Welcomed everyone
* It’s been another hard year for the Club. There has been little success on the field due to lack of regular players, however when teams are at or near full strength they are more than competitive. Largo Sunday XI played again in the Strathmore Union this year on a Sunday. I general most games were played in the right spirit (couple of exceptions!)
* We had a pre-season curry night which was well attended.
* We had a pre-season sponsored walk which generated in excess of £700 for the club. This will be repeated next year. Date to be confirmed in the new year.
* We also held a beach cricket event down at Lower Largo in mid-summer. After a slight glitch with the tide, the day was a success with 7 teams participating and BBQ during the event. Thanks to chef Gillin for his burger flipping expertise. Again this will be repeated next year.
* Many thanks to Murray Sneddon on managing to get teams out on a weekly basis. Largo CC is not alone in having player availability problems. The club propose to hold an EGM before next season starts to glean availability from all members to allow captains to make some form of plan as to who will be available to play.
* The Junior section continues to thrive and a very big thanks to all those who helped during the season. Particular thanks to David Scott for the work he has done over the last few years. His boots will be hard to fill now that he has moved to deepest darkest Angus-shire!!.
* East Drive continues to be one of the best grounds on the East Coast. Thanks again go to Dick Dakin, Albert Nye and Ian Barnes for their tireless efforts, along with all those who provided their time cutting the outfield. This will need to continue next year and greater assistance from all other members is required.
* Largo 2nd XI won the fair play award again for Div 5, with 1st XI placed 3rd in Div 2
* Thanks to Andy Warrender, Nicky Rintoul, Brent Bentley, Dick Dakin, Dave Robertson & Jim Gilling for their work on the committee.
* **(b)Captains’ Reports -**

**Firsts.** (Nicky Rintoul) As noted before we didn’t have enough players that were available on a regular basis. However when we can get a team out we can complete very well. Beat league winners Morton at home chasing down over 180 runs, winning by 8 wickets. Naveen scored century against Fauldhouse, with Andy W & Alex A scoring runs when available. Naveen is returning to India next year, which will leave a large void to be filled. 1st XI finished second bottom in the relegation position, but league reconstruction due to Falkland’s departure to SPCU means that Div 2 status for 2018 likely to be retained.

**Seconds.** (Chris Baddeley) Chris advised re-emphasised the difficulties getting teams out. Geography of away games may have contributed to this, with a reluctance to travel to the Borders & East Lothian possibly contributing. Some fantastic individual performances took place with Simon King contributing significant runs (finishing 3rd in league runs scored) including a score of 90. Harvey Saddler bowled very well, including a ‘6for’ away to MDAFS as the 8 men won. Nick Baddeley also impressed with the bat. CB commented that it is very hard to integrate juniors in to ESCA Div 5 as the Majority of sides are ‘first XI’ clubs. The club are enquiring with ESCA as to whether we could drop down into Div 6 by choice.

**Sunday XI.** (Ian Brown) Standard of opposition and attitude to the games varied greatly between the clubs in the ‘Recreation & Development League’! However most of the games were played in a good spirit and we were competitive enough, winning 2 out of 9 games completed and having another couple of close losses. The league structure may be changing next season to allow the clubs to ‘pick their games’ against teams of a similar ilk, merging the Fife & Tayside development leagues together. This is to be discussed at the SPCU AGM.

**Juniors.**

Thanks again to everyone who helped. Club continues to have representation at regional level.

On Friday nights they regularly had 40 children (20 during the winter)

The problem continues to be finding teams to play against. Only really Falkland locally can provide a regular competitive game. We will need to run more Interclub matches during the season. DS again stated that more of the parents need to be persuaded to assist with the coaching and potentially play.

**4. Treasurer’s Report**.

Copies of the accounts were circulated to those present. In Dave Robertson’s absence, GK advised that the Year End Balance was £2611. Subs were available to be paid via monthly direct debit through the website and a number of members had taken this option, providing a constant income source throughout the year. There are still a few members that have to sign up to this, and the new committee will take this forward. Again major costs for the year are the ground prep and training. The figure for Ground Prep this year includes a one-off cost of £1200 for the purchase on new mower for the square as the old one finally gave up the goose during the summer. It was again mentioned that the pre-season sponsored walk was a very good money maker and will be repeated next year.

**5. Subscription levels for 2018.**

It was proposed that the Club continues to use the direct debit method of collecting subs offered by Pitchero, through the club website. Any members willing to pay via cheque were still welcome to do this. It was proposed that the subs levels for 2018 will remain unchanged at:

* Adult playing members - £10 per month (£120 pa).
* Over 16s in fulltime education - £5 per month (£60 pa)
* Social members - £5 per month (£60 pa)
* Junior Members - £35 pa. These to be collected by Ian Scott at start of the season (Winter Nets)
* Match fees to remain at £5 and these would continue to be collected on day of play.

Proposed: Nicky Rintoul, Seconded: Andy Warrender

These proposals were approved unanimously and adopted

**6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee**.

**Nominees as per 13/10/17**

**President:  H. Coates**    **Proposer and Seconder:- G. Kinnear, D. Dakin**

**Secretary: G. Kinnear B. Bentley, H Coates Treasurer: I. Brown**   **D. Robertson, H. Coates**  **Fixture Secretary: A. Caddick M. Sneddon, J.Gillin**

**1sts Captain:**    **D. Scott   N. Rintoul, C. Barclay**

1**sts V/C      :  C. Harney D. Scott, I. Brown**

**2nds. Captain: M. Sneddon** **C. Baddeley, H. Coates**

**Cttee. Members: C. Barclay G. Kinnear, B. Bentley**

**C. Baddeley H. Coates, J. Gillin**

**S. King H. Coates, C. Baddeley**

There being no further nominations in the period dictated by constitution the above nominees were elected to office. There are 2 committee member places available and these were offered to the room. No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore committee concluded at 10.

**7. Appointment of Auditor.**

Dave Robertson advised that Olive Gardiner MBE, FCCA is in the process of completing the 2017 accounts, but has now moved a considerable distance away from Largo and won’t be able to do the 2018 accounts and thereafter. GK to contact Dougie Briggs to see if he would be able to assist. HC thanked Olive for her help over the years.

**8. East Drive Plan 2018.**

G. Kinnear confirmed that due to low funds, there was no funding applications made in 2017, however the following suggestions were made for 2018: -

* Self-contained composting Toilets £1200
* Gang Mowers Small - £900 or Large - £1900
* Old Pavilion roof is leaking and needs repairing – Estimate £800

75% of costs could be funded and we would need to find £600/£700. Well worth doing if we can.

IB advised that he had heard of an initiative called Fife Leader, which has £3-£4m to spend over a number of years. He will contact Robbie Nellies to get details and forward to GK.

IPB advised that there talk again about the Stables and a possible reconfiguration along with the Manse being up for sale. He advised that nothing is concrete at this time, but the club should be looking at ways to become less reliant on the church and more self-sufficient.

DD thanked Albert for his continued assistance and IPB for his expertise and knowledge on the machine maintenance but re-iterated his comment that he will not be spending as much time at ED in the forthcoming season, and that the club & committee need to plan for this in 2018 and going forward.

**9. 2018 League Structure & LCC’s Teams Positioning.**

As previously noted above, there is the possibility of major league re-construction to both the ESCA leagues & SPCU Sunday league.

ESCA have issued a questionnaire regarding player availability and reasons for the dwindling numbers of regular players, the result of which is due shortly. There is the possibility of a new T20 league being formed to run alongside the current league structure. Falkland 1st & 2nd XI’s have moved to the SPCU, so there will be an element of re-shuffling at the top end of the leagues to accommodate this.

As Chris Baddeley noted in his report, the club are considering the 2nd XI dropping down into Div 6 for next season as the standard ‘should’ allow us to introduce the more ‘senior’ juniors into hard ball cricket. IPB did note that as Div 6 rep last year he had issues with certain clubs in that division!!

SPCU Sunday league possibly being merged which will allow teams to be graded dependent on the type of games that they want. Proposal is that 14 games will be offered with the clubs able to negotiate what games they play. Effectively a ‘social’ league playing under the SPCU banner.

**10. 2017 Player Recruitment/Availability/Training and Practice.**

Significant discussion held on this, with the main bullet points being: -

* Agreed that more players are needed. From February onwards it should be advertised on social media etc to raise awareness and find new players.
* It was agreed that the club website needs a revamp and also kept up to date. The website is also a valuable tool for any potential new members, so the revamp should include a potted history of the club, and a big play on East Drive itself and quality of pitch and scenery.
* EGM to be held in advance of new season to get players to commit to availability.
* Winter Nets to be done outdoors in April, rather than the expense of having to hire Leven Pool (Over £100 for a 2-hour session).
* Murray Sneddon commented on the difficulties he had getting teams out on the park last year. He was thanked for his sterling work and it was agreed that the team captains should have the responsibility of picking the teams every week, however his weekly Monday e-mail for availability should still go out.
* Adrian Caddick to contact opposition teams as soon as the 2018 fixture lists are issued to get as many 1200 starts arranged as possible.
* Match Reports need to be done again for submission to the EFM (and website). It is surprising the number of people who still look for these reports and ask members when they don’t see them.

**11. AOCB**

* Reminder of Largo CC Annual Dinner 24th November at the Old Manor with Speaker: Eric Davidson
* Thanks were given to Adrian Caddick for organizing the 2017 tour to Somerset. Good time had by all and 2018 tour plans already in progress. Possible location Richmond in Surrey.
* Club Tie supplies are almost exhausted. Ally Duncan to look into costs for another order.
* Discussion held regarding what could be done to get partners/ families more involved in club events. Was suggested that a buffet could be organised at the Old Manor after the sponsored walk as a starter.
* On the back of this, a club calendar of events is to be compiled at earliest opportunity, with dates put on the website, for maximum exposure and to allow for people to work around other commitments to attend club events.
* There being no more business the President thanked members for their support, Andrew Duncan offered a vote of thanks to the chair and his best wishes for the new captains and the meeting was closed @ 8.50pm