

AGM Newsletter

The Cheshire Association of Groundsmen Annual General Meeting was very poorly attended with only 10 members representing only 9 clubs. This does not represent a quorum and the committee is unable to obtain a vote of support and confidence on important issues from its members.

I have been asked to email all members on our database to vote on a very important monetary issue that has an impact on all Cheshire based clubs. This year the CAG helped out with the funding of the Foundation courses to the tune of £2000, which obviously has a knock on effect on the effectiveness to its members.

In the past the Cheshire Clubs Cricket Committee (4C's) has funded all cricket courses for groundsmen. In 2015 an exceptional number of members attended the Foundation A Course at Warrington at a cost in excess of £3400. As a result the 4C's has decided on an annual budget of £2000 to CAG. The income from membership to CAG at £10 per club is approx. £1000. This gives CAG an annual income of £3000.

The cost of Foundation courses per candidate is in excess of £150 excluding VAT. So 2 Foundation course of 10 candidates uses the annual budget. The committee wants these courses to remain free (£20 for refreshments on the day) for its members.

The committee therefore proposes that the membership per club increases from £10 to £20 for 2016. This was agreed to still be good value for money at the AGM but needs to be voted on by all member clubs.

PROPOSAL THAT THE MEMBERSHIP FEE BE INCREASED FROM £10 TO £20 FOR 2016.

Please reply by email no later than Monday 16th November 2015.

A non-response denotes the club agrees to this proposal.

The AGM re-elected the present committee of:-

Chairman	Brian Huxley
Vice Chairman	Paul Agar
Treasurer	David Twiney
Secretary	Brian Jarrard
Pitch Advisors	Nick James, Paul Agar

There is a vacancy on the committee for a member to help with the organisation of courses if anyone is available please contact a committee member.

Members are reminded that the grandfather right to spray concludes on 26th November 2015 and fines of £1000 are expected for non-certified spraying after this date. Courses are available for PA1, PA2 and PA6 certificates at approx. £400, with Reaseheath College being the cheapest. Our pitch advisor Nick and Paul have the appropriate qualifications.

The AGM was also informed of the under usage of the CAG equipment. Please note the Groundsman spiker is available from Bramhall Cricket Club contact Richard Cragg 01625 576092 or richard1cragg@ntlworld.com, or Tattenhall Cricket Club contact Brian Jarrard 07788516251 or brian.jarrard48@gmail.com. The Sisis autorake Mk4 is available from Sale Cricket Club contact Sean Nichol 07812576974 or bernadette.person1@btinternet.com.

Members are reminded of the excellent Cheshire Association of Groundsmen website and pitch advisors Nick James 07808723110 nicholas.james5@ntlworld.com and Paul Agar 07801300614 paul@cricketfans.net.

If members have any thoughts and ideas to improve CAG or speakers for open meetings then please email me

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