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Minutes of AGM held at Timperley Cricket Club on Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.45 p.m.

Present Nick James, David Twiney, Brian Jarrard, Paul Agar, John Petch, Ian Schura, Jon Bardsley, Roy Cartledge, Roy Anderton, Colin Wilks, Bob Jeffrey, David Banks, Allan Platt, Mike Garnett, Dave Wilson, Neil Turley, Gavin Graham, David Basford, Stan Aspinall, Brian Huxley, Steve Ollerenshaw, Rod Heyhoe (IOG Yorkshire Branch), and David Hodgeson (Kirkstall CC)

Clubs represented Hale Barns, Broadbottom, Oulton Park, Hawk Green, High Lane, Stockport, Offerton, Runcorn, Weaverham, Stockport Trinity, Pott Shrigley, Saughall, Heatons, Warrington, Timperley and Tattenhall (23)

Apologies Mark Evans (The Groves), Mike Boffey (Cholmondley), John Davis (Malpas), Tony Collard (CCO), Peter Barnett (Elworth), Malcolm Rowbotham (Hazel Grove), Sue Ramsbottom (Oulton Park), Bob Williams (Wallasey), Bob Sabberton (Lymm OP), Jim Wilde (Poynton), Phil Smith (Capenhurst), Andy Holt (Romiley), Mark Samaru (Ashton on Mersey), Peter Hancock (Barnton), Ken Hatton (Timperley), Danny Berry (Hyde), and Keith Duffy (Hyde)

Minutes of the last AGM

Accepted as a true record, proposed by Paul Agar, seconded by Colin Wilks and signed by the chairman.

Chairman's Report

Nick James thanked everyone for attending the AGM, and reviewed the progress made by CAG over the previous 12 months. Nick commented on the exceptional summer for the second year in a row.

The 2 Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced Courses were well attended and Nick thanked Warrington, Heatons and Barnton Cricket Clubs for holding these events.

Nick reminded members of the free equipment available for use, and to keep an eye on the square over the autumn and winter period.

Nick informed the meeting that the outreach program was continuing in 2015 with a further 10 clubs from the Cheshire Alliance league being asked to participate.

The results of the aeration research have been published and publicised, and Nick recommended members to use it as part of their winter program.

He finished by reminding members of the rolling guidelines published several years ago.

Nick thanked Timperley for use of their clubhouse.

The full report is on the CAG website.

Treasurer's Report

David Twiney reviewed the finances over the previous year.

The year started with a balance of £2,100 and finished with one of £2,890 with a couple of bills outstanding mainly catering for the last two courses.

The increase in income was mainly due to the increase in course fees passed at the last AGM, so Dave recommended we maintain the present membership charge at £10.

Election of Officers

As announced Nick James is not standing for re-election as chairman. Brian Huxley of Saughall CC has indicated his desire to take on the role and his nomination is fully supported by the committee as there were no other nominations it was proposed by Dave Twiney and seconded by Stan Aspinall and passed unanimously.

The other committee members were prepared to stand for another year and were elected en masse, proposed by Brian Huxley and seconded by Colin Wilks and carried unanimously.

The new committee is :-

Chairman	Brian Huxley
Vice Chairman	Paul Agar
Treasurer	David Twiney
Secretary	Brian Jarrard
Pitch Advisors	Paul Agar Nick James
General	Geoff Tomlinson

AOB

Ian Ellis from Sherriff Amenities was unable to attend the AGM but he sent a proposition to present an Open Meeting in spring with an offer for club groundsmen for an end of season deal on loam, seed and fertiliser. Full memo is on the website.

Cricket outfield maintenance was then discussed and this could be another topic for a spring open meeting

The meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

After a brief break there followed a presentation on grass seed trials at Kirksall Education CC, given by David Hodgeson, the incumbent groundsman.

Thanks to Timperley for a good venue and all clubs for an excellent attendance.

The next committee meeting is to be advised in the New Year.

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Signed: