

Knights Valley 2017 AGM Agenda

Tuesday 24th October, 7pm Cleveland Bay

Attendance

Chris Barber	Dennis Payne	Manoj Durai	Nathan Small
Pete Finlay	Iain Messenger	Steve Bowers	Jason Maker
Dave Wright	Pete Hartwell	Kevin Houston	Dean Sanders

Apologies

Jiten Rawat	Jon Page		
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Minutes:

Chairman Report

- Apologies for not being available for matches but the club had another excellent season.
- The club managed to retain its place in Regional Division 1 setting itself for another season of higher level cricket next year.
- Looking at the results, it was also very impressive to see a record win against Winterslow and also a new batting high score from Dave Wright.

Secretary Report

- Business matters in the club remained steady with little change to the annual expenses for Insurance, HCL affiliation etc.
- Owing to Knights Valley playing every home fixture, no cricket balls were retained so next season we can expect our cost for cricket balls to increase.
- Also as per agreement with the Treasurer, I shall also continue tracking money collections during Nets and at Matches. This includes recouping remaining overdue kit money prior to the 2018 Nets.

Treasurer Report

- Knights Valley finished the season with a tidy profit of £195 which is very positive given the issue with numbers and other unforeseen expenses during the season.
- Thanks to Chris Barber for his management of money collection for which he shall continue next year.
- Kit fee was the most expensive expense of the year and recouping outstanding payments will further increase our profit from the season.
- Net fees broke even albeit numbers were lower than anticipated, again should attendance increase next year then this shall further help our profits.
- As always our major pre-season expenditures are required in April so subscriptions need to be paid by end of March.

Captain Report

- Hardest season in the club's history given the challenge of playing cricket at our highest level whilst enduring the difficulty with squad numbers.
- Our aim for this year was to survive in Regional 1 and this aim was achieved.
- The squad has finished the season stronger with promising new signings of Manoj, Jiten, Dean and Saikaran.
- It was noticed that attendance at Nets could be better and I think the key to improving the squad's performance is regular training. Often we see early enthusiasm which slowly dissipates throughout the season; next year we shall aim to keep momentum for training throughout the year.
- There were again some outstanding performances from a number of squad members, an example being Dave smashing the previous batting record and scoring 137* in our match against Totton & Eling.

Election of Officers

- Chairman – Dennis Payne
- Secretary – Chris Barber
- Treasurer – Iain Messenger
- Captain – Pete Finlay
- Vice-Captain – Dave Wright

League Objectives

- Next year we want to have a more positive campaign as opposed to the stress of relegation survival.
- As such next season our aim will be to achieve a top 10 position within the league.

Weekly Training

- Outdoor nets will remain on Tuesday evenings between 6-8pm.
- It is noticed that players who attend regular training sessions do perform better in matches and this will be crucial to our league performance next year.
- The expectation is that players will attend nets at least once per month.
- Summer nets are to begin first week of April.
- Pete and Dave will also create a schedule for additional fielding practice sessions as well.

Friendly Fixtures

- Last season we had friendly fixtures with Lyndhurst, Shrewton and our usual recurring fixture with Braishfield.
- Next season we shall try to renew the fixture with Lyndhurst, Braishfield and also contact Hythe & Dibden whom we have had good pre-season friendlies in the past.
- Following our last league fixture Shrewton have offered a day-night match which we plan to organise in early April.
- Whilst the squad is in a period of transition, no tour or post-season fixtures will be organized at this time.
- Depending on numbers we are open to the idea of a post-season inter-squad fixture and fun day which can be arranged nearer the time.

Subscription/Match Fees

- Subscription shall remain at £35 and net fees at £3.50
- Match fees are to be increased to £8.
- Subscription fees are required by end of March to ensure sufficient funding for club expenditures.

Club Kit/Kit Policy

- This year's kit order was through our usual supplier (Creative Images) and was in excess of £800.
- To save money we shall explore using a different supplier for the clothing and then Creative Images for the embroidery.
- Our aim is all members of the club to have a sponsored shirt.
- Club kit for 2018 season to be ordered by end of March.

Knightwood Pitch Refurbishment

- The council has confirmed that the refurbishment project at Knightwood will not be completed before the 2018 season.
- The council has offered Hunts Farm at the same discount rate and we have contacted the HCL for them to assume our home ground as Hunts Farm when creating the fixtures.

Player Recruitment

- Very turbulent season for numbers with current squad at about 20 members.
- Although we have a squad of 20, a number of members can only play a few matches in the season.
- We want to increase the squad size to 24 players with more consistently playing members.
- If we can increase the squad size and commitment, we can then entertain either a 2nd XI or Sunday XI for the 2019 season.
- To assist Kev Houston shall post another advertisement in the Chandlers Ford Directory.

Winter Nets

- Thornden nets cost £36 per hour, if we were to move to Wyvern whom have better facilities then this will cost £52 per session
- We shall aim to keep nets on Monday but change the start time to 8am.
- To keep costs low we shall aim to keep nets at Thornden but may extend the session to 1 ½ hours during the second half of booking dates.

Any other Business

- Pete and Dave are organizing end of season meal for November. It's expected the venue will be the Natraj in Romsey, however details of the venue, date and awards will be announced in due course.
- Iain and Dennis are to arrange a fund raising activity which will most likely be another quiz night in March/April.
- Last year the Play-Cricket site was revamped to make it easier to navigate and more visually aesthetic.
- This year Dean Sanders will assist in improving the Knights Valley main website.

Action Items

Action Item	Team Member Responsible	Target Date
Schedule for outdoor nets and fielding practice	Pete Finlay / Dave Wright	01/04/18
Book Friendly with Lyndhurst & Hythe & Dibden	Chris Barber	01/12/17
Book fixture with Braishfield	Dennis Payne	01/03/17
Book day-night friendly with Shrewton	Chris Barber	01/01/18
Search for new Kit supplier	TBA	31/03/2018
Club kit order for 2018 season	TBA	01/03/2018
Player Recruitment advert to be entered into Chandlers Ford Directory	Kev Houston	01/02/2018
Book Thornden Winter Nets	Chris Barber	01/12/18
Arrange Knights Valley end of season meal	Pete Finlay / Dave Wright	13/11/17
Organise Knights Valley Quiz Night	Iain Messenger / Dennis Payne	01/03/18
Re-Vamp Club Website	Chris Barber / Dean Sanders	01/04/18