

14th Annual General Meeting
of the Cheshire Cricket Board Limited at Hartford House, Moss Farm
at 9.30am on Friday 16 February 2024

1. Attendance: N.D. Muirhead, P.D. Totty, S.Elliott, R.C. Newton, M.J. Guest, D.W. Sharp, N.R. Brooks, N. Luthra, J. Seddon, J.W. Law, D.T.Humpage, P.Brown. **Apology:** H.C. Nicholson.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the 13th AGM held on 10 February 2023 at Moss Farm were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from those Minutes. There were no Matters Arising.

4. Chair's Report. N. Muirhead presented his report as follows:

'I am not sure where a year has gone since I was officially appointed, but I would like to firstly thank everyone on the Board for their input and hard work over the last 12 months. As agreed, we have tried to focus more on the "future" and has been wonderful to hear and discuss more of the great work we do across Cheshire from various team members and given the recent ECB review we can be hugely proud of all the great work that goes on, building on the success of many years of hard work by lots of people! I also feel the 'new' Board has come together over the last 12 months, with everyone having different skills and experience that adds to the richness of our discussions, and results in us building a strong team, which augurs well for the future.

As such, I think it is worth highlighting several key areas: -

- Progress in EDI has seen Cheshire become more diversified and starting to give cricketing opportunities to a wider network within the County. Still some way to go but a great foundation has been laid and the learning continues to have it embedded into everything cricket. The Board has benefitted from the presence of Neeruj with his marketing skills and experience.
- Women and Girls cricket in the county is thriving, with the Cheshire Women's Cricket League doing a fantastic job with their continued expansion in the number of teams entered. A big thank you to the passion and commitment that Jo, Di, Jess (and her team) have demonstrated in putting Cheshire well and truly on the map when it comes to female cricket.
- The Cheshire Cricket Clubs Committee and the Cheshire Leagues keep adult recreation cricket in a an extremely healthy place with the professionalism and commitment of their members. A special mention to David Humpage and Selwyn Stephenson for their management of their respective Leagues.
- The Board is fortunate to have two highly skilled and dedicated individuals looking after Safeguarding matters in Cheshire. With Nick and Julie leading are safeguarding operation, the Board is in 'safe hands'.
- The County Club has seen some significant structural changes off the field in the last couple of years. Jim has put together a 'slimline' team, with a tremendous amount of experience, to take the Club forward. Fingers crossed for better weather this coming season for our talented group of cricketers.
- Cheshire Youth Cricket does excellent work in developing the talent of our youngsters within the County.
- CCB Governance has taken massive leap forwards since the inception of CPA 1 and with Helen and David, we continue to make progress.
- The Board Management Group, under Scott as Chair and Mike as Treasurer, continue to manage professionally the operational side of the business.
- The knowledge, experience and leadership from Richard, Gareth and team, who do a wonderful job navigating through many different things!
- The fantastic support of our Secretary, David who seamlessly makes things happen!

Finally, the most important thank you is to the huge number of volunteers in Cheshire, who dedicate so much time to make cricket happen. Their continued support of this great game is highly valued by the Cheshire Cricket Board, and I genuinely believe Cheshire cricket continues to be in a very strong position and we are certainly on the ECB “map” in a good way, and here’s to another successful season / year!’

Those present expressed thanks to Nigel for his leadership and helping to shape the Board’s future during his first year as Chair.

5. Accounts.

The Annual Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2023 prepared by the Board’s Reporting Accountant, Murray Smith LLP, having been approved by the Directors at the December 2023 Board meeting, were formally adopted. Proposed by N.Muirhead, and seconded by P.D.Totty.

6. Reporting Accountant

The appointment of Murray Smith LLP as the Board’s Reporting Accountant was agreed. Proposed by M.J.Guest, and seconded by P.D.Totty. DWS to advise Murray Smith.

7. Elections

In accordance with the procedure in the Board’s Rules the following person was nominated to the AGM for appointment for a period of two years from 16 February 2024:

Neeruj Luthra Independent non-executive Director.

Proposed by N.Muirhead. Seconded by S.Elliott.

Neeruj was duly elected.

Neeruj was first appointed as a Director on 18 February 2022.

Confirmation that Scott Elliott was first appointed Director on 16 Aug 2022 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

Confirmation that Nick Brooks was first appointed Director on 9 Sept 2022 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

Confirmation that Nigel Muirhead was first appointed Director on 10 Feb 2023 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

Confirmation that Di Totty was first appointed Director on 18 Sept 2020 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

Confirmation that Joanna Seddon was first appointed Director on 10 Feb 2023 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

Confirmation that Helen Nicholson was first appointed Director on 10 Feb 2023 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2025 AGM

8. AOB. There were no items submitted prior to the Meeting.

9. Date of next AGM – provisionally Friday 21 February 2024.

DWS February 2024

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