

15th Annual General Meeting
of the Cheshire Cricket Board Limited at Hartford House, Moss Farm
at 10am on Friday 7 February 2025

1. Attendance:, P.D. Totty (in the chair), S.Elliott, R.C. Newton, M.J. Guest, D.W. Sharp (by video link), N.R. Brooks, N. Luthra, J. Seddon, H.C. Nicholson, D.T.Humpage, P.Brown.
Apologies: N.D. Muirhead, J.W. Law.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the 14th AGM held on 16 February 2024 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's (Chair) report circulated prior to the meeting :

From a personal perspective and having been in the role for 2 years (not sure where the time has gone!) I would personally like to thank everyone who contributes in such a positive way to the Board, and which has grown in strength over the past 12 months, with every member gaining further knowledge and experience of what we do. I feel we are very fortunate to have the variety of specialist skills the members possess, enabling the Board to discuss, shape and build positive momentum in all areas of Cricket within the County. This has also enabled us to significantly raise our profile, with a first for Cheshire, when we attended and gave a presentation to the ECB Board in March 2024, which was widely recognised in relation to all the outstanding work that takes place across the County.

As such a few things to highlight: -

- *Progress in EDI under Neeruj's leadership has enabled more people from diverse backgrounds to become involved in cricket within Cheshire and become a part of our 'family'. Staff members being invited to present on their work in this area has certainly brought about some excellent discussions, passion and energy amongst our members in the 'boardroom'. A big thanks to Jess, Gareth, Owen, Chris, Julie and Rehaan for their professional presentations and instigating some encouraging conversations. The Board certainly has that desire to continue to strive in making cricket inclusive..... A Game for Everyone to enjoy!*
- *Women and Girls cricket in the county is in a very healthy state, with the Cheshire Women's Cricket League seeing more teams entered in 2024 in both softball and hardball Divisions. A big thank you to the commitment that Jo, Di and all the other key volunteers have again demonstrated in keeping Women & Girls cricket in Cheshire at the forefront on the national stage. 2025 should be an exciting time with the introduction of a County Women's team in Tier 3.*
- *The Cheshire Cricket Clubs Committee and the Cheshire Leagues continue to keep adult recreation cricket in an extremely healthy place with the professionalism and commitment of their members. As always, a special mention to David Humpage and Selwyn Stephenson for their management of their respective Leagues and the challenges they encounter head on, to make cricket happen for so many teams and players within the County. Massive thank you to all the volunteers involved in the running of Leagues and Clubs.*
- *Any occurrences of safeguarding issues (of which there are many to varying degrees) continue to be handled professionally. The Board have the expertise of Nick and Julie leading in this field. Both are dedicated individuals in making cricket a 'safe place'. With Nick and*

Julie (and Sarah Hallas as deputy) leading our safeguarding operation, the Board remains in 'safe hands'. The value also of Club Safeguarding Officers in supporting a safer environment for all, is immense.

- The County Club, under Jim's leadership continues to provide elite cricketers of Cheshire with opportunities to test their skills on a bigger stage. Much effort and commitment go on behind the scenes in continuing to take the Club forward. On the field, the team had an excellent campaign in reaching the T20 Finals day and as seems a regular occurrence the last few years, the weather played a crucial part in the 3 day competition. I would also like to acknowledge the great work of many others who play representative cricket for the County including the Seniors (50's/60's/70's) as well as those who play for our disabled sides.*
- Cheshire Youth Cricket, under Tim and Paul continues to do excellent work in developing the young talent within the County. The 2024 season proved to be the best ever from a performance viewpoint with the Girls Under 18's reaching a semi final and 2 Quarter Finals. The boys U16's team made it a first for CYC, being crowned National Champions and the Under 14's and Under 18's teams winning their respective Leagues. The future looks bright!*
- CCB Governance and risk management has taken massive leap forwards since the inception of CPA 1 and with Helen we continue to make progress as the Board enters into the CPA2 contract.*
- The Board Management Group, under Scott as Chair and Mike as Treasurer, continue to manage professionally the operational side of the business and led superbly by Richard as Director of Cricket.*

As always, there are more things we can do, but again I would just like to reiterate my sincere thanks for everyone's contribution during the past 12 months and here's to the next 12 months!

Finally, the most important thank you is to the huge number of volunteers in Cheshire from clubs to umpires to scorers to grounds people and many others, who dedicate so much time to make cricket happen. Their continued support of this great game is highly valued by the Cheshire Cricket Board. Without that support we wouldn't be able to celebrate many of the successes we do.

*Nigel Muirhead
Chair*

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

5. Accounts.

The Annual Accounts for the year ending 30 September 2024 prepared by the Board's Reporting Accountant, Murray Smith LLP, having been approved by the Directors at the November 2024 Board meeting, were formally adopted. Proposed by D.T.Humpage, and seconded by P.Brown.

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 H.C.Nicholson. DWS to advise Murray Smith.

7. Elections

In accordance with the procedure in the Board's Rules the following persons were nominated to the AGM for appointment from 7 February 2025:

Scott Elliott Management Group Chair – for two years.
Nick Brooks Independent non-executive Director – for one year.
Nigel Muirhead Chair – for two years.
Di Totty Vice Chair – for two years.
Joanna Seddon Independent non-executive Director – for one year.
Helen Nicholson Independent non-executive Director – for one year.

All appointments were proposed by D.T.Humpage, and seconded by P.Brown.

All nominees were duly elected

Confirmation that Neeruj Luthra was first appointed Director on 18 Feb 2022 and scheduled for re-appointment at the 2026 AGM

8. AOB. There were no items submitted prior to the Meeting. It was confirmed that Richard Newton's title be renamed Managing Director (from Director of Cricket).

9. Date of next AGM – provisionally Friday 20 February 2026.

DWS February 2025

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