



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET
MEMORABILIA SOCIETY, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14TH. MARCH,
COMMENCING AT 7.30. PM AND USING THE ZOOM PLATFORM.**

Present :- 36 members.

- 1. Apologies.** Keith Hayhurst (President), Phillip Lloyd, David Beaumont, Keith Hodgson, Roger Pease.
- 2. Chairman's Introduction.** Taking the Chair was Richard Brown, who opened the meeting informing those present of the death of Mike Simpson (Gloucestershire): he asked for any information from members relative to those who have died so that their names could be included in the magazine. On a more joyful note, he expressed the good wishes from Keith Hayhurst as well as thanking those present for their attendance, especially with a competing meeting taking place, at which Geoff. Boycott was the guest. He indicated that, in spite of the Pandemic, membership of the Society remained very much the same as in the previous couple of years. He referenced the Magazine and the auction as a means of keeping in touch and the retention of membership along with its value for membership fees. Richard explained that the Committee had decided not to pursue virtual meetings with guest speakers, simply because other Societies were providing such a rich service. Reference was made to the production of signed book plates, similar in design to the Cards, relative to the recent publications of Ted Dexter and Dennis Amiss. There had been 50 of each printed of which there remained about a dozen of each still available. Anyone wanting to purchase should contact Richard to ascertain availability before sending payment.

The idea of trying such an approach with modern as well as with former players who were due to publish, was mooted. The probable difficulty of obtaining signatures was mentioned together with a plea for members to try to influence their counties to produce signed materials which could be collected. In anticipation of being able to meet face to face in the not too distant future, the Chairman indicated that Derby has been booked for October 23rd. this year, with Lords for January 29th. 2022. Several requests had been received to look at alternative venues other than County Grounds. His feeling is that due to the current circumstances it would better, in the short term, to stick with what we know.

3. Confirmation of Mr. K. Burney as a full member of the Committee. The Chairman explained that Ken Burney had been co-opted onto the Committee and this action needed to be ratified by those present at the AGM. **It was proposed, (Mr.P.Goddard), seconded (Mr.B.Sanderson) and unanimously agreed that Mr.K.Burney be elected as a full member of the Executive Committee.**

4. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Goddard referenced the detailed accounts having been included in the magazine indicating that the financial position was similar to that of the previous year: the Society continued to be well funded to the point where the assets cover two years working costs. He was pleased at the large number of members who had chosen to pay by Standing Order and hoped that many more would do the same. He thanked Mr. D. Start who, for the first time, had acted as External Examiner, hoping that the relationship could continue. There being no questions of the Treasurer, **it was proposed (Mr. I. Taylor), seconded (Mr. M. Raynor), and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted, and that Mr. Goddard be thanked for his work.**

5. The Chairman explained that the Committee had given thought to ways to provide recompense in respect of it being impossible to hold meetings. It was felt that the provision of the magazine and the on-line auctions had fulfilled and maintained a high level of provision by the Society. It was suggested that the fees for membership be frozen at the current level for the next two years - 21/22 and 22/23. **The Chairman proposed that this be the case with Mr. P, Goddard seconding the motion which was passed unanimously.**

6. Secretary's report. Mr. Cashmore indicated that the current membership stands at 361. All the advertising regarding the Society, excepting that of the Cricket Paper, had been placed. The meeting was informed that it was likely that the Paper would be in circulation sometime in May.

There were no specific contributions from members of the Committee.

7. Any Other Business. Mr. A. Picker, the magazine editor expressed his grateful thanks to all those who had contributed articles for inclusion and hoped that members would continue to do so: Mr. G. Bickley received special mention. The general feeling was that the use of colour enhanced the production and that comments overall were mainly positive. Mr. I. Taylor, along with the Chairman, expressed the sincerest of thanks for all the work which had gone into the production of the magazine, a view endorsed by all those present.

With the conclusion of the formal agenda, the Chairman introduced **Mr. S. Chalke, the guest speaker and winner of the Society's Award of Excellence for 20/21**, who royally entertained the meeting with his fund of wonderful stories and experiences, born of working in the field of cricket publishing.

The meeting concluded at 20.55 with the Chairman thanking everyone for attending the meeting, along with Mr. Chalke for his excellent contribution.