Grafton United Cricket Club

Minutes of the 156th Annual General Meeting

Held at the Victoria Park Clubrooms on 26th July 2018

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The meeting commended at 7:30pm, chaired by President Stewart Wilson.

23 members were in attendance, including the following life members: Mike de Lautour, Stewart Wilson, Jeff Meltzer, Peter Meads, Nicholas Albrecht and Richard Irving

1. Notice of the meeting

The notice was read by Chairman Stew Wilson and approved, having been circulated in accordance with the rules.

2. Obituaries

Club Chairman (Stew Wilson) spoke of John Ellison who joined the Club in 1965 and was a member of the Management Committee, a Vice President and a regular at Grafton's functions.

3. Roll call

Present: Stewart Wilson (Board President & Life Member), Alastair Lee (Club Chairman), Adrian Smith (Club Manager), Peter Meads (Honorary Treasurer & Life Member) Mike de Lautour (Patron & Life Member), Nicholas Albrecht (Life Member), Mark Bird (Club Captain and Board Member), Glenn Horne (Board member), Jeff Meltzer (Life Member), ACA representative James Kemp (Commercial Manager at Auckland Cricket), Charlie Smith (Club Administrator), Mike Ruffell (Head Junior Coach) and 11 club members

Apologies: Mike Simm, John Cushen, Tim Heath, Stewart Speed, Gary Cunningham, Mark Burgess, Ron Horne. Andrew Alderson, Chris de Lautour, Brent McAnulty and Elly Richards.

Stewart Wilson moved that apologies accepted, Seconded Mark Bird. Carried.

4. Minutes of the 155th AGM

Minutes from the 155th AGM held on 10th August 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate. Seconded Jeff Meltzer.

5. Matters arising

No matters arising were tabled.

6. Annual reports and financial statements

Club Chairman Alastair Lee presented his annual report for the 2017/18 season:

- A thank you to the club's volunteers and to the office staff.
- It was a mixed playing season for the Club with a number of tightly contested games and an unfortunate ACA draw which caused some adverse results.
- Congratulations to the Thirds and Fourths for their Championship wins and for some great results amongst our One Day and T20 teams.

- Thank you to Chris de Lautour for her involvement in the Club as a parent and Committee member.
- The areas of the Club we don't have control over continue to be a struggle e.g. the park and wickets.
- The office created new fundraising initiatives e.g. Golf Day in order to continue to support the Club
- The Grafton Cricket Development Trust helped to fund our girl's initiatives last year with a donation of $3000. The Trust have committed to doing the same again this season.
- Welcome to Rob Nicol, appointed as the Club's new Premier Coach.
- Thank you to our sponsors, in particular New World Victoria Park. Thank you to those who also support our Super 6's tournament.

Adrian Smith, Club Manager spoke in Brent McAnulty's absence regarding the Junior Club:

- The Junior Club will see significant changes this year amongst its playing formats. This will require a huge effort on the part of the Junior Committee and office to help ensure participation. It is hoped that junior numbers will be maintained.
- Thank you to the Junior Committee who work tirelessly for the Club.
- Grafton has received praise from Auckland Cricket with regards to our Girl's Blitz programme that was rolled out last season.

Adrian Smith, Club Manager also talked a commercially successful season for the Club as a whole:

- Grafton was very successful with grants and fundraising which will be invested in developing the club this season.
- An increase in sponsorship for New World has just been confirmed.
- The office has recently secured a grant from the Lion Foundation to repair the artificial in the indoor school.
- The Club want to make the conditions of the pitches a priority this season. Although the quality of the grounds has always been an issue due to overuse of the park, it was felt the Premier block also suffered last year.

Peter Meads, Club Treasurer, presenter the financial accounts and a summary of the year:

- The Grafton Cricket Development Trust have confirmed further funding for Girl's Cricket this season.
- $30,000 profit generated last season which enables us to reinvest in the Club and continue to improve our offering. This also offers us some protection.
- Budgeting to break even next year.

- Peter thanked ACA for its continued Club is the Hub programme which helps us to manage and develop the game.
- The Club still remains reliant on 'Super February' when we hold our annual Super 6's event and host a number of corporate tournaments.
- Chris McQuaid congratulated the Club on the acquisition of the scoreboard which was invaluable during last season.

The accounts were accepted (Peter Meads, Mark Bird).

Stewart Wilson, Club president added his thoughts:

- Thank you to Club Manager, Adrian Smith for achieving a great result last year playing wise and financially.
- Thank you to Nick Hendrie and Ian West for their contribution to the Club.
- Welcome to Mike Ruffell, our new Head Junior Coach and to Rob Nicol who will be our new Premier Coach.

7. Auckland Cricket

James Kemp, Commercial Manager from Auckland Cricket spoke to the club:

- Aces won their 1 Day competition and came third in the Super Smash. The Hearts also won their 1 Day competition with the youth teams also performing well.
- The Aces had two debutants on the international scene.
- Eden Park hosted its inaugural Day/Night Test.
- Invested $70,000 in Club is the Hub programme.
- Unfortunately ACA experienced a drop off in girl's numbers.
- Great gains made in the number of Umpires who were able to cover games.
- This year, significant changes are coming to the junior formats. Mandatory qualifications and police vetting will also be rolled out.
- Ethnicity project proved to be a success story last season. This will be continued into next season.
- Allan Norman remarked on Youth Cricket and how a number of players and parents are currently 'disenchanted' with the offering.
- Stew expressed concern with how Auckland Cricket are currently communicating with Clubs e.g. affiliation fees remain unconfirmed. Need to align their deadlines with the clubs.

8. Grafton Cricket Development Trust (GCDT)

- Will be helping to fund our girl's initiatives again this season.

- Also encouraging people to consider leaving the Trust money in their will or to make donations.
- The office is exploring options as to how donations to the Trust can be included in the registration process.
- Thank you to Parnell and Cornwall who helped us to set up the Trust.

9. Election of officers

- The following officers were elected:
    - Patron: Mike de Lautour
    - President: Stewart Wilson
    - Auditor: William Buck
    - Hon. Chairman: Alastair Lee, Hon. Treasurer: Peter Meads and Hon. Secretary: Mike Currie
- The following board members were nominated prior to the meeting and appointed: Alastair Lee (Chairman), Stewart Wilson, Peter Meads, Mike Currie, Mark Bird, Glenn Horne, Martin Webster and Brent McAnulty.
- Victoria Park Sports & Cultural Trust: Stewart Wilson (Treasurer), Nicholas Albrecht (Chairman) and Alastair Lee (Secretary)
- Vice Presidents were appointed en bloc from those listed in the annual report.
- Resignation of Geoff Hatten as VP.

10. General business

- Chris McQuaid thanked the Club for obtaining the electronic scoreboard during the season. This has already proved to be invaluable.

11. Presentations

Club Manager, Adrian Smith spoke of this season's award winners:

- George Childs Memorial Cup for senior club administrator of the year: Mike Currie, for his 7 years of service and his efforts in organising and conducting our Super 6's tournament.
- Jack Williams Award for club personality of the season: Chris de Lautour, for her contributions as a junior committee member and as a board member for the last 10 years.

Junior and senior playing awards were presented at separate prize giving ceremonies.

12. Closing

In closing, Stewart Wilson thanked everyone for their attendance and wished all the teams the best of luck for the coming season.The meeting closed at 8:35pm.