



**Sussex Cricket Limited**  
**MINUTES of the 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
*held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm*  
**SPEN CAMA PAVILION, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COUNTY GROUND, HOVE**

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The Chair, Jon Filby, called the meeting to order at 7.00pm and welcomed all those present, including the Board Directors, Vice Presidents, Individual Members and Affiliated Club Members. Jon Filby asked for a minute's silence in memory of the following individuals who had passed away during the previous year:

**Board Members:**

Daniel Oliver

**Vice Presidents:**

Nicholas Sharp

**Former players:**

Giles Cheatle

**Recreational Clubs:**

Norman Birkett	(Bognor Regis CC)
Fred Breach	(East Dean and Friston CC)
Mark Burchell	(Sussex Blind Cricket)
Tom Bradford	(Lewes St Michaels CC)
Roger Collins	(Keymer and Hassocks CC)
Roger Collins	(Haywards Heath CC)
Peter Ewen	(Haywards Heath CC)
Peter Goodwin	(St Andrews CC)
Mark Hudson	(Horsham CC)
Sarah Hunt	(Rottingdean CC)
Michael Jayston	(Rottingdean CC)
Peter King	(Burgess Hill CC)
Richard Marshall	(Horsham CC)
Brian Murphy	(Burgess Hill CC)
Graeme Mounsey	(Hastings & St Leonards Priory CC)
Mike Newcombe	(Lindfield CC)
John O'Connor MBE	(Lewes Priory CC)
Patrick Perks	(Billingshurst CC),
Roger Phillips	(Middleton CC)
Conway Thorns	(Henfield CC)

**Individual Members:**

Robert Mason  
David Piper

The Chief Executive, Pete Fitzboydon, then formally convened the meeting through the following announcement: "Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sussex Cricket will be held in the Spen Cama Pavilion, The 1st Central County Ground, Hove, Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 7pm."

**Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from:

- Bob Warren
- David Stoner
- Martyn Levitt
- Varadarajan Kalidasan
- Paul Funnell
- Chiara Khan

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The Chair requested that the minutes of the following meeting should be approved as read:

- Sussex Cricket Limited Annual General Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Proposed by Tim Burgess and seconded by Tony Doctors. Accepted without dissent. There were no matters arising from the meeting.

**Chair's Board report**

Jon Filby drew the meetings attention to his Chair's report, which highlighted the successes and challenges of all areas of the club over the past year.

**Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee Report**

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, Glenn Douglas, presented the **Sussex Cricket Limited Accounts** for the year ending 31st Oct 2024. Glenn provided a financial summary to the meeting:

- In common with most First- Class Counties, 2024 has been a very challenging year. If it had not been for the success in the Blast by earning a home quarter final it would have been significantly worse.
- Whilst the organisation uses operating profit as the best means of judging performance, it does mean that funding for major capital investment has to come out of external sources, such as the ECB.
- The commercial area of the Tate Development has now been fully let, and the organisation will see the full benefit in 2025.
- The Sussex Cricket Foundation has continued to be in a healthy financial position.

Glenn presented the 2023/2024 accounts and advised that the position for 2024/2025 will be challenging, including National Insurance rises, increase to minimum wage, general inflationary pressures within a relatively static income from the ECB. There will be a need to continue in rigorous management of the financials and ensure the club improves performance management of projects and investments to ensure the financial future.

Glenn looked ahead to the future and explained the potential impact of the Hundred sale. He informed that the sale of the Hundred franchises has the ability for the organisation to transform its financial position. However, this windfall must be used in an appropriate way including:

- creating reserves to allow the organisation to be financially solvent, to create a legacy for future generations.
- Investing in income generating schemes to create long term revenue flows which enable Sussex Cricket to invest in supporting our activities including our desire for trophies.
- Investing in ground and player development.

Glenn also stated that the money going into the Hundred franchises has sparked significant interest in people looking at investing in cricket. Sussex Cricket need to ensure it is an organisation fit for purpose to consider these additional opportunities.

The Chair asked for the adoption of the SCL accounts.

Proposed by David Dumigan and seconded by Dick Holste  
Accepted without dissent.

### **Resolutions to amend the SCL Rules**

The Chair drew attention the 2023/2024 Accounts Booklet which included information and explanation of the proposed changes to the Sussex Cricket Limited Rules. He suggested that this information would be taken as read and invited questions from the members. No questions were received.

The Chair therefore read out the proposed resolutions and invited votes for and against:

- *It is hereby resolved that Rule 7.40 shall be as amended as indicated in the 2023/2024 SCL Accounts Booklet*

The meeting unanimously approved the proposal. 30 proxy votes received were also in agreement

- *It is hereby resolved that Rule 9.2 shall be as amended as indicated in the 2023/2024 SCL Accounts Booklet*

The meeting unanimously approved the proposal. 29 proxy votes were also in agreement, with one vote against.

- *It is hereby resolved that Rule 9.3 shall be as amended as indicated in the 2023/2024 SCL Accounts Booklet*

The meeting unanimously approved the proposal. 30 proxy votes were also in agreement

- *It is hereby resolved that Rules 7.1.4, 7.7, 7.34, 7.35, 7.36, 9.1 and 12.2 shall be as amended as indicated in the 2023/2024 SCL Accounts Booklet*

The majority of the meeting approved the proposal with one vote against. 29 proxy votes were also in agreement with one vote abstaining.

### **Re-election of Vice Presidents**

The Chair proposed that the current Vice Presidents are re-elected en bloc:

Proposed by Tony Lewis and seconded by Alan Phillips  
Agreed without dissent.

### **Election of New Vice Presidents**

The Chair proposed that the following are elected as Sussex Cricket Vice Presidents due to their overwhelming commitment to cricket in Sussex:

- Rosalie Fairbairn
- Brenda Lower
- John Spencer

Proposed by Terry Burton and seconded by John Abbott. Agreed without dissent.

### **Election of President for 2024-2026**

Jon Filby noted that there will be no President election this year as Sir Rod Aldridge was elected as President in 2024 for two years. He will stand down as President in March 2026.

### **Election of Directors to the Board**

The Chief Executive, Pete Fitzboydon noted that there were two vacancies for representation of Individual members and Affiliated Clubs. The Governance Nominations and Elections Committee received two nominations. The nomination forms have been reviewed by the committee, and the two candidates were considered entirely appropriate for election. The nominations for the two positions was therefore uncontested.

Mr Simon Crundwell has been elected on behalf of the Individual Members for a term of three years. Mr Crundwell was proposed by Jon Filby and seconded by Jim May.

Fiona Richards has been elected on behalf of the Affiliated Clubs for a term of three years. Ms Richards was proposed by Slinfold Cricket Club and seconded by Pevensey Cricket Club.

### **Appointment of Co-opted Directors**

At last year's AGM the members voted in favour of the co-option of Jatin Patel and Chiara Khan. The SCL Board would like to extend Jatin Patel and Chiara Khan's appointment for a further year until March 2026.

In addition, following a report from the Chair of the Governance, Nominations and Elections Committee, the Board considered if there were sufficiently relevant 'exceptional circumstances' to extend Jon Filby's term of office as Chair of SCL for one year, from April 2025 to the date of the AGM in 2026 (the maximum extension permitted in the SCL Regulations). Due to the transformational change within cricket at National Governing Body level that Jon Filby has been a significant part of over the last few years and to continue to support the relatively new Chief Executive, the SCL Board unanimously agreed that this reached the 'exceptional circumstances' set out in Regulation 12. Therefore, Jon Filby will be co-opted to the Board for an additional year.

The Members present at the meeting expressed a strong desire for the SCL Board to investigate whether a further expansion of Jon Filby's term as Chair of the SCL Board could

be granted. Nigel Russell informed that he believed an expansion to twelve years would be permissible under the ECB County Governance Framework, however, this would require a change to the SCL Rules which currently only allows for a Board Member to serve for a maximum of nine years. Martin Richards (Vice Chair) noted the strong sense of feeling in the room and advised that the Governance, Election and Nominations Committee will investigate the proposal and will inform members accordingly.

Proposed by Chris Snell and seconded by Terry Burton. Agreed without dissent.

### **Appointment of Auditors**

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee proposed that Mazars be appointed as the Organisation's auditors.

Seconded by David Dumigan. Accepted without dissent.

### **Other Business**

The Chair, Jon Filby, stated that there had been no formal request for any specific item to be raised under 'Other Business'.

Mr Filby thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.12.