

The 25th Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th March 1974 at 5.00 p.m. in the Senior Common Room at Grey College (by kind permission of the Master). Those present were: Professor H.S. Offler (in the Chair), Mr. D. Cameron, Dr. P. Collins, Dr. S. Holgate, Dr. G. Holland, Mr. T. J. Hughes, Mr. D. R. Lander, Mr. R. B. Pallister, Mr. D. Ratcliffe, Mr. D. Rogers, Mr. B. E. Wetton, Dr. D. L. H. Williams.

183. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr. L. R. Barnes and Mr. A. Bisson.

184. Minutes

The minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 15th March 1973 were accepted.

185. Matters arising:

181. (ii) The Secretary reported that the Board of Management of the Playing Fields had installed a white backcloth behind the bowlers' arm at Maiden Castle, thus improving the facilities of the indoor net.

186. Election of Officers for 1974

The officers for 1974 were elected as follows :

President	:	Sir Derman Christopherson
Vice-Presidents	:	Professor J.L. Brooks Professor J.L. Burchnall Mr. B. Cooke Dr. K.L. Ellis Rev. J.C. Fenton Ald. H. Ferens Professor W.B. Fisher Mr. A. Henderson Professor H.S. Offler Mrs. W.A. Prowse Col. L. Slater Dr. M. Weston Dr. T. Whitworth
Chairman	:	Professor H.S. Offler
Captain	:	Mr. R. Pallister
Vice-Captain	:	Dr. L. Williams
Hon. Secretary	:	Mr. B. Wetton
Hon. Treasurer Equipment Manager	) :	Dr. P. Collins
Hon. Auditor	:	Mr. B.R. Lander

187. The Treasurer's Report was received. In his comments on the season's expenditure, the Hon. Treasurer noted the continued success of the 50p. match fee, the presentation to Mrs. Jarvis on her retirement from service to the

Club and how well financially the system of buying food for teas had been. With little expenditure visualised for the coming season, it was felt that the Club's financial situation might be a reasonably healthy one at the end of 1974. The report was accepted with particular thanks to Dr. Holland who was relinquishing his position as Club Treasurer, and also to Mr. B.R.Lander who had taken over the auditing from Mr. B. Cooke.

188. The Secretary reported on the activities of the 1973 season which had been a fairly successful one. The contribution of players from Durham Technical College was particularly noted. The Club had done well in the Inter-University Staff Festival at Leeds in spite of having to field a side containing 'guest' players and it was generally agreed that it had been a most enjoyable occasion.

A short discussion followed on the possibility of Durham being 'host' to the Inter-University Staff Festival. The obvious difficulties through a shortage of pitches were noted, but it was felt that this problem might be overcome should the Club be asked to stage the Festival.

189. Fixtures 1974

Details of provisional fixtures were circulated and it was hoped that the one free date might be filled by either playing the Police or Durham School Staff. The problem of the Newcastle match was to be investigated by the Secretary.

190. Reorganisation

- i. Since players from Durham Technical College were now playing regularly for the Staff side, it was generally agreed that the name of the Club should be changed in order to extend the Club's membership. Dr. Holgate proposed that the Club should revert to its original name, i.e. the 'Durham Colleges Staff Cricket Club'. This proposal was seconded by Dr. D.L.H.Williams and unanimously approved.
- ii. Since Mrs. Jarvis' retirement had taken place and because of the difficulties involved in Club members both buying and making teas, it was decided that the Secretary should negotiate with Mrs. Scorer and Mrs. Henderson for provision of teas at a cost of no more than 25p.

191. Any other business:

- i. The Secretary reported that indoor nets were available at Maiden Castle and that outdoor nets would start during the week preceding the first week of the Summer Term.
- ii. Since a shortage of players was still a problem for the Club, it was hoped that members would encourage any colleagues they knew to be interested in cricket to come down to the nets or to let the Secretary know so that he could fix them up with a game.

192. The meeting closed at 6.17 p.m.