

DURHAM COLLEGES STAFF CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of the Durham Colleges Staff Cricket Club was held on Tuesday 8th March, 1977 in the Senior Common Room, Grey College (by kind permission of the Master).

209 Present: Professor Offler (in the chair), Mr. Lyons, D. Ratcliffe, L. Barnes, T.J.Hughes, R. Pallister, B.E.Wetton, Dr. P.D.B.Collins, D. W. Blake, Dr. S. Holgate.

210 Apologies for absence were received from R. Lane, E. Anderson and S.G.C.Stoker.

211. Minutes. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were accepted as an accurate record. It was pointed out that the Hon. Auditor of the club was B.R.Lander and not B.R.Lauder.

212 Matters arising. Arising from the Treasurer's Report for 1976 (see previous minutes, item 205), members were informed that a pair of inners for the wicket keeper had been bought, and two pairs of wicket-keeping gloves had been repaired. The question of the shelving of the problem of the club protectors was also raised. It was pointed out that members usually made their own arrangements and the Equipment Office felt the club had covered itself very carefully in this respect. The Chairman was anxious that a careful eye be kept on this recurring problem in the future and urged the need for vigilance.

213 Election of officials

The following officials were unanimously elected for 1977-8:

President:	Sir Derman Christopherson
Vice-Presidents:	Dr. J. V. Armitage Professor J. L. Brooks Mr. B. Cooke Dr. K. L. Ellis Rev. J.C. Fenton Professor W. B. Fisher Mr. A. Henderson Dr. S. Holgate Professor H. S. Offler Mr. L. Slater Professor S. Sykes Dr. M. Weston Dr. T. Whitworth
Chairman:	Dr. S. Holgate
Captain:	Mr. T. J. Hughes
Vice-Captain:	Mr. B. E. Wetton
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. L. Barnes
Hon. Treasurer:	Dr. P. Collins
Equipment Manager:	
Hon. Auditor:	Mr. B. R. Lander

- 214 Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was circulated and there were general congratulations on the sound management which had kept the club in surplus for the second year running. It was noted that the policy of systematically buying new equipment probably ensured that major expenditure would not be necessary in the near future. It was decided that the £1 subscription for players, introduced in 1976, should continue. There was discussion about the possibility of raising the match fee to 75p. It was agreed that the club should make its own arrangements for tea and refreshments, except for the game against Newcastle Staff when a full tea should be provided. This would allow the match fee to remain at 50p. It was also agreed that Vice-Presidents should not be approached for donations for a year or two.
- 215 Chairman's remarks. Professor Offler presented a survey of the 1976 season. The playing record (played 12, won 4, lost 8) was disappointing but there had been a number of close finishes against college sides which might have gone either way. The highlights of the season had been two excellent wins in the University Staff Cricket Festival, held at Newcastle. These wins, over Leeds and Keele, had produced some excellent individual performances, notably from Tim Hughes and Ray Pallister. The third match of the Festival, against Newcastle, had produced some fine cricket but, largely due to a superb performance from Alan Brown, Newcastle had taken the game and the competition. The contributions of Ken Hardman, Tim Hughes, Ray Pallister and Peter Collins were noted with pleasure.
- 216 Secretary's Report. Statistics relating to the 1976 season were circulated. The fixture list for 1977 was distributed, and there were several suggestions for filling the one remaining gap in the list. The secretary reported that the changes introduced in the previous season had all proved satisfactory. The match day had been changed from Tuesday to Thursday and this was convenient for the majority of playing members. The idea of playing one fixture each year against Newcastle, on an alternating home and away basis, had been a success. The advertising campaign and membership drive had produced several valuable recruits to the club. In consequence a regular pool of players had been established which had made for less call being made on guest players. The Secretary undertook to make arrangements for net practice for the coming season.
- 217 Any Other Business
- (i) Mr. Wetton raised the problem of pilfering from the changing rooms at the Racecourse. This had been a problem for several seasons, and there had been a number of serious losses in 1976. He proposed that this possibility of the Club taking out an insurance policy to protect members' personal possessions should be investigated. It was agreed that Dr. Collins should make enquiries about this and take appropriate action.
- (ii) Mr. Pallister proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Offler for chairing the meeting and for his contribution as Chairman over the year.

D. W. Blake
Hon. Secretary.