

Cambridge University Cricket Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Tuesday 24th June, 2025, in Christ's College, at 7.00 pm. The Senior Treasurer, Prof. Ken Siddle, was in the chair and 12 Members were present.

1. Apologies for absence. Prof Siddle opened by reporting that the President, Prof. Reynolds, was indisposed and had sent his apologies. The meeting sent best wishes to Prof. Reynolds for a speedy recovery. Apologies had also been received from Dr. Sybil Stacpoole, Alex Ferreira, Raunak Khanduja, Rose Crawford and Radhika Iyer.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 were approved and signed.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

4. President's Report

Prof. Siddle spoke on behalf of Prof. Reynolds. Looking back, the 2024 season was one of mixed fortunes; the men's Blues retained their place in the BUCS National League, after some good performances and close results. Unfortunately Oxford's men had a clean sweep of the three Varsity encounters, but our women won convincingly at Lord's before losing at Arundel. This year we have around 120 student/playing members and are fielding 5 teams, which is not without its challenges in providing good value for subs, in terms of both training/coaching and matches. There have been concerns about availability of Fenner's for pre-season practice, and indeed for matches, which will be addressed with the Sports Service in an end of season review. Meanwhile, finalising the deal for sale of land at Fenner's to Hughes Hall remains in the hands of senior officers of C.U.C.A.C.

5. Elections to the Committee for the 2025/26 Academic Year.

It was proposed by Professor Siddle, seconded by Ms. Conder and agreed unanimously that Professor David Reynolds should be re-elected as Club President.

Professor Siddle acknowledged that he had intended to stand down as Senior Treasurer before now, but various circumstances had conspired to delay this. He offered to continue as Senior Treasurer for another year, indeed expressed a wish to do so while matters concerning C.U.C.A.C. remained in a state of uncertainty. His intended to familiarize Dr. Timms with the role, with a view to a smooth handover in due course, assuming Dr. Timms' nomination was acceptable to the University (of which there was little doubt). Dr. Timms indicated that he was content and on that basis it was agreed that Prof. Siddle should continue for another year with Dr. Timms in an assistant capacity.

It was proposed by Professor Siddle, seconded by Dr. Timms and agreed unanimously that Dr. Anthony Hyde should be re-elected as Club Secretary.

The other five senior members of the Committee (Dr. Timms, Dr. Stacpoole, Ms. Conder, Mr. Sadler and Dr. Tasker) had offered themselves for re-election and it was agreed unanimously that they should continue to serve.

It was suggested, through the Chair, that when the new Committee met it should review its senior membership and consider other potential candidates who might be co-opted.

It was agreed unanimously that Mrs. Helen Hyde should be re-appointed as Cricket Coordinator.

6. Nominations to the Executive of Cambridge University Cricket and Athletic Club Ltd

It was noted that, since the last AGM, The Executive Committee of C.U.C. & A.C. had ruled that each Club should nominate just three specified voting members ex officio under Article

9(a). It was agreed that Prof. Reynolds and Prof. Siddle should continue to serve as President and Senior Treasurer, and that a third (student) representative (Co-President or Captain, male or female) should be confirmed by the Committee after student elections had been held. In the meantime Grace Langley should continue to serve on the Executive Committee in her capacity as current Co-President.

It was further noted that, since the last AGM, Dr. Richard Timms had been nominated by the Committee to replace Mr. Roger Knight as one of the Club's elected representatives on the Executive Committee of C.U.C.A.C. under Article 9(b), and his appointment until 30 September 2026 was confirmed. It was proposed by Prof. Siddle, seconded by Dr. Timms and agreed unanimously that Dr. Anthony Hyde be re-elected as the Club's second representative under Article 9(b), for two years to 30 September 2026.

7. Accounts for 2023/24

Prof. Siddle presented financial statements for 2023/24, showing income of £47,068, expenditure of £52,938 and a deficit of £5,870, leaving net assets of £1,045. There was so single line of income or expenditure that could be said to be the main contributor to the change in financial fortunes over the last year,

Dr. Hyde proposed the adoption of the accounts and this was seconded by Ms. Conder and agreed unanimously.

8. Subscriptions for 2025.

Dr. Hyde recommended that subscriptions for Senior and Associate Members should be left unchanged for 2025, and this was agreed unanimously. Players' subscriptions would be set in due course.

9. Any other business.

i. Dr. Hyde reported that he had met with a potential franchisee who was keen to explore opportunities for shared use of Fenner's ground and the indoor cricket school, with potential financial and other benefits for the Club and the University. He was endeavouring to engage the head of the Sports Service, Mr. Mark Brian, in the discussions. Dr. Hyde also tabled a document setting out CUCC's vision for Fenner's, that had been prepared with the assistance of various members and stakeholders whom he thanked for their input.

ii. Dr Hyde proposed a vote of thanks to J.M.A.N. Ltd for their continued generous sponsorship of the club, and this was warmly endorsed by Prof. Siddle. He also thanked Arundel Castle Cricket Club for their generous hospitality in staging the one-day Varsity Matches.

iii. Dr Hyde also expressed his thanks: a) to all members to their forbearance while restrictions on Fenner's access were dealt with; b) to those members who had contributed new honours boards for the pavilion; c) to members who had helped behind the bar at Fenner's; d) to Stan Norman for his efficient oversight of the inter-college Cuppers competition; and e) to James Barclay and Will Galpin of the University Sports Service for their cooperation and assistance.

iv. Ciara Boaden asked for consideration to be given to engaging a coach for the women's team for the full year.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.