

## Minutes of the Group 4 AGM 24 October 2023

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.35pm
2. Apologies were recorded
3. The Chairman opened by stating that this year had been a rollercoaster year with highs and very lows. Sadly we lost Ricky Watson Dave Farquhar and Colin Morton this season all officers of the Group. Highs are that we won the Wally Ball and were Runners up in the Ashford Cup, he felt very disappointed at losing the Ashford Cup but was elated at winning the Wally Ball. It was pointed out that over the past 3 months numerous request have been made for volunteers to fill the necessary offices on the committee – None have been received!!!! This was reminded to the floor but still no response. He thanked Dave King for stepping in as Secretary following the passing of Dave Farquhar and Alan Warner for sorting all the competitions. Due to lack of response for officers to the group the following were elected:-

**Chairman** Dudley Payne

**Secretary** Dave King – Acting, if anybody wishes to take on the position please contact the Secretary

**Group County Selector** Conway Fleming

**Treasurer** Phil Hensher

**Match Secretary** Vacant

**Competition Secretary** Alan Warner

**Selectors** Dave King Con Fleming Russell Gurnett Terry Patrick James Holmes and Mark Rose

**Webmasters** Alan Warner and Con Fleming

He pointed out that the finals day went very well and was well supported. He asked that all the delegates report back to their clubs how important the Group competitions are in supplying players for County Competitions.

4. The minutes were approved and seconded by the Executive
5. Matters arising – Dave Jarrold queried the reason for green testing, following much deliberation it was agreed to take the matter up with the County Secretary and report back to the executive. The certificates were not issued this season due to Dave Farquhars demise.
6. Secretaries report was supplied prior to the meeting – there were no questions
7. The accounts were supplied prior to the meeting and were approved and accepted by the executive. One notable point was that 3 clubs neglected to pay their affiliation fee. The Treasurer will be chasing this issue in readiness for next season.
8. County games are becoming very difficult to fill as players are dropping out at the last minute and the reserve list is getting smaller. The Group Selector intimated that he will do the job for one more year.
9. Match Secretary outlined the cancelled games, after much discussion it was suggested that the Ashford Squad play against the RBA as a trial game on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July. This was agreed by all the executive.
10. Comp Secretary thanked all the competitors as they all pulled together to complete the rounds on time. It ran very smoothly. There was one hiccup which will necessitate a rule change. It was also pointed out that we need to re-order the wooden shields as stocks are getting low.
11. AOB  
Mark Rose asked if Brentwood could enter more than one team in the Morton Triples – this was agreed  
Bob Theobald questioned the position of Safeguarding Officer needed for 2025. The situation was outlined and plans for implementation were agreed to be supplied to clubs following the county AGM when more information could be obtained.  
Dave Jarrold stated that County Handbooks would be obligatory again next season.

The Chairman was thanked for his dedication to office this season.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm