



**MINUTES OF THE 2024 AGM HELD at THE COUNTY GROUND ON 11th June 2025
AND STREAMED LIVE, VIA YOUTUBE AT 19:00**

ITEM 1: INTRODUCTION

The Chair, Sir Michael Barber, Chair (SMB) opened the evening by thanking everyone for attending and for their support in 2024.

The Chair read out the housekeeping rules.

The Chair explained that there would be a formal part of the meeting first, followed by two panels. The first panel would consist of Sir Peter Wantliss, Club President (SPW), Jamie Cox, Chief Executive (JC) and SMB. The second panel would consist of Andy Hurry, Director of Cricket (AH), Jason Kerr, Men's Head Coach (JK) and Trevor Griffin, Women's Head Coach (TG).

The voting for the Chair had already taken place. Results, as well as the approval of the minutes, would be distributed at a later date. The elections were processed through Civica Election Services.

The Chair stated that the Agenda and relevant papers had been distributed in advance and were available via the website, or in hard copies.

SMB referred back to the Board Report and pulled out the significant highlights over the last 12 months.

- a) This year is the 150th Anniversary of the Somerset County Cricket Club, having been founded in 1875. Celebrations have been taking place, including an Open Dinner in March. A special celebratory match will take place on 18th August.
- b) This is the first year of a Tier 1 Women's Team. They are a young team, who are positive, absorbing and keen to learn. They have endured some tough games. Praise had been received from fans and members.
- c) Men's Team. Whilst there was a poor start by recent standards, they have since won six games in a row.

SMB stated that it is always the Club's top ambition to keep all the cricket teams in the top table of English and Welsh cricket. SCCC want to continue to inspire the southwest through cricket.

SMB explained that although finance is always tight for the Club, it has been well managed, keeping the costs under control. Any surpluses are reinvested in either the ground, or in the cricket teams.

SMB noted that the Hundred sale is still ongoing. Whilst the Club would receive some money, it will be a one-off settlement. It is not an increase in the budget.

A lunch had been hosted regarding the redevelopment of the ground and also the Firepool site, with significant Partners attending: Somerset County Council, the Somerset NHS, Exeter University, Bridgewater and Taunton College, Yeovil College. The debate was how to develop the cricket ground, but more importantly from the other Partners, the Firepool site and how to

make it a Centre of Health, Wellbeing and Development. Exeter University are in dialogue with the Authority about having a university site there in partnership with Bridgewater and Taunton College. This is an exciting opportunity for some significant redevelopment.

Dialogue is taking place with Rajasthan Royals, an IPL team and their co-owner Manoj Badale, looking at partnerships, player exchanges, training and data and how it can be implemented at SCCC.

ECB relationships are really important to the Club, who are impressed with the way the Teams play and the way the Club is managed. ECB rank the Counties 1-18 on management. SCCC are in the top three and are one of the three counties rated green on management and leadership.

There is an ongoing debate about the scheduling of when matches should occur and how many matches there should be in the County Championship and the 50-over games in the T20 Blast. This will be covered further in the Chief Executive's report.

The Chair returned to the Agenda.

ITEM 2: APOLOGIES

The CEO, Jamie Cox read the apologies for absence received in the advance of the meeting, followed by the Deceased members in 2024.

Apologies:	Deceased Members:
Mr Nick White	Mr Philip Arnold
Ms Anthea Chapman	Mr Paul Bail
Mr Kevin Russell	Mr Alan Bourne
Mrs Pat Russell	Mr Samuel Boyd
Mr Chris Bishop	Mr Geoffrey Clarke
Mr Vic Marks	Mr Richard Coupe
Dr Habib Naviq	Mr Barry Dean
Ms Hannah Buckley	Mr Alan Denning
Mr Rhys Beer	Mr David Doughty
	Mrs Mary Elworthy
	Mrs Mary Fletcher
	Mr David Gabitass
	Mr Roy Goodby
	Mr Colin Hall
	Mr Christopher Hole
	Mr John Holmes
	Mr Keith Jennings
	Mrs Susan Leonard
	Mr David Milne
	Mr Ken Palmer
	Mr Neil Pollard
	Mr Norman Powe
	Mr Rex Roe
	Mr Anthony Smith
	Ms Kathleen Staple
	Mr Derek Tarr
	Mr Graham Tripp
	Mr Ian Wareham
	Mr Ray Windsor

A moment of reflection was taken to acknowledge the loss of the family members.

ITEM 3: TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29TH MAY 2024

These had been shared in advance with the membership. The 2023 AGM Minutes were proposed by Richard Brice and seconded by Geoff Vian. They were approved by the membership with a majority of 99.37%.

ITEM 4: TO RECEIVE AND IF APPROVED, ADOPT THE ANNUAL BOARD REPORT FOR 2024

The approval of the Annual Board Report for 2024 was proposed by Rhys Beer and seconded by Richard Brice. This was approved by the membership with a majority of 98.13%. Any items for discussion would be taken up during the Panel section.

ITEM 5: TO RECEIVE AND IF APPROVED, ADOPT THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2024

These had also been voted on, but as this is so important to the management of the Club and the Board's work, Rachel Lawrence, Financial Director (RL) carried out a short presentation covering the budgets, assets, costs, cash reserves, debts and reinvestments.

RL stated that the sale of the Hundred will provide extra income for the Club, the ECB have clearly set out three guard rails to ensure that the money is spent appropriately. These are debt, cash reserves and the Club's investment plans. RL explained what would be covered in these guard rails.

SMB confirmed the Statement of Accounts had been distributed and were approved on-line by a majority of 98.42%.

Therefore, the Statement of Accounts for 2024 was proposed by Donna Eavis and seconded by Rhys Beer. They were approved by the membership with a large majority.

ITEM 6: TO APPOINT AUDITORS FOR 2025

The appointment of Auditors, through the on-line panel, was proposed by Donna Eavis, seconded by Richard Brice. They were approved by the membership with a majority 98.74%

ITEM 7: TO ANNOUNCE THE OUTCOME OF THE APPOINTED DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

JC informed the members of the outcome of the elections.

- a) Club Chair. Sir Michael Barber was proposed by Richard Brice and seconded by Geoff Vian. This was approved by 92.82% majority of the membership. JC thanked SMB for agreeing to continue with the role for a second term.
- b) Club President. Sir Peter Wanliss was proposed for a second 2-year term by Richard Brice and seconded by Geoff Vain. This was approved by the membership with a 94.07% majority. JC congratulated SPW and thanked him for accepting the role.

SPW thanked the members and stated it was a huge privilege to be the Club President and read out a poem he had prepared.

SMB informed the members of the results of the other election. All elections would be published in full in due course.

- c) Member Election. There were five candidates for two places. These have been offered to Geoff Vian, re-elected (GV) and Richard Hatcher (RH). SMB offered his congratulations to them.

SMB also congratulated Michelle Evans who, although didn't win, had stepped into the position when there was an unexpected gap in the Board several months ago, making a fantastic contribution. ME will continue to be an active member of the club.

GV took to the floor to pay his thanks for his re-election. He wanted to mention the Members' Sub-Committee, also known as MemCom. Their role is to represent the views of the membership to the Board and vice-versa. MemCom consists of the three elected members, together with representatives of the geographical areas that make up the Club. These members can be emailed directly. Other members are: Michelle Edwards, Tim Longman, Joe Mason, Babs Martin and Steven Southwell. There is currently one vacancy on the committee.

RH also thanked everyone for his election onto the Board, stating it was a huge honour.

SMB thanked Jane Hamlin and Chad Murrin for running for Office.

ITEM 8: APPOINTED DIRECTOR - DONNA EAVIS

This role is not an elected post. The Director is selected by the Board. Donna Eavis (DE) Chairs the Finance, Risk and Governance Committee. SMB thanked DE for her contribution.

This ended the formal meeting. The next section was the informal panel meeting, open for Questions and Answers.