



Cheshire Association of Groundsmen

Chairman

Andrew Horsfield

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Richard Cragg

Secretary

Ashley Pryce

Treasurer

Dave Twiney

CAG 2024 AGM 20/Nov/24 held at Toft CC

Apologies: Ashley Pryce, Mark Samaru and 19 other groundsmen

Present: The committee, Pitch Advisors and 20 groundsmen

Last Meeting Minutes:

Were accepted

Chairman's Report:

Andy reviewed the season past. Because of the very wet weather last winter and spring CAG had agreed with the leagues a 1 week delay in the start of the season. A pre-season course had been arranged at Hale Barns and mid seasons workshops at NE Cheshire and Old Parkonians.

Following an initiative from the ECB and funding from CAG and the 4Cs Pitchpower surveys had been carried out on 36 Cheshire clubs by our Pitch Advisors. We hope to do all the clubs which will give us a database to monitor progress.

We propose to negotiate a deal to block book online courses from the GMA to be available for pre-season learning next year.

Andy said we need to find ways to attract young people into the business.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave reported on the state of our bank account:-

Carried forward from last year : £7726

Income : 88 clubs x £20 = £1760

Outgoings :

Training done by Pitch Advisors £425

Pitch Inspections : £850

Support of website : £340 (over 3 years)

GMA membership : £67

Carried Forward to next year : £8430

Dave said that the website statistics show 359 sessions this last month with up to 30 sessions per day. The most read page was Keith Boyce's advice to club groundsmen.

Dave asked if anyone had thoughts on the website – little response.

Election of Officers:-

Current committee have agreed to carry on. Anyone wishing to help on the committee should see Andy at the end of the meeting.

Any Other Business:-

The question of getting younger people involved was raised. Could CAG present courses to secondary school kids?

Andy Wellsby mentioned another county cricket board had hired someone to do this.

The AGM as stopped at this point to allow for a more general meeting and consumption of a hotpot supper.

DT 24/11/24