SISSINGHURST CRICKET CLUB AGM

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2020

The season that nearly wasn’t and then seemed to be over no sooner than it started ! With the help of everybody at the club, we managed to get the game on for our adult teams and most of the junior age groups.

- Well done to Graham and his helpers for once again preparing and maintaining

 our excellent facilities. When all looked lost in May and June work carried on in

 the hope that some cricket would be played eventually.

- I would like to thank the captains for organising, selecting and managing all the

 adult games . While results were a bit up and down across the three teams it

 was great to see cricket played in such good spirit despite all the restrictions

 put in place by Covid 19. Availability was high given the circumstances and it

 was good to see a number of youngsters from our Junior Section playing both

 league and friendly cricket – long may it continue !

- Although the junior section season was somewhat stunted, what did take place

 was once again of the highest standard. Whilst the under 9’s didn’t get to play,

 the under 11’s played a handful of games and Simons under 13 group continued

 their impressive unbeaten run winning both league and cup for the second

 ( maybe 3rd ) year running. Simon will be joining our committee for next season,

 taking over the reigns from Tony who leaves the junior section in rude health.

 My thanks go out to Tony for all his hard work over the past several seasons

 and hope he will still be around to help out if needed.

- In the absence of any Boot Fairs this year it was a relief to receive a £ 10k

 business grant from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council. You will be able to see

 the state of our finances in Andy Knowlers treasurers report but I can reassure

 you that we are OK.

- Whilst sponsorship money dried up a bit this year we would still like to build

 on our previous successes. With that in mind, if anybody wants to join our

 Grants/Sponsorship sub committee they are of course more than welcome.

 This groups remit could be extended to include general fundraising including

 the end of season dinner and awards evening.

- Although it has been a quiet year for our friend Clubmark, we are still

 committed to the ECB Safe Hands Programme. With that in mind it is essential

 that we keep up with all our DBS registrations as and when they become due.

 As previously, Graham is our point person on this so if you have any issues you

 know where to go.

So roll on next season ! Let’s hope it’s a good one !!

Pete Smith

Chairman