



Cheshire Association of Groundsmen

Chairman

Andrew Horsfield

Secretary

(vacant)

Treasurer

Dave Twiney

CAG 2022 AGM 8/ Nov Warrington CC

Apologies: Ian Barber, Brendan Connolly, Mike Cook, Richard Cragg

Since the 2021 AGM Richard Cragg has retired from the CAG committee and Andy Horsfield has kindly volunteered to take over as Chairman

Chairman's Report:

Andy thanked everyone for coming. He said we had arranged two training courses during the year, both had been well received. Andy is planning on offering additional "novice" and "advanced" courses next year as well as trialling work experience so that a young person could work with him for a week or so.

Andy is working on a development plan for the CAG as well as working with Mark Samaru to produce a facilities management proposal to be presented to the 4Cs. This will include use of the new "Pitchpower" tool which will be used by clubs after its publication by the GMA – hopefully next April.

Secretary and Treasurer's Report:

Dave said Andy had largely covered the activities of the year, but added that we had arranged a visit to Sale CC to look at their Hybrid pitches – thanks to Iain Harrop for hosting.

We have £6810.67 in the bank with another £960 expected from the County League membership. Dave pointed out that our income was larger than

expenditure as we no longer buy in level 1 courses. As discussed last year we expect to arrange additional training which will take up this money.

Election of Officers:-

Paul Agar is leaving the committee. Andy thanked him for his many years work as a Pitch Advisor and Vice Chair of the CAG. He was presented with an engraved tankard.

Ian Schora has also left .

New committee members are Ian Barber and Stan Aspinall

Any Other Business:-

CPA support team – the coming implementation of Pitchpower will mean a significant workload for Pitch Advisors. We would like to recruit a team of groundsmen to assist them. Mark Samaru described how this might work.

Open Meet – Alex Kegg has arranged for the ECB Pitch Inspector Andy MacKay to address an open meeting to be held at Sale CC on 8th Dec – 7:30 start.

Advertising material is being prepared.

More Pitch Advisors – Since Paul Agar's retirement the CCB want to get a few experienced groundsmen trained up as Pitch Advisors. The job description is on both CAG and CCB websites.

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