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Chiang Mai Lanna Cricket Club Annual General Meeting and Executive Committee Election 2025-26 Minutes

In attendance:

Richard Lockwood, Chris Coombes, Elliot Lodge, Hugh Williams, Ian Harling, Nick Bird, Richie George, Jon Scales, Sagar Kumar, Shine Thomas, Nick Janes, Ton

Apologies:

Tom Salusbury, Kashyap Ravee, Pete Warner. Drummond Rimmer

Chairman's welcome and overview

Chairman Ian Harling welcomed the meeting and thanked Sandy for his sponsorship and for agreeing to provide UN Irish as the venue for the AGM.

Confirmation of the minutes of the previous AGM

Confirmed.

Reports from the CMLCC Executive Committee:**Captain's Report**

Richie reviewed the shortened season, which included a Tri-Series involving UCC plus friendlies against CMCC. Tours from Horningsham CC and Occidentals CC were a highlight, and there was a good CMLCC presence in the British Club game, which resulted in a rare British Club victory.

Mention was made of the difficulty in getting a full team each match, and this was a problem for all local teams except Lamphun.

CMLCC reached the final in the Royals Sixes, losing to Pattaya, while CMLCC combined forces with the Purple Helmets in the Chiang Mai Sixes and managed to make it to the elite Cup group.

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Treasurer's Report

Shine gave a general review of the accounts and we had a surplus of 34,750 baht as the costs of not playing cricket were much lower than actually playing and merchandise sales had brought money in. It is the financially healthiest the Club has been in many years, thanks to membership fees and sponsorship from Sandy at the UN Irish, plus the promise of further support from OSMAI FX.

Shine provided the following accounts for the season:

Income

Balance from 2023-24 season	10,656
Membership fees	21,300
UN Irish sponsorship	10,000
Merchandise	6,600
Refunds/ surplus on fees	7,500
Total	57,295

Expenses

Deposit to Royals for hire of ground	10,000
Tent, water and ice	1,110
Shortfall on match fees	1,335
CMLCC Xmas social at Shine's	3,000
CMLCC shirts	6,500
CMLCC domain fee	400
Trophy for Tri-Series	200
Total	22,545
Balance of 2024-25 season	34,750

Chairman's Report

Ian stated he had achieved most of the aims he had set out to achieve on being elected as Chairman, despite the early end to the season caused by the unavailability of grounds. The major achievement was creating a Code of Conduct that the four local teams all signed up to so hoping to create a more harmonious match environment.

Communication of Executive Committee Meetings and their outcome to the membership had been greatly improved and ECM minutes promptly sent out, though it was stated it had been a little disappointing not to get much in the way of feedback.

Recruitment was not achieved despite the efforts of placing recruitment posters in 12 sports bars around the town, but it was partly attributed to the fact that the Club was not playing any cricket for most of the season.

Ground report for the season ahead

Lucky confirmed that Gymkhana had been revived in time for the Chiang Mai Sixes and work would continue so the complete outfield would be in good order for the new season in late October or November, dependent on the weather situation.

Work had been carried out at Prem under the supervision of CAT and it was hoped the ground would be available from October, again, dependent on the weather situation.

We will continue to keep relations open with Royals, but it was not made clear what equipment they had and what their plans for cricket were in the future, as news from them has not been forthcoming.

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Membership and recruitment

Ian had put posters up around Chiang Mai and Anastasia had put notices up on Facebook but the membership drive had stalled with the lack of cricket to provide new members. Jon offered to help run a campaign of sponsored ads on Facebook, which would be targeted towards potential new players. A budget for this needed to be looked at.

Further targets for the new season include Schools, Consulates and Chambers of Commerce. The main key would be to encourage existing members to make themselves available.

Lanna rugby was very effective in their recruitment and their players may well wish to get involved in cricket. An avenue to work with them on this will be looked into.

Net sessions were a way of generating interest and playing indoor cricket in the off-season would be something to offer if we can get a regular turnout for them.

Elliot is looking to run a junior cricket program at Prem, which CMLCC could support and may pay dividends in the future. It was agreed that providing any form of cricket throughout the year could be helpful in recruitment.

Sponsorship

Sandy at UN Irish had supported the club during the Chiang Mai Sixes and also made a donation of 10,000 THB towards the costs of the Tri-Series.

OSMAI FX had sponsored the club with 15,000 in the previous season and was happy to continue the sponsorship as long as the club supported Thai juniors playing cricket.

Jon had held a BBQ evening at his house in May and was happy to continue hosting events and covering the costs.

Plans for holding a Chiang Mai League and other cricket

We will look at running a league in conjunction with the other teams in Chiang Mai and this would be run in parallel with friendly limited over games, Eights and Sixes competitions.

The Koh Chang Beach Cricket is due on 22- 24 August, and the Gymkhana Sixes is scheduled for 22nd and 23rd November.

Tour matches had been an enjoyable part of the season, so trips to Pattaya, British Club or Bangkok's RBSC will be considered and involving all local teams. A tour organising volunteer(s) will need to be sought for this task.

We would look at maintaining interest by arranging indoor cricket during the wet season and by holding events that we could all be involved in.

Election of new Executive Committee officers for the 2024-25 season:

Chairman	Ian was re-elected after a challenge from Shine.
Captain	Elliot was elected unopposed, with Richie stepping down but supporting him as vice-captain.
Secretary	Locky was elected unopposed.
Treasurer	Shine stepped down and will transfer the Club funds he is holding to the next Treasurer, which is now a vacant position and will be filled as soon as possible.

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Any other business

It has been recognised that the fine work that our Club Secretary puts in for the Club with his match arrangements, scoring and umpiring, he should be financially compensated for it. It was agreed by all at the AGM that his fee would be 1,000 baht per match, covered by both CMLCC and the opposition.

Tom Salusbury had apparently expressed his wish to continue as Honorary President and said he would like to hold a President's Day each year, taking up the suggestion from the Chairman made to him earlier in the year. He also mentioned he would support the Club in other ways, having already offered to continue to provide teas when required.

A warm welcome back to Nick Janes, whose batting prowess has been sorely missed!

Thank yous go out to:

- Our sponsors, Daren of Osmi FX and Sandy of UN Irish, for their generous support.
- Elliot for doing a great job arranging a visit from his Horningsham CC from the UK.
- Locky for arranging a visit from the Occidentals CC. from the Caribbean and the USA
- A special mention goes to Jon of Palm Villa & Sandy of the UN Irish for although not sponsoring our Club directly in the CM Sixes, financially supported a team that had CMLCC players in it.
- Shine for hosting the Xmas BBQ.
- Richard Cowles for the upkeep of our excellent website, CMLCC.club and his financial contribution to the Thai boys.

The final mention ended on a sad note that CMLCC's first Chairman, David Holt, was in the hospital, having suffered a stroke. Our thoughts and best wishes went out to him.

The meeting then came to a close.

Richard Lockwood

Club Secretary
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