

**Re: Playing Membership – EGM 1830 hours Monday 28 January 2013**

Further to Peter's circulation of the AGM Minutes, I am contacting you to explain the need for an extraordinary general meeting next month.

Although the 2012 cricket season was generally a wash out, there are other underlying difficulties with SMMCC being able to fulfil the fixture list:

- Core regular players now 8 to 10 persons
- MCA has a regular cricket team
- Kerala XI CC play in a mid-week league
- Southampton Community CC connections have diminished

Association with the latter has been the main stay in making up deficient numbers for our games over the last few years. This can no longer be achieved.

It is not essential that our players are Master Mariners, indeed it has been a very long time since they all were – if ever!! Connections with the marine industry would be good, similar to the general membership of the main club, however, the requirement is purely an interest in playing a reasonable standard of cricket, in friendly games with like-minded teams, playing to the 'spirit of the game'.

We urgently need to recruit new players who will commit to play with us next season. They may not have played since school/college, but we will give everyone a chance, nets practice will be arranged at the Ageas Bowl. I would like to see a squad of at least 20 committed players to ensure that we can field a team for each of our fixtures next season.

I have potentially recruited 2 new players and if each of the regular remaining players do likewise, then we should have a good core squad in order to set the fixtures for 2013. During this festive period, please persuade, cajole, beg family members, friends, work colleagues etc to consider playing for our team.

I'd be grateful if you could please respond to this email with your current contact details, including mobile phone and preferred email address, together with the names and similar contact details of any committed new members.

The purpose of the EGM is to confirm that we have a squad for next season, prior to confirming fixtures.

**IF I DO NOT RECEIVE A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE TO THIS CALL FOR PLAYERS, TOGETHER WITH A COMMITMENT FOR NEXT SEASON AND CORRESPONDING ATTENDANCE AT THE EGM, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE CRICKET SECTION OF THE SOUTHAMPTON MASTER MARINERS' CLUB WILL CEASE TO EXIST.**

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the EGM in the New Year, venue:

Southampton Master Mariners' Club Headquarters

1st Floor, 12-14 Queens Terrace, Southampton, SO14 3BP

(Above Southampton Seafarers' Centre)

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year

Kind regards

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