**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – NHCL AGM – JANUARY 15TH 2018**

Good evening and thanks for attending this AGM for the Broadview Windows North Herts Cricket League.

I would like to start my report by reviewing what happened on the pitch during the season just gone.

Congratulations to Bramfield who won Division 1 eventually winning the title by 5 points with Tewin in 2nd place. Breachwood Green came 3rd 16 points behind Tewin with Hitchin in 4th place and Graveley in 5th. During the season Welwyn Garden City decided they could no longer fulfil their fixtures and so dropped out of the League and Old Elizabethans who finished 6th in the League have subsequently during the close season decided not to renew their position in the League.

Congratulations to Lilley who won Division 2 by 4 points over Therfield & Kelshall. Although the final points gap was small Lilley wrapped up the title well before the end of the season. Both Lilley & Therfield & Kelshall are now promoted to Division 1.

The number of concessions reduced from 18 in 2016 to 6 that were noted in the final League tables although this doesn’t reflect the amount of games that Welwyn Garden City conceded before resigning from the League and their records were expunged..

The tighter cricket award was again won by Hatfield & Crusaders whilst the Brighter Cricket award was won by Tewin. Therfield & Kelshall were runners up and Bramfield 3rd in both categories.

It is good to report that there were no disciplinary issues for the Council to deal with – thanks to all the captains for ensuring we got to this nil result. Thanks also to all the teams for submitting their results mostly on time.

The balls supplied were again of a generally good calibre at a reasonable price and with our sponsor purchasing the brass stamp for embossing the logo on to the balls as part of their sponsorship package last season that has left the League in a good position to have good quality balls for next season.

I would like to thank my fellow officers for their support through the year:-

Jon Hall continues to be very efficient in performing his duties as League Secretary.

John McKean has again done a magnificent job in keeping the books.

Well done Jon & John – thanks guys for all your support over the last year……

I would also like to thank all the people who have attended the League meetings through the year and especially to Datchworth Cricket Club for hosting the meetings including the Awards evening when everyone enjoyed the usual good food.

Finally I would like to record my thanks to Noddy Logan for the continued support of Broadview Windows in sponsoring the League.

The following were nominated for the various categories at the end of season awards meeting due to their performances during the 2017 season :-

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| Division 1 Player of the Season |  |  |
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| Luke Wilde | Tewin | 277 runs @ 69.25 | 8 wickets @ 22.75 |
| Ben Orchard | Bramfield | 229 runs @ 32.71 | 7 wickets @ 13.29 |
| Noah Lipschitz | Tewin | 331 runs @ 66.20 |  |
| Will Pickworth | Tewin | 152 runs @ 38.00 | 8 wickets @ 13.75 |
| George Blemkin | Bramfield | 291 runs @ 48.50 |  |
| Paul Shankster | Tewin |  | 16 wickets @ 12.06 |
| Dan Orchard | Bramfield |  | 13 wickets @ 13.31 |
| Harry Gates | Hitchin |  | 13 wickets @ 16.77 |
| Julian Rudder | Breachwood Green | 181 runs @ 45.25 | 9 wickets @ 7.11 |
| Ross Murphy | Bramfield | 107 runs @ 35.67 | 12 wickets @ 19.00 |
| Trevor Logan | Graveley | 199 runs @ 49.75 |  |
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| Division 2 Player of the Season |  |  |
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| Jonny Brilus | Datchworth | 215 runs @ 30.71 | 12 wickets @ 16.56 |
| Jack Busby | Ashwell | 325 runs @ 65.00 |  |
| Nick Verrill | Rosslyn | 247 runs @ 61.75 | 6 wickets @ 18.67 |
| Dan McLaughlin | Lilley | 314 runs @ 52.33 | 11 wickets @ 24.18 |
| Bonham Harper | Therfield & Kelshall | 445 runs @ 44.50 |  |
| Mark Scanlan | Lilley | 308 runs @ 44.00 | 8 wickets @ 14.13 |
| Gareth Wynne | Hatfield & Crusaders |  | 17 wickets @ 6.59 |
| Marcus Chalkley | Lilley | 172 runs @ 34.40 | 18 wickets @ 14.56 |
| Aziz Hussain | Rosslyn | 138 runs @ 13.80 | 21 wickets @ 17.48 |
| Ben Clark | Hatfield & Crusaders |  | 10 wickets @ 9.50 |
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| Young Player of the Season |  |  |
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| Dan Orchard | Bramfield |  | 13 wickets @ 13.31 |
| Harry Gates | Hitchin |  | 13 wickets @ 16.77 |
| Noah Lipschitz | Tewin | 331 runs @ 66.20 |  |
| Charlie Busby | Old Elizabethans | 70 & 79 not out | 4-23 |
| Shaun Gomes | Old Elizabethans | 57 & 63 |  |
| Luke Sicheri Peel | Old Elizabethans |  | 6-1-21-5 |