



# Beretning 2023 – Cricketklubben Soranerne

## Statement of Activities 2023

### ***Dear Club Members,***

It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the Board, address the Club's members at the Annual General Meeting on Statement of Activities for 2023 for Cricketklubben Soranerne.

As Chairman it is a privilege to serve the Club, the Board and all our Members.

2023 marked the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it's founding in 1953.

Many new members have joined the Club this past year and on a personal note it has been a joy to welcome all of you.

The Club has participated in three senior divisions and one mixed team in the Old boys division.

### **I. The Club**

The Board's objectives for 2023 have been to focus on seven core areas:

- Strengthening the Club's youth activities
- Improvement of Club atmosphere
- Participation in the Danish National Cricket League
- Focus on upgrading Club facilities; especially getting one fixed Sight Screen
- Continuous improvement of internal Club structures i.e. communication: new website and SoMe
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- Actively participating in meetings with our host Gentofte Kommune i.e.

The Board is satisfied with the outcome and results achieved on these seven focus areas, but also recognizing shortfalls.

### **II. The Members**

- Seniors: approx. 50 Senior Members divided on three teams
- Old Boys: approx. 21 Old Boys Members
- Youth: approx. 10 Youth Members

20 new seniors, 2 new old boys and 4 new youths joined the Club in 2023.

Net Membership growth is +15. Collection of Membership Fee has been satisfactory.

### **III. The Tournament 2023**

The Club enrolled five teams in the National Cricket League:

- ✓ We participated with 1 team in the Winter Indoor Tournament.
- ✓ Our 1st Team ended the regular season in the Elite division in the last place but managed to come back very strongly in the play-off to avoid demotion and won 5 out of 7 matches. Overall we ended in sixth place in Elite division.
- ✓ Our 2nd Team played its second season in 2nd division and ended in 4th place with 8 wins and 6 losses



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- ✓ Our 3rd Team received a wild card to play in 3rd division Øst. We ended play-off to avoid demotion in 7<sup>th</sup> place (8). Depending on tournament configuration for 2024 we might stay in 3<sup>rd</sup> division.
- ✓ Our Old Boys Team KB/Soranerne secured 5th (9) place with 4 wins and 4 losses

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- ✓ Our 1st Team played in series 2 Øst and ended in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 wins and 2 losses
- ✓ Our 2nd Team played in series 3 Øst and ended in 5th place with 1 win and 4 losses

The Board is satisfied with the Club's overall achievement in the Tournament 2023

Umpires reported zero player incidents, which we all should be immensely proud of.

The Board recognizes that our Club needs to participate with a youth team in the regional tournament

At the Club's annual barbecue we celebrated individual players achievements. "The Player of the year award" went to Krishna Chaitanya Mikkilineni. Krishna also erased the old Club record by scoring 50 runs in just 20 balls.

#### **IV. Youth Team and coaching**

The Club's youth program is moving on with small incremental steps and success.

The Club currently has 8 young cricketers who on a regular basis show up for training. During the year five of the boys have played mixed friendlies against Fredensborg CC, Akademisk Boldklub CC and OM Cricket. Ole Mortensen, OM Cricket has, helped with organising matches and adding his young players.

The coaching team include Peter, Parag (ad hoc) and Kapish. Recently Stephen Pattison has joined the team. However, the Board are actively looking for more senior members who on a voluntary basis can join the coaching team.

The objective is to grow the number of youth players to 15 active members and enroll one team in the youth tournament.

The Board recognizes that a lot more work has to be done

#### **V. New Team Wear**

Just in time for season start the Club's new team wear arrived. The team wear is designed in accordance with the Club's design manual. From start it was important to source from a reliable vendor, good quality and reasonably pricing. Some feedback from Members indicates that trousers do tend to show signs of wearing quickly and clads tend to get discolouring.

The Board will initiate a new batch order as we are currently sold out.

All in all the board is satisfied with the new design and vendor.

#### **VI. Gentofte Kommune / Gentofte SportsPark**

During the year the Club has participated in all meetings with our host and benefactor Gentofte Kommune. The participation is important for the Club. Main objectives of these meetings are:

- Coordination / distribution of slots for training and club matches
- Information on programs for all active Clubs in the municipality
- Funds/grants for new facilities and equipment; the 70% funding rule applies
- Maintenance of Club facilities

The Board has obtained good communication and relationship with key persons within the Municipality and the SportsPark



## VII. Club Facilities

Improving Club facilities is an on-going task for the Board.

In 2023 the Club's host and benefactor Gentofte Kommune paid the cost for:

- i. repair of nets
- ii. repair of the match pitch
- iii. a new fixed Sight Screen (70% funding)
- iv. a new TV-set for the Clubhouse (70% funding)

On behalf of the Club the Board extends our deep gratitude to Gentofte Kommune

## VIII. Sponsors

Even though the Club does not have an official sponsor it is important to recognize that the Club indeed receives substantial funds through sponsor channels:

In 2023 the Club received substantial funds to improve and secure the high quality of our facilities:

- Gentofte Kommune paid DKK 56.875 towards the new fixed Sight Screen (70%)
- Dansk Idrætsforbund paid DKK 24.375 towards the new fixed Sight Screen (70%)
- Gentofte Kommune paid DKK 3.850 towards the new TV set in the Clubhouse (70%)
- Dansk Cricket supported the Club with a grant of DKK 15.000 towards youth initiatives and a new website
- Soransk Samfund supported the Club with a grant of DKK 5.000 towards youth equipment
- Our Old boys arranged a private sponsor event earning the Club DKK 2.000
- Novo Nordisk had a team event introducing employees to Cricket earning the Club DKK 12 GOC Super Match balls

In 2023 the Board successfully managed to raise funds totalling DKK 107.100 benefitting our Club and Club members

## IX. Dansk Cricket Forbund - DCF

During the year the Club has reached out to DCF on numerous occasions for support and assistance on many topics. We are very pleased with the help and guidance received throughout the year from the staff of DCF.

## X. Social events

The Club hosted a season end barbecue where several members had prepared a delicious Indian barbecue. Individual players were recognized for best player, best bowler and best batsman for each of our teams. The event was enjoyable and fun. A similar event will be scheduled for next year.

The Old boys held their second Double Wicket tournament on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. As always well planned and executed by Alan Matthews.

## XI. Special acknowledgement

The Board would like to send a special acknowledgement to all captains of the Club's teams including, Naveen, Ravikiran, Kaushal, Shankar, Gowtham, Michael and Søren. Thank you all for the hard work you do for the teams and service to the Club.

Also, many thanks to Akbar Naim for his dedication to do scoring for the Club. What should we do without you!



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### **Work in progress**

The Board recognizes that moving the Club ahead include shortcomings and hard choices and sometimes progress can be slow in materializing. We aim to please all but realize that we sometimes have shortfalls. This year we made substantial headways primarily around our Club's facilities and how we manage the Club. Certain areas could have been better addressed. In closing I would like to thank the current Board for all the hard and voluntary work they have contributed with.

Let's us all look forward to a new exciting cricket season in 2024.

On behalf of the Board

Gentofte Sportspark; Wednesday 22-11-23

Peter F. Ulrich  
Chairman