

Wanstead & Snarebrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snarebrook Football Club)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 1st March 2013 @ 8:00pm.

Apologies: Mike Mead, Asad Abbas, Aman Ali, Junaid Ali, Mazham Ali, Rizwan Ali, Sifth Ali, Neil Bainton, Matthew Bucknall, Kate Byrne, Munra Chahal, Ramon Chesney, Finlay Chesney-Brown, Ibtesham Chowdhury, Christian Donovan, Timothy Downes, Joe Ellis-Grewal, Harry Evans, Stefan Farelly, Finlay Ferguson, Thomas Fisher, Scott Fitzgerald, Kerri Flanagan, Matthew Geoghegan, Joshua Gibbs, Rahul Goel, Graham Hambly, Farhana Hoque, Rahib Hoque, Jessica Houghton, Thomas Howl, Mary Kavanagh, Anoushka Lalli, Alan Lord, Adam Lord, Asif Majid, Shazeb Majid, Fergal McArdle, Connor McGoldrick, Ronan McGoldrick, Abdullah Mukhta, Sam Oswald, Milan Patel, Neil Patel, Pavan Patel, Max Perriton, Stuart Phillips, Tom Phillips, Mike Pickless, Edward Prendeville, Faraz Rehman

1.0 Introduction

The President introduced the meeting, including reading the notice of the meeting.

2.0 Adoption of the Committee Report

The key aspects of the Committee Report were highlighted:

- The club made a loss of just over £7,500 in the 2012 season despite receiving a £10,000 legacy from Hilda Castell. The extremely poor weather in the early part of the season did not help in this regard and it was estimated that this had resulted in a reduction of between £7,000 and £8,000 in bar takings and match fees during the season. We would need to do everything possible to increase our net income by £10,000 this year to ensure we did not make a further loss in 2013.
- We were looking to sign an agreement with a specialist company that works with sports clubs to raise revenue through sponsorship and advertising.
- If we were unable bring additional income into the club it would be necessary to cut discretionary costs.
- From a cricketing perspective the report was far more positive. 2012 was one of the most successful in the club's history. The 1st XI won the Essex 1st XI Premier League title and finished runners-up in the Kingfisher Beer National Cup.
- Both grounds had been in excellent condition throughout the summer despite the challenging weather conditions. Once again, the club were extremely grateful to the groundsmen (Ian and Matt) for their efforts in maintaining the grounds to such a high standard.

Concerns were voiced by some of the members about the fact that the AGM Agenda proposal to maintain subscriptions at the same rate for 2013 meant that they would not have risen for 3 years. Chris Hurd explained that the Management Committee was acutely aware of the persisting difficult economic conditions that affected us all and that there was every likelihood of losing members if we increased subscriptions

this year. This would have the greatest impact on the Junior Section and Len Enoch noted that they had already seen a reduction in the numbers playing cricket following the significant loss of fixtures due to the weather last year as well as the competing attraction of the London Olympics during a critical part of the season. This was a recurring theme around the county and all recreational cricket clubs had been impacted in a similar way. We needed to do everything possible to retain or, ideally, increase membership. Raising match fees, rather than increasing subscriptions, meant that those who played would have to pay slightly more rather than all members being affected.

Martin Pluck stressed that players who did not pay their subscriptions in full by the end of June would not be selected to play in games. We had a far better track record with regard to payment of membership subscriptions than other clubs.

The management Committee acknowledged the work and dedication of the following club members:

- Arfan Akram – 1st Team captain
- Simon Andrews and Lynn Rising – bar management and hall bookings
- Len Enoch, Trevor Hebden and Vivienne Hebden – Junior Section
- Pauling Osborn and Anjali Bamrah – Ladies Section
- Sanjay Batra – the club website

The Committee Report was approved – proposed by Tony Pluck and seconded by Bill Fretwell.

3.0 Adoption of the Treasurer’s Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2012

Alun Evans had confirmed that he had audited the accounts and would supply the necessary certificate to reflect this successful audit.

The Treasurer’s Statement of Accounts was approved – proposed by Arfan Akram and seconded by Simon Osborn.

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee

The President, Vice Presidents and Management Committee were re-elected.

For their outstanding contributions to the club over many years it was proposed that the following should be elected as Vice Presidents:

- Len Enoch
- Trevor Hebden
- Pauline Osborn

Len and Trevor were the lifeblood of the club and their unstinting efforts and expertise in developing and running the highly successful Junior Section set an example to all other recreational cricket clubs. Pauline was largely responsible for the birth and continuing success of the Ladies Cricket Section. Her wider contribution to women's cricket had been acknowledged by the fact that she was now Chairman of the North London Women's League.

The Officers and Management Committee members were once again as follows:

President:	John Gray
Club Management Committee	
Honorary Club Secretary:	Nigel Hutchings
Emeritus Secretary:	Tony Pluck
Honorary Club Treasurer	Chris Hurd
Cricket Secretary/Chairman:	Martin Pluck
Bar Chairman:	Simon Andrews
Social Sub-Committee Chairman:	Joe Palmer Snr
Welfare Officer:	Kate Byrne
First Team Captain (Saturday & Sunday):	Arfan Akram
Head of Junior Cricket:	Trevor Hebden
Football Section Manager:	Paul Staniford
Other Members:	Len Enoch
Honorary Auditor:	Alun Evans

The election of the club President was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Trevor Hebden

The election of all Vice Presidents was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Anjali Bamrah

The election of Officers and Management Committee was approved – proposed by Tony Pluck and seconded by Bill Fretwell.

5.0 Subscriptions

It was recommended that, recognising the continuing difficult economic environment, the 2013 rates of subscription should remain unchanged for the third consecutive year

The proposal that the annual subscription remain unchanged for the third consecutive year was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Len Enoch.

6.0 Match Fees

It was recommended that the 2013 match fees be increased by £1 to £9 for adult matches and £4 for Junior games. This applied to both home and away fixtures.

Martin Pluck noted that the average adult match fee for other clubs in the county was £10. The Wanstead adult match fees were the cheapest of any of the Essex 1st XI Premier League sides.

The proposal for 2013 match fee rates was approved – proposed by Arfan Akram and seconded by Sanjay Batra.

7.0 Any Other Business

The club thanked Arfan Akram for the fantastic job he had done in arranging the recent cricket tour to Jamaica. This was an outstanding success at all levels and was a high profile event in Jamaica (it was on the national news) that had garnered widespread positive publicity for the club. The club also offered its thanks to Ark Plc for their generous sponsorship of the tour.

It was hoped that Courtney Walsh would be returning to Wanstead during the summer to do a further Q&A session to help raise money for the club. This was just one of several fund raising events being put on throughout the year.

The meeting was closed by the President.