

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 21st March 2014 @ 8:00pm.

Apologies: J. Akbar, Adnan Akram, P. Apps, F. Apps, N. Bainton, S. Batra, H. Chambers, M. Chambers, J. Coffey, J. Ellis-Grewal, E. Ferguson, C. Ley, M. Mead, D. Patel, M. Piracha and M.Pluck.

1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 Adoption of the Committee Report for 2013

The key aspects of the Committee Report were highlighted, which gave rise a to wide-ranging discussion that focussed on the financial themes of the report:

- Whilst the club loss in 2013 was very similar to the one made in 2012 (£7,237 against £7,530) it was important to remember that we benefited from a £10,000 legacy in 2012. This meant that the financial performance had improved greatly from last year. This was to a large degree thanks to Chris Hurd's prudent management of the club's discretionary expenses.
- We had reduced the club's outgoings as far as is possible without starting to impinge upon the services that we provide to the members.
- The aim going forward was to increase income whilst retaining expenses at a similar level to 2013. Already things were looking more promising this year with bar takings up by 20% on last year.
- We could increase match fees and subscriptions but we wanted to keep these rises to a minimum as this could affect the club's membership levels.
- A special agreement had been reached with Greene King that would result in a one-off loyalty bonus of £4,500.
- The real key to improving income for the club was to get more people to come up to Overton Drive, both on a regular basis and for the major fund-raising events each year. It was hoped that a revamp of the Social Committee would help here, especially with regard to getting players back to the club on a Saturday after their games had finished. The Social Committee had met several times in recent weeks to discuss fund-raising options. This new group intended to be far more proactive and would comprise the following members:
 - Joe Palmer Snr
 - Joe Palmer Jnr
 - Martin Pluck
 - Scott Emmons
 - Nigel Baldwin
 - Martin Harvey
 - Matloob Piracha

- Lynn Rising
- We had a very large junior membership, especially when family members were taken into consideration, and we should take advantage of this fact. It was proposed that we target the parents of junior members to carry out fund-raising activities alongside the adult initiatives. To reinforce this, a junior fund-raising sub-committee was suggested that would work actively alongside the Social Committee.
- A recurring theme was the fact that the same people tend to end up doing everything. We were a community cricket club and we would benefit from a more collaborative approach that involved a broader cross-section of the club's membership.
- Len Enoch encouraged club members to raise any concerns they may have in this area and to provide relevant constructive criticism when completing the questionnaire for the Development Report. All input to this would be anonymous.
- From a cricketing perspective the report was far more positive. 2013 was another outstanding season for the club. The numerous successes included the 1st XI retaining the Essex 1st XI Premier League title, the first time the club had achieved this feat.
- Once again the grounds at both Overton Drive and Nutter Lane had been maintained in excellent condition throughout the season. Once again, the club were extremely grateful to the groundsmen (Ian Jordan and his team) and to Nigel Baldwin for their efforts in maintaining the grounds to a continuing high standard.

The management Committee acknowledged in the report 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 Hannah Newman – 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 2013

The auditor, Alun Evans, would supply the necessary certificate to reflect his successful audit of the club's accounts.

The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts was approved – proposed by John Pluck and seconded by Trevor Hebden.

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee

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

The Officers and Management Committee members were 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 (appointed by the Management Committee): Bryan Clark

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 Chris Hurd and seconded by Tony Pluck.

The election of Officers and Management Committee was approved – proposed by Pauline Osborn and seconded by John Pluck.

The election of Vice-Presidents was approved – proposed by Tony Pluck and seconded by Arfan Akram.

5.0 Subscriptions

It was recommended that, in light of the fact that they had remained unchanged for the last 3 years, the subscription rates should be increased by a small amount for 2014.

The proposal that the annual subscription should be increased by a small amount was approved – proposed by Len Enoch and seconded by Arfan Akram.

6.0 Match Fees

It was recommended that the 2014 season match fees for adult games be increased by £1 to £10. Match fees would remain at £4 for Junior games. These rates applied to both home and away fixtures.

Chris Hurd re-iterated that these fees were still very competitive and that Wanstead's overall fees charged to members (combined annual subscription and match fees) were still substantially lower than those of other clubs in the area.

The proposal for 2014 match fee rates was approved – proposed by Pauline Osborn and seconded by Simon Osborn.

The meeting was closed by the President.