

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 13th March 2015 @ 8:00pm.

Apologies: A Briggs, Adnan Akram, R. Worf, M. Piracha, M. Mead and M.Pluck.

1.0 Introduction

Before reading the notice of the meeting the President reminded the attendees that this year's AGM was tinged with sorrow following the very sad news of Tony Pluck's death at the end of 2014. Tony had been unwavering in his dedication and commitment to the club for over 65 years and his tireless work and contribution to the success of club over many years would never be forgotten. He would be greatly missed by everyone at Wanstead Cricket Club.

2.0 Adoption of the Committee Report for 2014

The Committee Report was approved – proposed by Arfan Akram and seconded by John Pluck.

3.0 Adoption of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2014

The Treasurer, Chris Hurd, confirmed that there had been a marked recovery in the club's finances over the last year. A significant upturn in the bar takings had greatly contributed to this turnaround, which had resulted in the club achieving a surplus of nearly £6,000 in 2014 following a loss of £7,000 in the previous year. However, there was no room for complacency as the bar turnover for the first six months of the current financial year was down by £5,000 and this reflected the continuing financial challenges facing all recreational cricket clubs. It was vital that we made full use of the club facilities wherever possible to increase income and that members gave their full support to all fund raising events and initiatives.

The announcement that we had recently signed a four-year sponsorship deal with Keatons, a new local estate agent, was a tremendous boost for the club. The club was very grateful to Keaton's for their support. Len Enoch requested that the unstinting efforts of Martin Pluck and Chris Hurd in securing this sponsorship arrangement should be formally recorded and thanked them, on behalf of all club members, for the excellent job they had done here.

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 Bill Fretwell and seconded by Scott Emmons.

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee

The President and Vice Presidents were re-elected.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the club over many years the following additional appointments were proposed:

- Vice-President: Nigel Hutchings

Proposed by Trevor Hebden and seconded by Len Enoch

- Life Member: Gill Pluck

Proposed by Trevor Hebden and seconded by Ewan Ferguson

The Officers and revised Management Committee membership were as follows:

President: John Gray

Club Management Committee

Honorary Club Secretary: Nigel Hutchings

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):

First Team Captain (Saturday & Sunday): Joe Ellis-Grewal

Head of Junior Cricket: Bryan Clark

Football Section Manager: Paul Staniford

Other Member: Matloob Piracha

The following members would also be co-opted onto the committee as required:

- Len Enoch
- Arfan Akram
- Pauline Osborn

Pauline Osborn's inclusion on the Management Committee reflected the growth of Women's and Girls' cricket at Wanstead and their increasingly important contribution to the club.

Honorary Auditor: Alun Evans

The election of the club President was approved – proposed by Chris Hurd and seconded by Gill Pluck.

The election of Officers and Management Committee was approved – proposed by Stuart Phillips and seconded by Jonathan Mudhoo.

The election of Vice-Presidents was approved – proposed by John Pluck and seconded by Simon Osborn.

The election of the Auditor was approved – proposed by Len Enoch and seconded by Trevor Hebden.

In addition, in reflection of the outstanding job he had done over 10 years as 1st XI captain and in acknowledgement of his overall contribution to cricket at Wanstead, Arfan Akram was to be given the role of Club Captain.

5.0 Subscriptions

It was recommended that, for 2015, the subscription rates for playing members should be increased roughly in line with inflation whilst subscriptions for social and honorary members would remain the same.

The recommendation for annual subscription rates was approved – proposed by Len Enoch and seconded by Matt Smith.

6.0 Match Fees

It was recommended that the 2015 season match fees for adult and junior games would remain unchanged. As in previous years, rates applied to both home and away fixtures.

The recommendation for 2015 match fee rates was approved – proposed by Ben Phillips and seconded by Matt Smith.

The meeting was formally closed by the President

7.0 Any Other Business

The following topics were discussed under AOB:

Overton Drive Pavilion Refurbishment

Chris Hurd provided a status update on this initiative. The breakdown of funding for the refurbishment work was as follows:

Terry O'Connor bequest:	£70,000
Sport England grant:	£75,000

The club had applied for a Sport England grant that was available through the Inspired Facilities programme. We expected to receive a response to our application in April. If the application was successful we would then apply to Redbridge for planning permission to undertake the refurbishment work. We would also need to submit a separate planning request for the removal of some obstructive trees from behind the clubhouse. This was important as removing these trees would simplify the building work and reduce costs. If everything went to plan we would expect to carry out the work over the 2015-16 Christmas/New Year period in readiness for the club's 150th anniversary season.

Chip and Pin payment facilities

There had been numerous enquiries from club members as to why this facility was not available to pay for drinks and snacks from the bar. Options for this had been looked at in the past and discounted due to the high implementation costs. However, things had moved on since then and charges for deploying a chip and pin payment facility had reduced considerably. Chris Hurd confirmed that the club were very happy to review the options now available and assess the viability of introducing this service at Overton Drive. Scott Emmons would put together a proposal and submit this to Martin Pluck and Chris Hurd for consideration.

150th Anniversary Celebrations

Arfan Akram provided a brief update on the initiatives we were currently looking at to help celebrate the club's 150th anniversary in 2016. These included:

- i. A tour to Jamaica in February 2016 as part of the club's on-going support of the Courtney Walsh Foundation
- ii. A Wanstead side playing against the Cross Arrows at the Lord's Nursery Ground. We had already made initial enquiries about this and a formal request to play will be made nearer the time of the game.
- iii. Setting up a marquee at Overton Drive throughout adult cricket week. We are looking to play several high profile games during this week.

Other events would also be looked at and Martin Pluck was in the process of putting together a 150th Anniversary Events Committee to plan and organise a series of celebratory activities and initiatives during 2016.