

WANSTEAD & SNARESBROOK CRICKET CLUB

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on Monday 25th September 2017 @ 8:00pm

Present: N. Hutchings, T. Hebden, L. Enoch, S. Phillips, S. Andrews, Arfan Akram, N. Rathakrishnan, M. Pluck.

1.0 Apologies for absence

M. Piracha, P. Osborn, S. Emmons, J. Ellis-Grewal, P. Staniford, J. Palmer.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting

2.1 The minutes of the previous Management Committee meeting on Thursday 22nd June 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Action Nigel Hutchings to arrange for a copy of the minutes of the previous Management Committee meeting to be published on the club website.

3.0 Actions from the previous meeting

3.1 *Book a pitch for 9th September at Fairlop/Hainault Recreation Ground – completed.*

3.2 *Fully document/itemise what the Jack Petchey Leader Award grant had been used for – Len Enoch had completed the return, which was approved by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Further work was needed on the nets prior to their being used next season.*

3.3 *Email all club members asking for volunteers to help organise social/fund raising events – completed.*

3.4 *Produce a mid-year Statement of Accounts for review at the next Management Committee meeting – completed. For details see later under Treasurer's Report.*

3.5 *Arrange for a copy of the minutes of the previous Management Committee meeting and the AGM to be published on the club website – completed.*

3.6 *Speak to Fayyaz to see if he can repair the wheel on the portable net or, if he is unable to do so, identify someone else who can – it transpired that the portable net was irreparable as it was no longer possible to buy a replacement wheel/bracket. An alternative net had been purchased at a cost of £350. This was a different type of portable net, a wooden pole cricket bay, rather than the roll-on net we had been using previously. There net comprised 2 bays, secured by guylines and iron pegs. This style of net was cheaper and more robust than the roll-on one. To prevent it being used inappropriately it would be stored in the shed, from where only club members with approved access would be able to retrieve it.*

3.7 *Get hold of some cable ties for use in repairing both sets of nets – completed.*

- 3.8 *Arrange a Child Protection course for club members whose certification has expired or was due for imminent renewal – the course had been agreed although the date was still to be finalised. This would have to be in the new year now as the presenter, Phil Knappett, would not be available in the last quarter of 2017.*

On an associated health and safety topic, Martin Pluck confirmed that he had been in touch with the Community Heartbeat Trust regarding the possible acquisition of a defibrillator for the club. Arfan Akram also had a contact that offered courses on the use of defibrillators, which would also include providing the club with a device upon completion of the course. It was also highlighted that the club needed to purchase a new First Aid kit.

Action Arfan Akram to follow up on a defibrillator usage course and the possibility of acquiring a defibrillator via this means.

Action Martin Pluck to purchase a First Aid kit for the clubhouse.

4.0 Development Report Progress

4.1 We continued to make excellent progress in the key areas highlighted in the Club Development Report.

4.2 The following points were noted:

- Recreational cricket clubs across the county were sending fewer people on coaching courses
- Wanstead would need to devise a plan for dealing with the risk to the club system of a reduction in coaching, the extension and further encroachment of the ECB All Stars Cricket initiative into older age groups and the ECB focus on cherry picking younger players participating in softball cricket for the purpose of fast tracking them through the county selection process

4.3 Preparations would need to start soon on putting together the next Development Plan

Action Len Enoch to contact Matloob Piracha to discuss the establishment of a Development Plan Committee.

5.0 Pavilion Refurbishment

5.1 The only outstanding item was the new trophy cabinet. The work here would include rationalisation of the large number of disparate trophies and pennants that were in the previous trophy cabinets.

The final costs for the clubhouse refurbishment would be around £7,500 over budget, primarily due to scope creep.

Action Martin Pluck/Stuart Phillips to identify which trophies should be retained for display in the new trophy cabinet.

6.0 Fund Raising

6.1 Most of the grant awards that the club was eligible for had been used to contribute towards the Overton Drive clubhouse refurbishment costs. Mulalley's had kindly offered to donate an additional £500 as part of their sponsorship of an advertising board at Overton Drive.

7.0 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Nalliah had produced a draft statement of the club accounts for the 9 months up to 30th June 2017. The highlights of this were:

- The club expected to make a loss of around £5,500.
- Overall income was down by £20,000 on last year.
- Club income had been severely impacted by the fact that Overton Drive had been out of commission for the first 3 ½ months of 2017. Consequently, bar takings were down by £6,500 and hall lettings/rental income by £3,700.
- There had also been a reduction in match fees of just under £3,000 due to the number of games lost to the weather
- Junior subscriptions were down £3,000. This was primarily due to the change in the age profile, which had led to an increase in the number of younger members who paid a lower annual subscription.
- Expenses were in line with the previous year although match expenses (hiring of pitches) showed an increase of £6,000. The main reason for this was that only 50% of the previous year's costs of hiring pitches at London Playing Fields had been paid in the 2015-16 financial year.

Action Martin Pluck to follow up with Lynn Rising regarding ground hire receipts for Tony McGrath's Redbridge Reserves use of the football pitch at Nutter Lane

Action Martin Pluck to send the 2017-18 invoice to the Lakeside Pre-school for their use of Overton Drive.

7.2 The cost of funding coaching courses was discussed. It was important that we continued to send members on formally accredited coaching courses to ensure that we sustained the number of qualified coaches at the club and maintained the quality of coaching across all junior age groups. The Management Committee endorsed the proposal that members who wished to attend courses would need to contribute a pre-agreed amount towards the up-front cost of the course and that this would be reimbursed when they had completed the requisite number of hours coaching.

8.0 Bars

8.1 Bar Chairman's report

Bar takings had shown a resurgence during the period from June to September. The success of the 1st XI across all cup competitions, and the fact that a large number of these games had been played at home, was an important contributory factor here. This highlighted the importance of hosting Sunday games at Overton Drive throughout the summer. Next season every effort

should be made to ensure Sunday afternoon games were arranged at Overton Drive, even when there were no adult cup games.

The comparative bar takings for June to August were as follows:

	2016	2017	
June	£8,832	£13,008	
July	£12,019	£13,685	
August	£12,135	£11,041	<i>2 Fridays lost to weather and no marquee dinner this year</i>
	£32,986	£37,734	

To date, September had seen an increase in taking of £2,800.

9.0 Grounds

9.1 The pitches had played well at both grounds. Nutter Lane was a real 'road' now and had seen numerous scores in excess of 250, including one of 386.

Both squares were being renovated, with the outfield at Overton Drive also being scarified and reseeded.

End of season tidy up work was also required, including weeding of the new garden in front of the clubhouse at Overton Drive.

Action **Martin Pluck** to ascertain whether the square at Overton Drive can be roped off to prevent people from encroaching on the pitch when there are events at the club.

Action **Martin Pluck** to send out an email to all club members inviting them to participate in end of season ground tidy up activities on 15th October. This would include taking down the nets and removing the covers.

Action **Martin Pluck/Stuart Phillips** to arrange a working party to weed the garden in front of the Overton Drive clubhouse.

9.2 There was a leak in the roof at Overton Drive and the ceiling had come down in the away dressing room. The gents' toilets (cubicles, wash basins and flooring) also need to be refurbished as did the dressing room showers. Funding these renovations was a challenge in the context of the club's finances.

Action **Martin Pluck** to get a quote for outstanding work required to the Overton Drive clubhouse

Action **Martin Pluck** to contact Paul Staniford to see if any work needs to be done to the clubhouse at Nutter Lane.

10.0 Social

10.1 Social Committee

The effectiveness of the Social Committee was still a concern. The newly constituted Committee had not yet met formally and there were no meetings organised. It was suggested that, at next year's junior registration evening, parents should be asked if they would like to join a junior Social Committee.

Action Martin Pluck to follow up with Joe Palmer and Scott Emmons on the lack of progress and structure with regard to the Social Committee.

11.0 Safeguarding

Nothing to report

12.0 Cricket

12.1 Adult Cricket

2017 had been a remarkable season for the club, culminating in a nail-biting victory at the Chelmsford County Ground against Ormskirk to win the Royal London National Club Championship, the premier club cricket competition. This was a fantastic day for all of the Wanstead players and their supporters. The team boasted 9 players who had come through our junior section, an outstanding achievement in an environment where the majority of top-flight clubs pay their leading players.

Wanstead 1st XI reached the latter stages of 4 cup competitions and had been leading the Essex Premier League until the last game of the season, when a disappointing defeat to Chingford meant they finished close runners-up to Chelmsford. The team had also come very close to reaching finals day of the ECB National Club Twenty20 competition, losing in the quarter finals to Cannock & Rugeley Hawks by 2 runs in a low scoring game.

The 2nd and 3rd XIs also finished runners-up in their respective Premier Divisions. The 4th XI were 5th in 3rd XI Division One and the 5th XI ended up in 5th place in 3rd XI Division Two. The 6th XI finished 9th in 4th XI Premier West. Whilst their relegation was disappointment to the players involved, this team had definitely exceeded expectations in recent seasons and 4th XI Division One West was a more realistic level for a young development team.

For the second year running, Wanstead U19s won the NatWest Essex U19 T20 competition and were also South East Regional winners. This was an outstanding effort, especially as they lost key players to the Royal London National Club Championship final, which was on the same day as the regional finals.

It was noted that next year there was likely to be additional demand for places in the adult XIs from a group of talented 13- and 14-year old players. It would be important to achieve the right balance between adult and junior players, especially in the lower XIs.

There were several upcoming events including:

- The game against the Cross Arrows at the Lord's Nursery Ground on Thursday 28th September
- Adult Presentation Evening on Friday 29th September
- Essex League meeting on Sunday 1st October – Trevor Hebden would represent Wanstead at this
- Essex League Annual Presentation Dinner on Friday 20th October – the guest speaker would be Henry Blofeld
- The Essex League AGM on Sunday 26th November (Harold Wood Cricket Club @ 10 am)

12.2 Junior Section

The juniors also had an outstanding season winning both the Matchplay Cup and the premier U12 competition, the Peter Coe Cup. Although no teams reached the Metropolitan Essex District finals this year, we had 2 semi-finalists in the Len Stentiford Trophy and also reached the semi-final of the Haydn Davies U11 Trophy.

Thanks to the work that Trevor Hebden and Len Enoch had done in co-ordinating Metropolitan Essex District Cricket Board (MEDCB) competitions, we had been able to play more friendly fixtures this season. In addition, to increase participation levels we had also supplemented West Essex teams who had insufficient players to fulfil fixtures.

Recently, the HKSZ situation and the dominant role of Mr Nasir had been considered. As a result it had been agreed that we would not take part in any fixtures against HKSZ in the MEDCB 2017/8 indoor fixtures. A letter would be sent to the MEDCB Chairman informing him of this decision

12.3 Ladies Section

In their first season in the Women's Cricket Southern League the ladies won the Collins Division but had decided not to participate in the play-offs for promotion. The distances involved in playing in the higher division were considered to be too great, with the shortest journey being approximately 2 hours, and Wanstead had chosen to stay in the same division for another year. The games had been competitive and the ladies were really enjoying their cricket.

The girls were U16 Matchplay champions for a second successive year, having beaten Hutton quite convincingly in the final. The U11 girls went on tour to Arundel Castle for a 3-day festival, a highly enjoyable experience for all who took part.

13.0 Football

Snaresbrook had got off to a solid start in this year's Senior Division One of Essex Olympian League. They had won one game, drawn one and lost one. The team had also won their first round match in the Senior League Cup.

14.0 Any Other Business

14.1 Insurance renewal

The club insurance quote was slightly lower than last year. Once again Duncan Southcott had helped co-ordinate this renewal.

The Management Committee would like to thank Duncan Southcott for liaising between the club and the insurers

14.2 Sri Lanka Tour

A tour to Sri Lanka was scheduled to take place in October 2018. The total cost would be £2,300 per person. As in previous tours the focus would not be entirely on cricket but would also incorporate educational, humanitarian and cultural themes.

The club was liaising with the Foundation of Goodness charity regarding the delivery of cricket coaching and workshops. This was an important, high profile charity whose mission was to "to empower the less privileged rural communities, whilst inculcating the spirit of goodness, so that they may have equal opportunities to excel in life." Several well-known Sri Lankan cricketers act as Trustees for the charity. These included Muthiah Muralidaran, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena and Russel Arnold.

Several 1st XI players had expressed an interest in the tour and to date Arfan had received 8-10 positive responses to the initial email he sent out to all club members.

15.0 Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place during the week beginning 18th December.