

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)



*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Overton Drive on Friday
9th March 2018 @ 8:00pm.*

Apologies: Mike Mead, Bill and Maureen Fretwell, Fred Apps, Neil Bainton, Jahansher Akbar, John Chambers, Ramon Chesney, Trevor Hebden, Tom Howl, Peter Long, Stuart Phillips, Duncan Southcott, Sheila Wilson, Gill Pluck, Martin Pluck, Scott Emmons, Simon Osborn, Adnan Akram.

1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 Adoption of the Committee Report for 2017

2017 had been a momentous year for the club, both on and off of the pitch. The President highlighted the fact that everyone associated with the club had contributed to the club's success and that the club was thriving thanks to the collective input of all the members. 2017 would be a hard act to follow but if any club could do so it would be Wanstead.

The obvious highlight was the 1st XI's nail-biting victory against Ormskirk in the ECB Royal London National Club Championship final at Essex. This was an outstanding team performance to defend a total of 159 against a very strong Ormskirk side. Winning this tournament was probably the holy grail for club sides and was all the more remarkable in the light of Wanstead's resources compared to other senior clubs who take part in the competition each year. The fact that 9 of the team came through the junior ranks speaks volumes. The 1st XI were also very successful in the other knockout competitions, reaching the ¼ finals of the NatWest Club T20 Competition, eventually losing by just 2 runs to Cannock & Rugeley Hawks.

It was a slightly frustrating season from a league perspective, with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs finishing runners-up in their respective Premier Divisions. Joe Ellis-Grewal was the leading wicket taker in the Premier League and Feroze Khushi the leading run-scorer. The U19s once again won the Essex NatWest U19 T20 Competition and the South East Regional U19 T20 Competition.

Simon Osborn was standing down this year and deserved a big thank you from all at the club for his outstanding achievements whilst captain of the 5th XI over the last 10 years.

The Ladies had an excellent start to life in the Southern League, winning the Collins Division in an exciting finish. They had decided not to take up the promotion that comes with winning the division and aimed to continue to build the squad in what was a competitive division. Congratulations to Both Saba Nasim and Zainab Khan who were selected to play for the newly formed Essex 2nd XI Women's team.

From a junior perspective, the club had one of their most successfully seasons ever, winning the premier boys and girls U16 competitions (the Matchplay) and the U12s

Peter Coe Cup (which qualified the winners to represent Essex in this season's National U13 competition). Importantly, thanks to the work that Trevor Hebden and Len Enoch have done with Met Essex to formalise the local district competitions, thereby enabling more friendlies to be organised. The subsequent increase in participation levels was really important for the younger age groups.

The football continues to make steady progress with the Snaresbrook holding its own in a highly competitive league.

Off the field, the completion of the Overton Drive clubhouse refurbishment was a major milestone for the club. This was only possible as the result of Sport England Inspired Facilities and Wanstead Sports Ground Ltd grants along with a generous bequest from the much-missed Terry O'Connor. He would be proud of the fantastic new clubhouse we have now. Once again, a big thank you to Martin Pluck and Chris Hurd for the hard work they put in to secure funding and also to the President for keeping a watchful eye on the builders throughout the work. The feedback from everyone who has been to the club since the refurbishment was completed has been uniformly positive.

Len Enoch reminded us that the club's community links were an important facet of our success. This ethos was typified by the work that Saba Nasim had done to encourage inter-faith cricket and Arfan Akram's promotion of coaching initiatives in South Africa's townships and with disadvantaged young people in Jamaica. The club also worked with local schools every year to boost the participation levels of young cricketers.

The Committee Report was approved – *proposed by C. Hurd and seconded by P. Osborn.*

3.0 Adoption of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2017

The club had made a loss of over £8,000 during the last financial year. Without Keatons generous support the loss would have been even greater. This deficit reflected the costs associated with running a large and successful club like Wanstead – over the past few years we have spent over £250,000 upgrading our facilities and grounds. Whilst the club remained in a healthy financial position we were starting to eat into the reserves that were needed to cover unexpected heavy expenditure and future capital projects.

However, the big concern, and really the club's Achilles heel, was the fact that the income coming into the club continued to drop. If we did not start generating more income we would be unable to continue to improve facilities at Overton Drive and Nutter Lane.

Our highest priority in the coming year was to turn this around and fund raising would be a major focus for the Social Committee in the coming season. Scott Emmons had some good ideas for expanding the membership of this group so that it better reflected the broad, diverse make-up of the club. Junior parents' involvement was also key to the success of the Social Committee as we want to ensure that we get ideas for fund raising initiatives from across the club not just through the adult section.

It was acknowledged that the closure of the Overton Drive clubhouse to carry out refurbishment work in the early part of the year had impacted income for several months. Economic conditions also continued to be challenging and did not look likely to improve in the near term. Several ideas were suggested by meeting attendees to boost the club's ability to generate income. These included setting fund raising targets for the Social Committee and focusing on one high profile function each year to raise money.

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 Ar. Akram and seconded by P. Osborn.*

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee

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

The Officers and Management Committee members would be as follows:

President	John Gray
Club Management Committee	
Honorary Club Secretary	Nigel Hutchings
Honorary Club Treasurer	Nalliah Rathakrishnan
Cricket Secretary/Hon. Match Secretary/ Chairman	Martin Pluck
Bar Chairman	Simon Andrews
Social Sub-Committee Chairmen	Joe Palmer Snr Scott Emmons
Welfare Officer	Trevor Hebden (co-opted by Management Committee)
First Team Captain	Joe Ellis-Grewal (appointed by Players Meeting)
Head of Junior Cricket	Stuart Phillips (co-opted by Management Committee)
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

Honorary Auditor: Alun Evans

The election of the club President (for his 25th year) was approved – *proposed by J. Pluck and seconded by P. Baily.*

The election of Vice-Presidents was approved – *proposed by A. Osborn and seconded by M. Piracha.*

Sadly, one of the club's Life Members, John Sankey, passed away in early February. John had been a stalwart of Snaresbrook, where he played football and cricket and was the key influence in the success of the club over many years, serving in the capacity of both Chairman and President. He was particularly instrumental in the successful merger of the Wanstead and Snaresbrook cricket clubs. This had been an important turning point for the club, especially with the availability of an additional ground that enabled us to play 3rd and 4th XI games and increase the amount of junior cricket played at home. John would be greatly missed by everyone at the club.

The election of Officers and Management Committee was approved – *proposed by A. Osborn and seconded by S. Nasim.*

Scott Emmons would take over as Chairman of the Social Committee. Whilst he would continue to sit on the Committee and be involved in organising and planning social events, the club would like to thank Joe Palmer Snr. for all the work he had done over several years as Chairman of the Social Committee.

The election of the Honorary Auditor was approved – *proposed by C. Hurd and seconded by L. Enoch.*

5.0 Subscriptions

A small increase of around 3% to some subscriptions was proposed. Wanstead subscriptions were still considered to be good value for members when compared to other clubs in Essex.

The recommendation for the 2018 annual subscription rates was approved – *proposed by L. Enoch and seconded by S. Andrews.*

6.0 Match Fees

It was recommended that the 2018 season match fees for both adult and junior members should remain the same as the previous year. Wanstead match fees continued to be competitive compared to other Essex clubs.

The recommendation for 2018 match fee rates was approved – proposed by A. Akram and seconded by M. Piracha.

The meeting was formally closed by the President

7.0 Any Other Business

The following topics were discussed under AOB:

Wanstead playing at Lord's

Attendees were reminded of the upcoming game at Lord's. As winners of the ECB Royal London Club Championship, Wanstead would be playing in a prestigious curtain raiser against the MCC at Lord's on Wednesday 18th April. This was a fantastic opportunity to play at the Home of Cricket and club members were encouraged to come along and support the team.

Sri Lanka Tour

26 members of the club would be going on tour to Sri Lanka between 18th October and 2nd November. This had been organised by Arfan Arkam, who was working closely with the Foundation of Goodness, a charity set up to help rebuild communities shattered by the tsunami in 2004.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

GDPR would come into force on 25th May this year and would have an impact on all recreational sports clubs. This was an EU directive that superseded the Data Protection Act and had more teeth. The focus of the regulation was on protecting and managing personal data. All clubs needed to abide by the following Data Protection principles defined in the regulation. Data should be:

- a. processed fairly, lawfully and transparently
- b. data collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes
- c. adequate, relevant and limited
- d. accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
- e. kept for no longer than is necessary
- f. processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data

We would have to ask all club members to agree to our storing and processing personal data that was necessary to manage their membership and participation in club activities, matches etc. We would need to gain this approval via an opt-in approach – every member must specifically agree to this rather than via the opt-out approach that has been appropriate in the past. Members were encouraged to respond when they received a request to approve the club's collecting, processing and storing of personal data. Non-response could impact members' ability to participate in club events, games etc. Any questions should be directed to Trevor Hebden (the club's official Data Protection Officer), Martin Pluck or Nigel Hutchings.

Dressing Room Clearance

The home and away dressing rooms were being cleared out on Sunday 11th March. Arfan Akram would arrange for an email to be sent to all club members asking them to remove any kit they had left in the changing rooms.

Development Report

Work had started on the Development Plan to cover the next 5 years with the Development Report scheduled to be completed over by June this year. A questionnaire was being prepared that would be sent to 9 categories of participants, including people external to the club. There would be follow-up interviews with some members. Everyone was encouraged to respond to the questionnaire as it was important for us to understand what everyone wanted from their club. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Matloob Piracha.

Pre-season ground preparation (NatWest Cricket Force Day)

NatWest Cricket Force Day was Saturday 24th April this year. As many volunteers as possible were needed to help get Overton Drive ready for the new season. Work would start from 10 am putting up nets, covers, sightscreens etc.