

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 26th February 2010 @ 8:00pm.

Apologies: Mike Mead, Adnan Akram, Arfan Akram, Keith Lloyd, Martin Pluck, Paul Staniford, Simon Osborn, Brian and Sheila Brumwell

1.0 Introduction

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

2.0 Adoption of the Committee Report

The Committee Report emphasised the turnaround in the club's finances during the year thanks to careful management of costs and several initiatives that contributed to increased income for the club. We would need to maintain this focus in 2010, especially as it was getting more difficult to obtain grants to contribute towards the running costs of the club.

The Committee Report was approved – proposed by Ron Worf and seconded by Trevor Hebden.

2.0 Adoption of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th September 2009

There was a query regarding the wisdom of retaining the subscription/match fees (see item 4.0) at the same rate as 2009. This could potentially mean that the club would need to raise them by a greater amount than normal next year to compensate. Chris Hurd responded that there was a significant increase last year (including raising the match fee costs for juniors playing in adult cricket to the same rate as their adult counterparts) and that the club was keen to keep the fee increases in line with inflation. Since this was minimal it was felt that there was no benefit to be gained from raising fees this year. Sanjay Batra emphasised that Wanstead was very good value for money and still one of the least expensive clubs locally for playing members.

Chris Hurd underlined the key points in the Treasurer's Statement relating to enhancements in club income – increased fees and grants in 2009, greater bar takings, reduction in the costs of ground maintenance and successful fund raising efforts. He emphasised the fact that grants potentially available to the club were aimed at helping to defray capital/one-off costs and were typically not approved for the payment of ongoing running costs. This would be a challenge during 2010. Trevor Hebden was keen that the club should acknowledge the efforts of Veronica Over in successfully raising £1,000 through the Balloon Challenge that she organised. Veronica was happy to continue to participate in fund raising initiatives in 2010. Chris Hurd noted that fund raising efforts tended to rely on the junior section of the club and that he was keen to make these more inclusive by involving as many club members as possible in fund raising and social activities. Attention was drawn to the upcoming special event that would take place to publicise the formal opening of the

new cricket nets – this would take place in early May and club members were encouraged to attend.

The club was very grateful for all the work that Lyn Rising had done to maximise the use of the clubhouse and bar over the winter.

The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts was approved – proposed by Tony Pluck and seconded by Len Enoch.

3.0 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
Ground Chairman:	Nigel Baldwin
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
Football Section Secretary:	Keith Lloyd
Other Members:	Len Enoch Sanjay Batra

Honorary Auditor: Alun Evans

Trevor Hebden proposed that the Head of Ladies Cricket should be elected on to the Management Committee to reflect the growth in size and importance of the Ladies section. Chris Hurd confirmed that this should be discussed by the Management Committee at their next meeting.

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

The election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee was approved – proposed by Trevor Hebden and seconded by Gill Pluck.

4.0 Subscriptions and Match Fees

Following discussions earlier in the meeting regarding the proposal to retain subscriptions and match fees at the current rate the Management Committee's proposal on these two items was considered at the same time.

The proposal to retain the annual subscription and match fees at the 2009 rates was approved – proposed by Ron Worf and seconded by John Pluck.

6.0 Any Other Business

The President reminded members at the meeting of the recent net refurbishment initiative. It was noted that the existing nets had been upgraded to 'international' standard. These were faster nets that would benefit from a consistent bounce as well as being longer wearing. The club would get a significant amount of use from these nets over the years to come. The overall cost of the refurbishment would be £22,800 towards which, thanks to generous grants from the ECB and the Lord Taverners, the club would contribute £1,700. Len Enoch highlighted the considerable efforts by several Management Committee members, especially Trevor Hebden, in obtaining these grants. Without these donations the club realistically would not have been able to afford the costs of replacing nets that were no longer usable.

The meeting was closed by the President.