

# Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011 @ 8:00pm.

**Apologies:** Mike Mead, Adnan Akram, John Pluck, Simon Osborn

### 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 was approved – proposed by Sanjay Batra and seconded by Tony Pluck.*

### 2.0 Adoption of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Chris Hurd highlighted the fact that the club had made a loss of £7,233 in the financial year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 following a profit £5,144 in 2009. The key points to note with respect to 2010 finances were:

- there had been exceptional expenditure of around £7,000 during the period – the 3 key items were identified in the Committee Report for 2010.
- the highest single item of expenditure (£22,800) was to cover the cost of refurbishing the practice nets. However, thanks to grants from the ECB and the Lords Taverners the net cost of replacing the nets was £1,700.
- the difficult economic climate had squeezed income over the past 12 months. This was reflected in the significantly reduced bar takings which had plummeted in the past 2 months of the financial year. The takings for this year were down already.

2011 was going to be another challenging year and Chris Hurd emphasised the following aspects with respect to the club's finances during this period:

- The club was already committed to £6,000 of expenditure early in 2011 to cover the cost of repairing the drains at Overton Drive. In addition, there was likely to be a further cost to the club of between £6,000 and £10,000 to help pay for erecting protective netting at Nutter Lane to prevent possible injury to the tennis players or damage to nearby houses. Grants would be sought to help pay for this.
- Discretionary expenditure would have to be reviewed and in many instances curtailed
- Other non-discretionary costs would have to be carefully managed and reduced wherever possible
- The club would continue to seek out opportunities for grants but these were becoming increasingly difficult to obtain, especially for non-capital expenditure
- Every effort would have to be made to increase the income coming into the club. We would look at maximising the use of the clubhouses and undertaking other fund raising activities.

- A Fund Raising Committee would be set up and club members were urged to get involved in this initiative and suggest ways of bringing income into the club.
- Events were being planned during the season that would encourage players to come back to the club after matches on Saturday evenings.
- John Cade was organising a Fantasy Cricket League (based around Wanstead Players) to raise money and increase interest in adult matches

*Grants and donations were important to us. The club was very grateful to the ECB, the Lords Taverners and Sport England for the grants that they had provided to the club during 2010 and would also like to thank John Sankey for his generous support.*

*The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts was approved – proposed by Bill Fretwell and seconded by Ron Worf.*

### 3.0 Election of Officers, Vice Presidents and Management Committee

The Officers and Management Committee members were elected as follows:

<b>President</b>	John Gray	<i>Proposed</i> <i>Chris Hurd</i>	<i>Seconded</i> <i>Martin Pluck</i>
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#### Club Management Committee

The size of the Management Committee had increased over the past 3 years to take on a wider range of responsibilities and activities with the result that that the membership structure no longer matched that laid out in the Club Constitution. It was therefore proposed that the membership was revised to maintain consistency with the Club Constitution<sup>1</sup>

		<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
Honorary Club Secretary	Nigel Hutchings	<i>Martin Pluck</i>	<i>Arfan Akram</i>
Honorary Club Treasurer	Chris Hurd	<i>Paul Staniford</i>	<i>Keith Lloyd</i>
Grounds Chairman	To be confirmed <sup>2</sup>		
Bar Chairman	Simon Andrews	<i>Martin Pluck</i>	<i>Joe Palmer Snr</i>
Social Sub-Committee Chairman	Joe Palmer Snr	<i>Martin Pluck</i>	<i>Arfan Akram</i>
Cricket Secretary/Chairman	Martin Pluck	<i>Trevor Hebden</i>	<i>Keith Lloyd</i>
Football Section Secretary	Paul Staniford	<i>Martin Pluck</i>	<i>Keith Lloyd</i>
First Team Captain (Saturday & Sunday)	Arfan Akram	<i>Trevor Hebden</i>	<i>Keith Lloyd</i>
Other Member	Len Enoch	<i>Martin Pluck</i>	<i>Angeline Bamrah</i>

#### Co-opted members

Welfare Officer	Kate Byrne
Head of Junior Cricket	Trevor Hebden

<sup>1</sup> This restructuring meant that Keith Lloyd and Sanjay Batra would no longer be formal members of the Management Committee. However, they would continue to have an important part to play in key club activities and going forward.



*The proposal to amend Item 10 of the Club Constitution so that the admission of New Members was in line with ECB Clubmark accreditation requirements for an open membership policy was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Chris Hurd.*

## **6.0 Any Other Business**

The following items were raised under Any Other Business:

- A Jazz Night had been organised for the last Saturday in April. The tickets were £6 a head. This was one of several initiatives already underway to increase the number of social events taking place at the club during the season
- Martin Pluck noted that a letter was scheduled to be sent out to all club members just before the start of the season reminding everyone of the duty of care that they had to ensure that both grounds were left tidy after games – it was important that members took a pride in the clubhouses and grounds.
- Arfan Akram reminded attendees of the upcoming James Foster Benefit event on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This would include a 20/20 game at Overton Drive between an Essex XI and an All Stars XI. A dinner would take place in a marquee on the ground after this. Tables of 10 were available for booking.
- Pauline Osborn voiced the concerns of several club members that many players (both colts and adults) were not wearing club shirts when they represented Wanstead. It was agreed that captains and managers should encourage players to wear club shirts at all times.

The meeting was closed by the President.