Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club (incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 4th 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 30th September 2009

Chris Hurd highlighted the fact that the club had made a loss of £7,233 in the financial year ending 30th 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 be 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:

		Proposed	Seconded
President	John Gray	Chris Hurd	Martin Pluck

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 Constitution¹

		Proposed	Seconded
Honorary Club Secretary	Nigel Hutchings	Martin Pluck	Arfan Akram
Honorary Club Treasurer	Chris Hurd	Paul Staniford	Keith Lloyd
Grounds Chairman	To be confirmed ²		
Bar Chairman	Simon Andrews	Martin Pluck	Joe Palmer Snr
Social Sub-Committee Chairman	Joe Palmer Snr	Martin Pluck	Arfan Akram
Cricket Secretary/Chairman	Martin Pluck	Trevor Hebden	Keith Lloyd
Football Section Secretary	Paul Staniford	Martin Pluck	Keith Lloyd
First Team Captain			
(Saturday & Sunday)	Arfan Akram	Trevor Hebden	Keith Lloyd
Other Member	Len Enoch	Martin Pluck	Angeline
			Bamrah
Co-opted members			
Welfare Officer	Kate Byrne		
Head of Junior Cricket	Trevor Hebden		

¹ 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 Committee would like to thank them both for their hard work and important contribution to the management of the club during the time they were members of the Management Committee.

² Nigel Baldwin was no longer able to continue as Grounds Chairman as his work commitments meant that he would not be able to devote the time required to fulfil this role effectively. Nigel was very happy to continue to undertake any activities that were required to ensure that the grounds were maintained to their existing high standard. A replacement Grounds Chairman was still to be confirmed.

The Management Committee fully appreciated Nigel's reasons for standing down and acknowledged the outstanding contribution that he had made to the improvement in the standard at both grounds in recent years. His commitment and hard work during his tenure as Chairman of the Grounds Committee had been exceptional

Vice-presidents

In recognition of his loyal service and outstanding contribution to the club over many years Henry Chambers was elected as club Vice President - proposed by Arfan Akram and seconded by Tony Pluck

Other Vice Presidents and Emeritus Secretary, Tony Pluck MBE, were re-elected - proposed by Trevor Hebden and seconded by Len Enoch

Auditor

Honorary Auditor: Alun Evans Martin Pluck Trevor Hebden

4.0 Subscriptions

A small increase was proposed following the freeze on subscriptions applied the previous year. Wanstead subscriptions rates still compared favourably with other cricket clubs in Essex and every effort had been made to keep any increases to a minimum

The proposal to increase subscriptions for 2011 in line with inflation over the past years was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Paul Staniford.

5.0 Match Fees

It was recommended that these remain the same as they had been the previous season.

The proposal to maintain the 2011 match fees at the 2010 rates was approved – proposed by Martin Pluck and seconded by Sanjay Batra.

6.0 Amendment to Club Constitution

This was an important proposal as the change recommended to the mechanism for admitting new members was key to the club being able to retain its ECB Clubmark accreditation 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 12th 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.