

# *Camden Cricket Club*

## **Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting held at Pembroke, 28 January 2009**

**Present:** Kevin O'Grady (President), Richard Hadley (Acting Treasurer), Will Sutton, David Mitchell, Malcolm Taylor, John Sutton, Brian Odell, Margaret Batley, Ali Khan, Nigel Gadsby, Alex Mutucumarana, Nigel Dixon, Michael Griggs, Steve Robinson, Jeremy Moss. **Apologies for absence** had been received from Martin Baker, Andy Collings, Alfie Dixon and Dave Warren.

The **Minutes of the 2007 AGM** could not be taken as read due to the incoming secretary not obtaining them from the outgoing secretary.

**Reports:** It was noted that the accounts had been approved in principal by Honorary Auditor Julian Chilvers. The **Acting Treasurer** reported that expenditure exceeded income by £3,964 for the 12 months to 31 October 2008. A major expense had been the recruitment of John Maynard as overseas professional, while the formal end of season dinner had made a significant loss. Also a factor has been the perennial problem of collecting subscriptions and match fees (mostly First XI), with only 16 playing members having paid to date. To ensure sufficient cashflow during 2009 it will be important that subscriptions are paid early.

**First XI** Captain Nigel Gadsby announced that he was standing down and gave his full support to Alex Mutucumarana as his successor. Although he thanked the other captains for their co-operation, he felt that more support was needed for the captains. He also thanked Lisa Carter for her work as 'the best scorer in the league.' The Firsts had failed to live up to expectations and had finished in mid-table. 31 different players were used, as consistency of selection proved a problem. Relations with Trinity groundsman Darren Wood also deteriorated to the point where points were deducted by the league for an under-prepared pitch. **Second XI** Captain Nigel Dixon reported that the Seconds finished third in CCA Senior 1: their highest ever league position. He felt the highlight of the season had come at St Ives where Kevin O'Grady's century had helped the Seconds chase down 304 to win. **Third XI** Captain John Sutton announced that after 7 enjoyable years he was standing down as captain. His last season in the role had been somewhat hit by the weather, but the Thirds finished in mid-table. David Mitchell and, in particular, Richard Hadley (who averaged 125) performed well with the bat, while Alec Armstrong and Dave Warren finished as leading wicket-takers. 14-year-old Callumn Wilkinson showed great promise and underlined the importance of the Third XI and the Sunday Casuals as an introduction to adult cricket.

**Election of New Members:** the following were duly elected: D. Basu, R. Bentley, S. Cikoja, A. Firth, P. Milsom, J. Mockeridge, A. Newman, T. Osborn, C. Walker-Smith and D.J.R. Mitchell (Associate Member).

The passing of John Cook, Allan Malcolm and Stan Collings was noted, and their contributions recognised.

**Election of Officers:** the following, duly proposed and seconded, were elected unopposed:

President	Kevin O’Grady
Treasurer	Martin Baker
Secretary	Will Sutton
Fixtures Secretary	Michael Griggs
Website Administrator	Michael Griggs
Club Captain	Alex Mutucumarana
Social Secretary	Steve Robinson
Welfare Officer	Margaret Batley
Colts’ Co-ordinator	Michael Griggs
VPs’ Liaison Officer	Brian Odell
First XI Captain	Alex Mutucumarana
Second XI Captain	Nigel Dixon
Third XI Captain	David Mitchell
Sunday Casuals Co-ordinator	David Mitchell
Thursday XI Captain	David Owen
Cricket Week Organiser	Alfie Dixon
Tour Organiser	Ali Khan

David Mitchell reported that although he was willing to organise the Sunday Casuals, he would not be able to play due to family commitments. He proposed rotating the captaincy, while Nigel Dixon suggested that Alfie Dixon would be prepared to take on the role when required.

Michael Griggs reported that he had, with the consent of Andy Brown, developed a new website. After much debate, Alex Mutucumarana was elected to the position of Club Captain as it was felt that the role should be more than the honorary position that it had hitherto been. Simon Gardner’s substantial on- and off-field contributions were duly noted.

The President thanked Richard Hadley for continuing in the role of Acting Treasurer after resigning in April as a matter of principal over the decision to employ an overseas professional, John Sutton for establishing such a successful Third XI, and Steve Robinson for the successes of the Family Fun Day and End of Season Dinner. Malcolm Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to Nigel Dixon for overseeing unprecedented success for the Second XI. John

Sutton proposed a vote of thanks to Michael Griggs for his continued good work as Fixtures Secretary. The meeting also thanked other retiring officers for their efforts.

**Other Business:** Margaret Batley reported that she has been in liaison with Jenny Lowe with a view to the club attaining Clubmark Status, and has put together the necessary paperwork. This will enable the club to forge links with local schools, and open up avenues of funding. Alex Mutucumarana is lending his experience having undergone the process with Cambridge Nomads Hockey Team, and will be undertaking the Level 2 Coaching Award. Michael Griggs and Will Sutton will be undertaking the Level 1 Award. Margaret reported that everything should be in place for an assessment to be made by May/June.

The President proposed that, where possible, all future communication should be done by email. The secretary would, with the co-operation of team captains, establish an up-to-date contacts list. David Owen would produce fixture cards with revised member lists.

In keeping with desires to see a more united club, it was proposed that nets should be integrated to include colts and adults. Alex Mutucumarana would look into the possibility of using St John's or the Leys as a venue.

Alex Mutucumarana reported that Darren Wood was no longer prepared to host weekend fixtures at Trinity Old Field, although the Thursday XI will continue to play there. The Fixtures Secretary reported that all First XI home fixtures had been booked for Emmanuel College, and Second XI home fixtures for Pembroke. There remains the problem of covers – a necessity for the First XI in Tucker 1, and clearly a financial burden for the club. Brian Odell suggested that the VPs could underwrite a loan, while Malcolm Taylor suggested Jenny Lowe may be able to assist. The President would contact Simon Gardner with a view to obtaining sponsorship.

It was agreed that in terms of subscriptions the idea of 'no pay no play' would not be practical. Instead, all playing members would be reminded of their financial obligations before the season. The issue of match fees would be clarified with the use of a template (provided by Brian Odell) on which team captains could keep a record of all expenditure and income for each fixture.

**Will Sutton, Honorary Secretary, February 2009**