

Camden Cricket Club

Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting held at Trinity Old Field, 8 December 2009

Present: Kevin O'Grady (President), Martin Baker (Treasurer), Will Sutton (Secretary), Margaret Batley, Simon Gardner, Michael Griggs, Richard Hadley, James Heywood, Ali Khan, David Mitchell, Alex Mutucumarana, Brian Odell, Tom Osborn, Alex Raha, Steve Robinson, Matt Thomas and Charlie Walker-Smith. Alfie and Nigel Dixon were also present, although late due to football training.

Apologies for absence had been received from Martin Burton, Andy Collings, Mark Critoph, Dave Coutts, David Owen, John Sutton and Tony Tooth.

Reports: It was noted that the accounts had been fully approved by Honorary Auditor Julian Chilvers. The **Treasurer** reported that expenditure exceeded income by £1,015, mainly due to an unaccounted bill for net hire from the previous year. He was pleased to report that the collection of subs and match fees had greatly increased, and thanked the team captains for their efforts in this regard. This, along with an interest-free loan from an anonymous club member, had kept the club solvent. In order to pay off this loan, cover the anticipated rise in ground hire, and return the club's finances to good health, the Treasurer recommended that subscriptions and match fees should be increased for next season. **First XI** Captain Alex Mutucumarana reported that a topsy-turvy season had ended well and that he was confident for next season. The **Second XI** achieved a mid-table finish, and a report of the season can be found on the website. It was noted that the **Third XI** had achieved their highest ever league position. Captain David Mitchell apologised for not having produced a report, and promised to write one for the website in the near future.

Election of New Members: the following were duly elected: Gavin Ayliffe, Andy Caines, Dave Coutts, Charlie Flather, James Heywood, Tom Midgely and Callum Wilkinson. Margaret Batley would let the secretary know if any of last year's colts are now of an age to qualify as adult members.

John Sutton was duly elected as a Vice President.

Election of Officers: The President reported that he intended to step down after three years, and the search for his replacement was ongoing.

The following, duly proposed and seconded, were elected unopposed:

Treasurer	Martin Baker
Secretary	Will Sutton
Fixtures Secretary	Tom Osborn
Website Administrator	Michael Griggs
Club Captain	Alex Mutucumarana

Social Secretary	Ali Khan
Welfare Officer	Margaret Batley
Colts' Co-ordinator	Michael Griggs
VPs' Liaison Officer	Brian Odell
First XI Captain	Alex Mutucumarana
Second XI Captain	Mark Critoph (to be confirmed in the New Year)
Third XI Captain	David Mitchell
Sunday Casuals Co-ordinator	David Mitchell
Thursday XI Captain	David Owen

It was agreed that David Mitchell, as per last year, would co-ordinate Sunday selection while the captaincy would be rotated. It was also noted that although Mark Critoph had agreed in principle to take on the Second XI captaincy, he would confirm either way in the New Year.

Subscriptions and Match Fees for 2010: The Treasurer reported that the need to pay off the anonymous interest-free loan and return the club to a healthy financial position, along with the rise in ground hire necessitated an increase in subscriptions.

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the following proposal:

Full Membership: £80; Associate Membership: £40; Colts: £40.

It was felt that this would not be too great an increase, and still represented good value compared to other sports.

The Treasurer had also drawn up three alternative proposals for increasing match fees. It was a matter of debate as to whether the extra costs involved in First and Second XI matches should be covered by all playing members, and the matter went to a vote. The following proposal was voted for by 16 of those present with one abstention:

Ist XI: £12/£5 2nd, 3rd, Thursday, Sunday XIs: £10/£5

This proposal would generate the most income, and it was also felt to be the most equitable.

Brian Odell proposed a vote of thanks to Martin Baker for his hard work.

Other Business: It was reported that Pembroke and Emmanuel are happy for Camden to continue using their facilities, but ground hire would now have to be arranged through official college lines. This would greatly increase the cost, especially if VAT is included. It was agreed that the 1st XI should continue at Pembroke, while it was reported that Emmanuel would be prepared to host more weekend fixtures than last year. VAT would not be charged if more than 20 fixtures are played. With the 3rd XI reluctant to continue at Trinity Hall, it was proposed that Emmanuel could host both 2nd and 3rd XI fixtures. The Secretary would contact the CCA to request alternate home fixtures for the 2nd and 3rd XIs, while Martin Baker would confirm with Mark at Emmanuel on 11 January. The Thursday XI would

continue at Trinity Old Field. Emmanuel were no longer willing to host evening colts fixtures, but Hills Road was proposed as an alternative.

Alex Raha reported that he had received three or four positive responses to requests for sponsorship. He would hopefully be in a position to report back to the next committee meeting.

Matt Thomas called for an agreement to be reached on a venue for post-match drinks for all three Saturday teams. The Panton Arms and the Red Bull were suggested, and Ali Khan would approach both and report back to the committee.

The Secretary would send an email to remind members of the 22 December deadline for taking up the offer, arranged by Matt Thomas, of heavily subsidised kit.

Will Sutton, Honorary Secretary, December 2009