

# Camden Cricket Club

## Minutes of the 2012 AGM held at Cafe Naz on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

**Present:** Martin Baker, Ed Bearfield-Smith, Lisa Carter, Rob Carter, Rob Coe, Andy Haines, James Heywood, Ali Khan, David Mitchell, Alex Mutucumarana, Tom Osborn, Andrew Redfern, Will Sutton, Charlie Walker-Smith, Nick Wells

**Apologies for absence** had been received from Dip Basu, Andy Brown, Andrew Collings, Mark Critoph, Ravi Dora, Phil Edwards, Charlie Flather, Simon Gardner, Michael Griggs, Ian Haigh, Matt Kay, Tim Little, Thomas Maguire, Matt Merry, Brian Mitchell, Steve Robinson, Guy Skinner, John Sutton, Mike Taylor.

The minutes of the 2011 AGM were taken as read.

**Reports:** It was noted that the accounts had been fully approved by Honorary Auditor Julian Chilvers. The **Treasurer** reported the interest-free loan had been repaid and that the club has £2704 in the bank, but cautioned that the club was fortunate that more home games than away games were cancelled. He praised the efforts of David Mitchell for the *100 Club* and those involved with other fund-raising social events. He also highlighted a worrying trend, however, in the decline in members. This also had a marked effect on the pitch and **Team Captains** reported a frustrating season, blighted by the weather and poor availability. This was particularly the case for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI which suffered relegation, while the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XIs finished in mid-table, and the Casuals only managed to play three fixtures.

David Mitchell thanked Martin Baker for his continued good work as Treasurer, Julian Chilvers for auditing the accounts, and team captains for their efforts during a trying season. In particular, he thanked Alex Mutucumarana for his superb job in transforming the 1<sup>st</sup> XI from a remote team to the heart of the club.

**Election of New Members:** the following were duly elected: Rob Coe, Ravi Dora, Toby Eccles, Phil Edwards, Chris Houll, Olly Lepage-Dean, Thomas Maguire, Madu Senerathna.

### **Election of Officers:**

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

President	David Mitchell
Treasurer	Martin Baker
Secretary	Will Sutton
Welfare	Alex Mutucumarana
Colts Co-ordinator	TBC
Fixtures Secretary	David Mitchell
Website Administrator	Steve Hodsdon
Social Secretary	Ali Khan
VP's Liaison Officer	Lisa Carter
First XI Captain	Alex Mutucumarana
First XI Vice-captain	James Heywood
Second XI Captain	Ali Khan
Second XI Vice-captain	Rob Coe
Third XI Captain	Stephen Robinson
Third XI Vice-captain	Andrew Redfern
Sunday Casuals Co-ordinator	David Mitchell
Sunday Casuals Vice-captain	TBC

Thursday XI Captain  
Thursday XI Vice-captain  
Players' Representatives

David Owen  
Gavin Ayliffe  
Simon Gardner and TBC

A new position was created, that of Recruitment Officer, to which James Heywood, duly proposed and seconded, was elected.

**Any Other Business:** There was much debate on the subject of subscriptions and match fees – boiling down to whether match fees should be universal (as per last season) or should they reflect costs on a team-by-team basis. Andrew Redfern raised the idea of it being easier to collect a round number (ie, £10), and questioned whether availability was effected by costs. He also suggested that members may be reluctant to pay subs when they may not play that many games due to weather/form/fitness. Tom Osborn suggested a formalisation of the currently discretionary arrangement of paying subs based on number of games played. James Heywood pointed out that subs were to join the club, irrespective of how many games played. Andy Haines proposed the idea of paying subs in two instalments. The idea of encouraging prompt payment of subs was also discussed, with the cost rising after a certain mid-season date. David Mitchell suggested that subs are currently low in comparison to other sports clubs, and Martin Baker noted that it had been the club's long-term strategy to incrementally raise subs and it had been three years since they were last raised. Ed Bearfield-Smith suggested that friendly cricket be cheaper than league cricket in an attempt to encourage new players. Ultimately, the following was proposed and unanimously voted for:

Subscriptions to be raised from £80/£40 to £90/£45 (£100/£50 after 1<sup>st</sup> July)  
Match Fees to be £10/£5 for all league matches

It was also noted that the issue of membership and availability remains paramount.

Rob Coe asked whether the club should have a Sponsorship Officer, a notion to be discussed by the Committee. It was suggested that sponsorship should also be a club-wide initiative, with members approaching employers.

Andrew Redfern reported that he is completing a database of contacts, and asked team captains to help keep up to date.

**Will Sutton, Honorary Secretary, January 2012**