

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 120 Court Lane, Dulwich, London, SE21 on 14th June 2017.

Chairman of the meeting E. Watson.

The Chairman and 12 members were present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from: L. Howard, L. Coughlan, J. Smith, A. Judd, J. Gregson, S. O'Neil, T. Cole, B. Gardener and R. Hayes.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9th June 2016

The Minutes, which had been circulated, were taken as read and accepted as correct and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising

There were not any matters arising.

4. Secretary's Report-season 2016/17

This season I must congratulate the 2nd XI on their winning of the third Division of the SAL Intermediate Section by four points with the loss of only one League game during the season.

The wet weather during the season was not so destructive as in the two previous seasons and the pitches at Dulwich Sports Ground, in the main, stood up well during the season with only two Saturdays at the ground being a complete washout. It is hoped that this improved pitch performance will continue into the 2017/18 season as a result of the pre-season drainage work planned to take place at Dulwich Sports Ground.

Ryan Hayes was co-opted as the Club's Match Secretary during November and quickly got to grips with intricacies of this very important role within the Club proving to be competent in his first season with only two mid-week fixtures being required and all matches being completed by 22nd April. This was a great achievement because the Club did not have to source other pitches, at inflated cost, away from Dulwich Sports Ground.

Our Treasurer, Toff Choudhury, continued to keep a watchful eye on the Club's funds as well as mastering the related role of Club Registration Secretary in addition to being responsible for the submission of match results and team sheets. The two latter responsibilities are critical and require the co-operation of team captains as, if not completed accurately and competently, the playing of an unregistered player or the non submission of a result or partial completion of a team sheet will burden the Club with fines imposed by either the AFA or the SAL.

The Club completed successfully its required FA Charter Standard Club "health check" in January 2017 to enable continuation of its Charter Standard status and the benefit of a reduced SAL League subscription which amounts to a saving for the Club of £255.00. A new FA Charter Standard Club application will be required for the start of the 2017/18 season in order to maintain this Charter status for the Club.

The 1st XI managed by Chris Judd and captained by Ben Thomas had a poor start to the season from which recovery was not seen until the start of the new year. The moral of the team was maintained but this alone did not prevent the team finishing at the foot of 11 teams in SAL Senior Division 2 and thus will be returning to Division 3 for the 2017/18 season.

The team's progress in the Cup competitions was also not impressive with a loss in October to London Lawyers in the AFA Senior Cup followed by losses to Dorkinians in the AFA Surrey/Kent Senior Cup and also to Broomfield in the SAL Senior Challenge Cup.

Top goal scorer: James Smith; Player's player of the season: Ben Thomas; Manager's player of the season; Sammy Taylor

The 2nd XI captained by John Gregson, as previously mentioned, had a magnificent season and won SAL Intermediate Division 3 and will therefore be promoted in season 2017/18 to Division 2. The team also progressed to the semi-final stage of the AFA Surrey/Kent Intermediate Cup when in March, they lost 4-0 to AFC Oldsmiths. In SAL Intermediate Challenge Cup there was an early defeat in September to Polytechnic and in November the team was eliminated from the AFA Intermediate Cup by NUFC Oilers.

Top goal scorer: Jon Hanna; Player's player of the season: James Perry; Manager's player of the season: Nicky Martin.

The 3rd XI captained by Dan Rolfe finished in second place out of 10 teams in SAL Junior Division 3. Any promotion will be dependant upon the outcome of the proposed re-structuring of the SAL Sections and Divisions. In the AFA Junior Cup the team suffered a 4-5 loss on penalties to Alleyn Old Boys 3rd in September. The tables were turned in the SAL Junior Challenge Cup in January with a convincing 2-1 victory over Alleyn Old Boys 3rd which was followed by a 1-0 defeat to West Wickham 3rd in March.

Top goal scorer: Malik Ellis; Player's player of the season: Sheldon Haruna; Manager's player of the season: Joe Day.

The 4th XI captained by Tom Cole, finished in 7th place out of 9 teams in SAL Minor Division 3 South. In October the team suffered a severe 10-1 loss to Alleyn Old Boys 4th team in the AFA Minor Cup. In November the team lost 2-1 to Actonians Association 7th team in the SAL Senior Novets Cup.

As the 4th team, playing in a Division of only 9 teams finished their League season relatively early the opportunity was taken to enter the team in the Spring Cup which was a competition run jointly between the SAL and the Amateur Football Combination which provided an extra 3 games for the 4th team; resulting in one drawn, one won and one lost. Top goal scorer and Managers player of the season: Andy Williams; Player's player of the season: Sam Holloway.

The 5th XI captained by Neill Robertshaw finished in 7th place out of 10 teams in SAL Minor Division 4 South. In October the team lost 6-5 to Reigatians 5th in the AFA Senior Novets Cup. In the SAL Senior Novets Cup a 3-2 victory over Kew 3rd in November was followed in December by a 3-1 defeat to Crouch End Vampires 5th.

Top goal scorer: Anton Simmons; Player's player of the season: Mark Payne; Manager's player of the season: Jamie Hall.

The 6th XI captained by Toff Choudhury finished 10th out of 11 teams in SAL Minor Division 5 South. In November the team lost 4-1 to West Wickham 6th in the AFA Intermediate Novets Cup and in the SAL Junior Novets Cup it was not possible to raise a team for the tie and a walk over was conceded to the opposition.

Top goal scorer: Julian Howell; Player's player of the season: Kiernan Ali; Manager's player of the season: Solomon Adedeji.

The Team of the Year awarded to 2nd team.

The Ralph Salter Clubman of the Year Trophy is awarded to Colin Ferris.

These awards mentioned above were presented at the Club's end of season celebrations, organised jointly by Toff Choudhury and Luke Howard and held on Saturday 20th May 2017 at Dulwich Sports Ground .

Edward Watson again took charge of the Club's training which commenced in Dulwich Park and later continued at Crystal Palace. As in previous years the thanks of the Club go to Edward for his training skills and enthusiasm which he contributed to the Club.

The Club's Discipline record for the season deteriorated with two serious offences one of which resulted in the membership of the player concerned being withdrawn. There were a number of cautions received for offences which could be avoided easily, mainly for dissent. The 1st and 3rd teams both committed six or more dissent cautions which resulted in each team receiving an administration charge of £10.00 from the AFA as a warning as to the teams' future conduct during the current season and the imposition of a fine for a significant amount if dissent offences continued.

Clearly an improvement in players conduct, particularly for dissent offences, is required for the forthcoming season.

Enjoy your summer, retain your fitness and look forward to a challenging forthcoming season.

The report which was read by the Secretary and accepted by the Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presentation and adoption of Annual Accounts for season 2016/17

The Treasurer, Tawfique Choudhury, had produced the Club's Annual Accounts to 31st May 2017 for consideration by the meeting. The Club had realised a modest deficit for the year of £175.00 on a turnover of £13,577.00. The Club's Charter Standard award continued to have a positive effect on the Club's finances by way of a discount on the Club's Southern Amateur League subscription fee of £255.00.

The Club's Bank balance stood at £13,453.00 which after allowing for provisions for assets and liabilities the Clubs net assets amounted to £11,512.00.

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The Treasurer said that there were outstanding fines and AFA administration charges to be collected from Club members and it was suggested by Chris Judd that a proforma template is created for use by Team Captains to pursue the payment due thence if it remains unpaid the member concerned becomes unavailable for selection to play for the Club.

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to Club Officers and Captains for their supportive work.

Thanks were again tendered to Tawfique Choudhury for the way in which he had expertly managed the Club's funds.

The Club's Accounts for season 2016/17 as presented were accepted by the meeting.

6. Match Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Match Secretary, Ryan Hayes, the Secretary informed the meeting that Ryan had taken over the role in November 2016 and in a short space of time had mastered the duties of the role.

Thanks were expressed by the meeting for the work undertaken by Ryan in this very important position within the Club.

7. Annual Registration Fee and Match Levy

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the Registration Fee and the Match Levy had remained at their present levels since season 2013/14 and now for the financial strength of the Club to be maintained a rise in the Annual Registration Fee to £60.00 is recommended.

			<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Registration Fee	£60.00)		
Match Levy	£10.00)	T. Choudhury	J. Campbell
Match Levy Student	£6.00)		

The above proposals were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

8. Nomination and Election of Officers

		<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Chairman:	Edward Watson	T. Choudhury	C. Judd
Deputy Chairman:	Ian Pereira	J. Hutchfull	T. Choudhury
Secretary:	Colin Ferris	N. Robertshaw	T. Choudhury
Treasurer:	Tawfique Choudhury	C. Ferris	C. Judd
Match Secretary:	R. Hayes	T. Choudhury	D. Rolfe
Registration Secretary:	Tawfique Choudhury	C. Ferris	G. Martin
Social Secretary:	J. Campbell	C. Judd	N. Robertshaw
Club Captain:	Luke Howard	C. Ferris	D. Rolfe
Communication Officer(s):	Vacant		
Recruitment Officer:	Liam Coughlan	N. Robertshaw	C. Judd
Hon. Auditor:	J. Perry	C. Ferris	D. Rolfe

The above proposals were voted upon en bloc and were carried by the meeting.

9. Nomination and Election of President and Vice Presidents

The following proposal to re-elect the Club's President was made:-

		<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
President	Ralph Salter	C. Ferris	C. Judd

There were not any proposals to elect any Vice-Presidents in addition to those Vice Presidents already in Office.

10. Nomination and Election of Team Captains

The following proposals were made en bloc by the Club Management, seconded by James Hutchfull:-

1 st Team	Chris Judd
2 nd Team	Tony Raccio
3 rd Team	Dan Rolfe
4 th Team	Sam Holloway
5 th Team	Neill Robertshaw
6 th Team	Andy Peterson

These proposals were elected by the meeting en bloc and unopposed.

To note and for information only: Veterans XI: Paul Crumpton (Captain) and Peter Stone (Manager)

11. Conduct and Disciplinary procedures

The Club's mis-conduct record for the season had deteriorated including the most serious incident with a mis-conduct charge brought by the AFA on a player which resulted in the Club withdrawing the player's membership of the Club. An improvement in the members conduct for the 2017/18 season will be required and this, hopefully, can be achieved by bringing the Club's Code of Conduct to the attention of playing and enforcing where required.

12. Any other business

- i) Christopher Judd said he had approached the Alleyn's Head public house for sponsorship of £500.00 for the Club for which, in return, the public house had requested only some patronage from members.
- ii) The Chairman announced that pre-season training will commence in Dulwich Park on Tuesday 20th June 2017 and that Jason Campbell and Michael will attend to assist with this important preparation for the forthcoming season.
- iii) Christopher Judd said that he had made provisional arrangements for pre-season friendlies for the 1st team to be played away against the Metropolitan Police, Horsham and Tooting and Mitcham football Clubs.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those members present for their attendance and closed the

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