

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 120 Court Lane, Dulwich, London, SE21 on 11th June 2018.

Chairman of the meeting E. Watson.

The Chairman and 18 members were present.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from: L. Coughlan, J. Smith, C. Judd, K. Reeves, P. McKeown and R. Hayes.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 14th June 2017

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 2017/18

For the season there was not one team which particularly distinguished itself so I can best describe the season as "a solid Club performance"

In contrast to the previous season the wet weather played havoc with the pitches at Dulwich Sports Ground where many games were lost because of waterlogged pitches as well as a significant number of away games. This all resulted in the Club having to play "double header" fixtures as well as several evening fixtures. Despite all of this disruption the Club was able to complete all of its fixtures by 5th May through the use of other grounds, at a cost to the Club, and the co-operation of some of our opposition Clubs allowing the Club to play home games on their ground. This all required a significant amount of extra administration work for which the Club thanks Match Secretary Ryan Hayes ably assisted by Tawfique Choudhury.

As already mentioned Ryan Hayes continued doing a great job in the important task of the Club's Match Secretary as well as making a guest appearance as a "Club Referee" for the SBC 6th v. 7th League game in December.

Our Treasurer, Tawfique Choudhury, continued to keep a watchful eye on the Club's funds as well as mastering the related role of Club Registration Secretary which has resulted in the efficient collection of Registration Fees from members. Tawfique has in addition been responsible for the submission of match results, Referee's marks and team sheets to the Amateur Football Alliance (AFA) and the Southern Amateur League (SAL). This is a key administrative task which requires the co-operation of team Captains for which their help is appreciated because unless this carried out in a timely and efficient manner fines are imposed on the Club by SAL and the AFA.

The Club completed successfully FA Charter Standard Club "health check" in November 2017 when an Emergency Aid Course was held at Dulwich Sports Ground attended by 17 Club members and associates to enable continuation of its Charter Standard status which was confirmed by the AFA in March 2018. This award also has a benefit to the Club of a reduced SAL League subscription which amounts to a saving for the Club of about £250.00.

There were no teams which achieved any significant "Cup runs" so I will not report Cup "exits" in detail.

The 1st XI managed by Chris Judd and captained by Ben Thomas had a promising start in SAL Senior Division 3 with the prospect of promotion until the latter part of the season. This proved to be elusive with the team finishing in third place, out of 10 teams, SAL Senior Division 3.

Top goal scorer: Matt Knowles; Player's player of the season: Chris Wilkes; Manager's player of the season; Sammy Taylor

The 2nd XI captained by Tony Raccio found the challenge, after having been promoted, in SAL Intermediate Division 2 not easy playing at the higher level. Consequently the team finished in ninth place, out of 10, and will be relegated to Division 3 for season 2018/19

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

The 3rd XI initially captained by Dan Rolfe but soon succeeded by George Martin finished in fifth place out of 11 teams in SAL Junior Division 1 South.

Top goal scorer: Malik Ellis; Player's player of the season: Malik Ellis; Manager's player of the season: Andy Chebsey.

The 4th XI initially captained by Sam Holloway but soon reverting to Tom Cole, finished in third place out of 10 teams in SAL Minor Division 4 South.

Top goal scorer: Andy Williams; Player's player of the season: Felipe Astudillo; Manager's player of the season: Felipe Astudillo

The 5th XI captained jointly by Neill Robertshaw and Anton Simmons finished in sixth place out of 9 teams in SAL Junior Division 5 South.

Top goal scorer: Darren Smith; Player's player of the season: George Thompson; Manager's player of the season: James Balmforth.

The 6th XI captained by Andy Peterson finished in fourth place out of 11 teams in SAL Junior Division 6 South.

Top goal scorer: Julian Howell; Player's player of the season: Connor Geoghegan; Manager's player of the season: George Lalor.

The 7th XI captained by Anam Hassan were a late entry to the SAL Competition and did not commence their season until late October. The team was formed too late to enter any AFA or SAL Cup Competitions

Top goal scorer: Adam Stewart; Player's player of the season: Adam Stewart; Manager's player of the season: Edward Watson

The Team of the Year awarded to the 4th team.

The Ralph Salter Clubman of the Year Trophy is awarded to James Hutchfull.

Treasurer's Award goes to Ryan Hayes

Chairman's Award goes to Michael Chaplin

These awards mentioned above were presented at the Club's end of season celebrations, organised jointly by Tawfique Choudhury and Luke Howard and held on Saturday 19th May 2018 at Dulwich Sports Ground.

Edward Watson again took charge of the Club's training, assisted by Michael Chaplin, which commenced in Dulwich Park and later continued at Crystal Palace. As in previous years the thanks of the Club go to Edward and Michael for their training skills and enthusiasm which were contributed to the Club.

The Club's Discipline record for the season deteriorated with two players receiving what are serious misconduct charges from the AFA and a further four "red card" sending-off offences which were all in addition to several "yellow card" cautions. Although it is hard to be certain but the trial introduction of the "sin bin" in the Southern Amateur League competitions for dissent offences appears to have reduced the number of these offences. The "sin bin" for dissent offences will continue for season 2018/19.

Clearly, as has been said before, an improvement in players conduct, particularly for the serious sending off offences, is required for the forthcoming season.

The report which was read by the Secretary which after, corrections now incorporated, was accepted by the Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presentation and adoption of Annual Accounts for season 2017/18

The Treasurer, Tawfique Choudhury, presented the accounts as at the end of the 2017/18 season.

The Club returned a surplus of £744 for the season, comprising income of £16,821 and expenditure of £16,077. The Treasurer was pleased with the Club's financial performance to return a surplus despite not securing sponsorship during the season but still being able to purchase new kits at the start of the season and extend training to 26 weeks during the season.

The main sources of income were match fees (with all teams generating a match fees per game at the expected level) and registration fees. The registered player number totalled 130, a rise from 101 during the 1516 season, a rise of 29% in only two seasons and a testament to the hard work the Committee is carrying out.

The key expenditure items are pitch costs as well as significant outlay on training with 26 weeks covered at Crystal Palace 3G during the season.

The notable balance sheet items were the bank balance of £13,216 and 19 pitch credits to be taken into the 2018/19 season.

The Treasurer expressed his thanks to Club Officers, especially Colin Ferris and Edward Watson, and Captains for their supportive work.

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.

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 2017/18 as presented were accepted by the meeting.

6. Match Secretary's Report

In the absence of the Match Secretary, Ryan Hayes, the Secretary said that in view of the weather conditions through much of the season the Club had succeeded exceptionally well in completing all its fixtures albeit that some teams had played double headers and evening fixtures. As mentioned in the Secretary's report all fixtures were completed by 5th May for which the work of the Match Secretary supported Tawfique Choudhury and the co-operation of Team captains is much appreciated.

7. Annual Registration Fee and Match Levy

The Treasurer said that recognising that the Registration Fee and Match Levy had been increased for season 2017/18 it was his recommendation that there is not any increase in the fee/levy. The Treasurer added that if, during the course of the season the cash flow of the Club came under pressure there is the possibility of the mid-week training at Crystal Palace ceasing in the early part of 2019 thereby reducing Club expenditure.

| | | | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Secunder</u> |
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| Registration Fee | £60.00 |) | | |
| Match Levy | £10.00 |) | T. Choudhury | C. Ferris |
| Match Levy Student | £6.00 |) | | |

The above proposals were accepted unanimously by the meeting.

8. Nomination and Election of Officers

| | | | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Secunder</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Chairman: | Edward Watson | | T. Choudhury | W. Wilson |
| Deputy Chairman: | Ian Pereira | | C. Ferris | T. Raccio |
| Secretary: | Colin Ferris | | T. Choudhury | A. Peterson |
| Treasurer: | Tawfique Choudhury | | C. Ferris | L. Howard |
| Match Secretary: | R. Hayes | | W. Wilson | T. Raccio |
| Registration Secretary: | James Katirai | | T. Choudhury | G. Martin |
| Social Secretary: | Warren Wilson | | L. Howard | J. John |
| Club Captain: | Luke Howard | | A. Peterson | T. Choudhury |
| Communication Officer(s): | James Hutchfull | | I. Perreira | L. Howard |
| Recruitment Officer: | Liam Coughlan | | L. Howard | C. Ferris |
| Hon. Auditor: | G. Martin | | T. Choudhury | 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>Secunder</u> |
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| President | Ralph Salter | | C. Ferris | W. Wilson |

In addition to those Vice Presidents already in Office there was a further proposal:-

| | | | <u>Nominator</u> | <u>Secunder</u> |
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| Vice President | Christian Paschina | | M. Chaplin | W. Wilson |

The proposals for the re-election of the President and election of the additional Vice President were voted upon

en bloc by the meeting and carried unanimously.

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10. Nomination and Election of Team Captains

The following proposals were made en bloc by the Club Management Committee, seconded by Tony Raccio:-

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| 1 st Team | Joshua Reddington-Thomas |
| 2 nd Team | Joshua John |
| 3 rd Team | George Martin |
| 4 th Team | Patrick McKeown |
| 5 th Team | Andrew Peterson |
| 6 th Team | Neill Robertshaw |
| 7 th Team | Anam Hassan |

These proposals were elected by the meeting en bloc by a majority vote in favour and with two votes against.

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 worsened for the season compared to the previous season with improper mis-conduct charges brought by the AFA against two players. The 1st and 3rd teams had "dis-respect" charges brought against them by the AFA for exceeding five mis-conduct incidents by team members during the season. All teams with the exception of the 7th team, who were mis-conduct free, had one or more mis-conduct incidents recorded.

An improvement is sought from the playing members in the level of their conduct for the 2018/19 season to correct the decline in the past season.

12. Any other business

- i) James Hutchfull suggested organising a closed season 5-a-side competition. This was supported by Dan Rolfe who thought that Bacon College would provide a good venue. He will investigate further and publicise when details are available.
- ii) Edward Watson also proposed a 5-a-side competition, which he will organise and publicise to be held at Crystal Palace during the Christmas break from League and Cup games.
- iii) James Katirai said that he has made arrangements for four pitches to be available at Chiswick for matches to take place during August.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked those members present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.