

# **GLASGOW ACADEMICAL SPORTS CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET SECTION HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, NEW ANNIESLAND ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6.30 P.M. 2007.**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from S. Murray, V. Hariharan, B. Mann, D. Scott and C. Dick.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE 2006 A.G.M.**

These had been displayed on the Section's website for the previous 2 weeks and were approved unanimously.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

John McNaught welcomed Wallace Mitchell, President of the Academical Club to the meeting and remarked that after the highs of the previous season with both the weather and the performances, 2007 proved to be an anticlimax. The weather was particularly bad during the latter half of the season and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished bottom of the National League and was demoted back into the Western Union with Fraser Murray the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain spending almost the entire season injured, and unable to play.

The Section did have its success with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI winning Division 3 and promotion to Division 2. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI just missed out on promotion and the new 4<sup>th</sup> XI was able to get going with 7 friendlies despite the weather. The number of players in the Section was encouraging (approx. 75) plus 50 or so Juniors across 4 age groups and for the first time due to the efforts of F. Siddiqui, an U9 team played in a Kwik-Cricket Tournament. JSM concluded by thanking all team captains, organisers, parents and games staff for their efforts over the season and particularly C. Dawson and A. Dowers for completing the mountain of paperwork so that the Club cricket could obtain SCU Top Club - Bronze Status. JSM closed by reporting on the sad death of Jimmy Thomson, a stalwart of the Section in the 50's and early 60's.

#### **4. CAPTAIN'S REPORTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> XI.** Fraser Murray reported on a disappointing season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. The team finished bottom of the SNCL Division 2 and were relegated back to the Western Union (P22, W1, L13, C9). The highlight was a narrow victory over Edinburgh. Over the season only 4 batsmen passed 50 and while the bowling was economic on the whole, the side struggled to take wickets. FM congratulated Andy Smith for leading the 6-a-side team to victory at Berwick's Anglo Scottish sixes and Neil Dowers for winning player of the tournament award and concluded with thanks to Robert Cheape and the ground staff for their sterling efforts against the elements.

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI.** Abhey Andar was delighted to report that the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had won Division 3 (P12 W9 L2 D1) with 83%. There were many highlights – 345/5 vs Kirkstyle with Abhjit Nag 100 n.o. and sharing a partnership of 158 with Khalid Suleiman. The match winning partnership between Charles Hollingswoth and Abhjit Nag at Nunholm and Andy Smith's 7 wickets at GHK and Suraj's quickfire 78 and his own 25 wickets during the season. On a lighter note AA also commented on the game vs Clydesdale Cavaliers - when he arrived at Auldhouse and could not distinguish the square from the outfield! & the stupid argument at Kingholm over whether the ball had crossed the boundary line. AA concluded by thanking Tommy Milne for his support when AA was in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Farhaj whose team he kept pinching on a Friday night!

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI.** Farhaj Siddiqui reported on a good season where the team had finished third in Division 5 (P11 W6 L4 D1). FS reported that instead of being nearly all young cricketers the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI had become a feeder team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and now had several older & now permanent experienced players which had made a big difference to the results.

**4<sup>th</sup> XI** Jim McLaren reported on the new XI which at the moment was only playing friendlies and had played 4 games with 2 games still to be played including 1 in Oban.

**Development XI.** Stuart Murray gave a short report as the teams games had been badly hit by the weather (P7 W3 L4). Highlight was a win against West of Scotland to win the 2006 Strathclyde League and Stuart Young's 5 for 28 vs Ayr and Euan Sheridan's 84 against Clydesdale.

**Midweek XI.** Corrie Dick reported P20 W10 L10 with more than 60 players involved during the season. Highlights were Khalid Sulieman's 101 vs Cumbernauld and good bowling performances from George Clark, Nic Stone and a Watson Briggs hat-trick.

**U18.** Neil Dowers reported on a frustrating season where the team finished 4<sup>th</sup> (P13 W9 L4) but could have done much better. Highlights were wins over Clydesdale and West. There were good batting performances during the season from R. Kelso 316 runs, Stuart Young 210, A McLaughlin 145, and on the bowling side Stuart Young 14 wickets, T. Sutton 12, with promising all round performances from C. Dick, Scott Young and N. Ganapathi.

**U15.** Richard Andrew reported on a disappoint season (P9 W2 L7). Charlie McNaught scored most runs (111) and there were 50's for C. McNaught 85 and Connor McInteer 63. Euan Crawford was the best bowler during the season.

**U13.** Colin Dawson reported on a difficult season. (P11 W6 L5) finishing 7<sup>th</sup> of 15. There was a good team spirit and plenty of enthusiasm. Batting was inconsistent but significant contributions were made on occasions by Chris Allen, Neil Cuthill, Rory Kerr and Chris Coutts. On the bowling front Suhaib Siddiqui and Keshav Kanabar inflicted damage.

**U11.** Farahaj Siddiqui reported on a better year with lots of young players to choose from. (P12 W6 L6) and finished 7 of 16. The team also attended 3 Kwik Cricket festivals with mixed success.

## **Representative Honours 2007**

Keshav Kanabar West Area U13 & West District U12

## **5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

The following were elected to the Committee for 2008 –

<b>Chairman</b>	<b>J. McNaught</b>
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	<b>G. Paton</b>
<b>Hon. Fixture Secretary</b>	<b>D. Carnegie</b>
<b>GA Sports Club Representatives</b>	<b>G. Paton/C. Dawson</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain</b>	<b>A. Dodson</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain</b>	<b>o/s</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captain</b>	<b>o/s</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain</b>	<b>F. Siddiqui</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain</b>	<b>J. McLaren</b>
<b>Midweek Captain</b>	<b>o/s</b>
<b>Strathclyde League Captain</b>	<b>o/s</b>
<b>Fund Raising Convenor</b>	<b>A. Dowers</b>
<b>Junior Convenor</b>	<b>C. Dawson</b>
<b>Head Coach</b>	<b>V. Hariharan</b>
<b>Umpire's Association Representative</b>	<b>V. Hadcroft</b>
<b>Child Protection Officer</b>	<b>A. Dowers</b>

### **6. A.O.C.B.**

**G. Paton reminded everyone**

**(a) that nets would start in November with details already on the club website.**

**(b) Quiz night on 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.**

The Meeting was closed at approx 7.50 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.