

# **GLASGOW ACADEMICAL SPORTS CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET SECTION HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, NEW ANNIESLAND ON FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6.30 P.M. 2008.**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from S. Murray, V. Hariharan, A. Cochrane, A. Crawford, E. Crawford, C. Dunbar, B. Dundas, R. Glenesk, V. Hadcroft, E. Hunter, D. Kelso, D. Lockhart, S. Page, G. Page, R. Patel, A. Revell, G. Revie, I. Smith, J. Smith, C. Sweetman, N. Uppal, and S. Uppal.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE 2007 A.G.M.**

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

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

John McNaught welcomed Hugh Barrow, President of the Academical Club to the meeting and remarked that the terrible weather since mid June had 'dampened' enthusiasm throughout the Club. Of all 102 Senior fixtures 70 had been played, 32 cancelled (nearly all in July/August). The 1<sup>st</sup> XI had had a "nearly" season finishing 3% behind Kelburne in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had done well to survive in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and the new 4<sup>th</sup> XI had competed well in the 5<sup>th</sup> Division. The most encouraging aspect was that we had record numbers in the Section, all wanting to play cricket.

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> XI.** A. Dodson reported on the "nearly" season – lost second last ball to Poloc in Rowan Cup, lost narrowly to Kelburne in S.C.U. Trophy and finished second to Kelburne by 3% in 1<sup>st</sup> Division. In a season dominated by the poor weather the Tour to Paris 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September provided better weather and three games with a win against Chantilly and a quote in the local press "they came, they saw and they conquered and such a great bunch of people will be more than welcome to come back." Andy finished by advising of the efforts required to raise money for the new nets, but that the investment would make the Club even better.

**2<sup>ND</sup> XI.** Ian McKay reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had done very well to stay in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and praised notable performances from Raj Soman, Chris Hollingsworth and Chris Dunbar.

**3<sup>RD</sup> XI.** John McNaught read a report from F. Siddiqui. P 11, W6 D1 L4 finished fourth in what had ultimately been a disappointing season which had started so well. They lost two important games and then lost out on games against weak opposition due to the rain. There were notable performances from G. Paton 98 .no., R. Paton 88 n.o., R. Patel 70 n.o., S. Murray 56 n.o., and on the bowling side M. Shields 15 wickets (despite his 10 week ban) C. Dickie 11 and S. Murray 11.

**4<sup>TH</sup> XI.** Jim McLaren reported on the team's inaugural season, when the Club had fielded four Saturday teams for the first time. Division 5 had been expanded to thirteen teams with a mid season split and produced a fixture between our 3rds and 4ths! The aims for the Season were relatively modest – fulfil our fixtures, be

competitive and perhaps win a match, not finish bottom and these were met and indeed exceeded. We completed 16 of 18 fixtures W6 D2 L8, finishing 10<sup>th</sup> out of 13 and losing out on the Tom Kerr Trophy for the bottom 7 teams when losing to Ardencaple in the last game of the Season. 35 different players graced the 4<sup>th</sup> XI during the Season and the highlights included beating Crow Road in front of a sizeable crowd, dismissing Ardencaple for 29 in spite of winning the toss and electing to field with 7 players and holding out for a draw at Ardrossan, the League Leaders at the time and Ken Austin's 100 against Hillend @ Greenock for the first Century for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI. The game against the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI ? - it was lost narrowly by 9 wickets!

**Midweek XI.** Raj Soman reported on a team which nearly everyone in the Club had played for during the Season. The team had only won approximately 50% of the games played but it had been great fun for all concerned.

**Sunday XI.** R. Andrew reported on a Season ravaged by the weather with 8 matches cancelled. P6 W2 L4 and finishing 4th in the League.

**Juniors.** Colin Dawson reported on all the Juniors teams, (the lifeblood for the Club's future) and in particular on the increased numbers, 74 in all with 28 @ U11 The Season like the weather had been very mixed. (The weather appears to have been better midweek than at the weekend!).

U18 – 6<sup>th</sup> of 15

U15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> = of 15 - Good

U 13 – 5<sup>th</sup> of 13 -Good

U 11 – 10<sup>th</sup> of 14

We also attended four Kwik Cricket Festivals.

He commented on excellent performances from Scott Young @ U18 and Clemmie Mitchell who captained an U16 Ladies Team at Peebles and finished by thanking all the parents and the other age group organisers N. Dowers, F. Siddiqui, M. Shields and W. Bashir for their support throughout the Season.

## 5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected to the Committee for 2009 –

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

## **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 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2009.
- (c) A. Dowers advised of a forthcoming Gift Aid Program to raise funds for the new nets and also a possible Golf Outing in October.
- (d) C. Atkinson requested that the Secretary write to the G.C.C. Culture and Sport asking that they invest in cricket pitches for the clubs without grounds.

The Meeting closed at approximately 7.15 p.m. with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.