

GLASGOW ACADEMICAL SPORTS CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET SECTION HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, NEW ANNIESLAND ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 6.30 P.M.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from B. Dundas, V. Hariharan, T. Milne, A. Dodson, N. Campbell, C. Allen, D. Carnegie, H. Gleed, V. Hadcroft, E. Hunter, I. Mackay, J. McLaren, F. Siddiqui, R. Singh, J. Smith and T. Sutton.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2008 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 commented on the poor attendance at the A.G.M. which was indicative of a very mixed season for the Section.

This was highlighted by the travails of the 1st XI who had used 32 different players during the season and who were having to rely on Kelburne winning promotion to the National Leagues to save us from demotion to the West District 2nd division for Summer 2010.

Surprisingly a disastrous first part of the season had been turned around and we were still in with a chance of staying up.

The 2nd, 3rd and 4th XI's had better seasons, but these still could only be described as very average. John made the general comment that while membership had increased we needed to organise ourselves much better.

The Junior Sections had similar very average seasons and had been badly hit by the weather, completing only 32 of 66 fixtures with an overall % of 34%.

John also commented on the poor weather affecting the Senior section, but paradoxically of the 99 fixtures 83 had in fact been completed!

4. CAPTAINS REPORTS

1st XI

(B. Dundas could not attend the A.G.M. and the secretary read his report).

Brian Dundas reported on a season of two halves. The first half was extremely poor and without a win and in the second half a transformation occurred and until we lost the last game of the season, we were the best performing side in the League!

Despite the transformation we finished second bottom and will be relegated if Kelburne lose to Fauldhouse in the play offs. (Note: Kelburne won and we will play in the 1st Division next season).

Brian was of the opinion that in the second half of the season we had a settled side, due to improved player availability, plus consistent batting performances which combined to give much improved results.

The best performances during the season came from:

- Fraser Murray for his 398 runs including three 50s,
- Zaffer Ali and Habib Zai (aka Farouk) for their bowling performances, and
- Richard Andrew with 36 wickets and 382 runs with bests of 6-12 and 96 respectively.

Brian also mentioned his plans to revamp winter training, so that the players would be better prepared for Season 2010 and that they would 'hit the ground running.'

2nd XI

(Ian Mackay could not attend the A.G.M. and the secretary read his report)

Ian Mackay reported on a reasonably successful campaign finishing 6th in Division 2, (2008 we finished 7th).

Ian reported that 2 matches stood out, the "winning draw" vs St. Michaels who fielded 2 first grade Australian players and defeating Whitehaugh when defending only 100 runs.

There were also excellent individual performances:

- Nirvik Ganapathis 4-26 vs Whitehaugh
- Raj Soman 131 vs Cambusdoon
- Watson Briggs' all round performance vs St Michaels, 81 runs and 3 for 32.

3rd XI

(Farhaj Siddiqui could not attend the A.G.M. and the secretary read his report)

Farhaj reported that the 3rd XI had played 12, won 8, drawn 2 and lost 2, finished 4th in the 5th Division and just missed out on promotion again (47 different players had appeared for the 3rd XI).

Noteworthy performances came from Myles Shields with bat and ball, Raj Patel with the bat and Tom Sutton bowling and in addition several youngsters made consistent contributions to the team.

4th XI

(Jim McLaren could not attend the A.G.M. and the secretary read his report)

Jim reported that the 4th Division XI had finished 7th of 9 teams and completed 13 games with no concessions.

37 different players had appeared for the 4th XI including 11 Juniors and 6 new seniors.

Noteworthy performances were an opening partnership of 143 between Matt Lewis and Chris Allen vs Gatehouse of Fleet, a new highest team total of 228-6 vs Memorial Field and in the interclub match with Alps, Windyedge holding on for a draw @ 144 for 8.

Development XI

Richard Andrew reported that in a mixed season they had won 4 and lost 4. Notable performances were:

Richard Andrew's hat trick vs Sannox, The all round team performance vs Garscube when we chased down 236 with 2 youngsters, Habib Malik (47 no) and Nirvik Ganapathi (13 no) guiding us over the line. Raj Patel with a 100 vs Renfrew. Economical bowling throughout the season from Dhruv Satpute, Nirvik Ganapathi, Iain McCallum and Euan Crawford.

Midweek XI

(Ronnie Singh could not attend the A.G.M. and the secretary read his report)

Ronnie reported that in the 1st Division of the Evening League we had finished 6 of 8 with a record of won 5 and lost 6.

Ronnie reported that everyone had enjoyed playing midweek and the team was a good mix of seniors and juniors.

Juniors

Colin Dawson reported on what had been a season dominated by the awful weather particularly in July and August with only 32 fixtures completed during the season.

The **U18** had a disappointing season finishing 6 of 9. Nirvik Ganapathi starred with the bat and Euan Crawford with the ball.

The **U15** finished 10th of 15 in a disappointing season, Ewan Stewart hit 91 vs Hillhead with Chris Allen collected the batting award and Alastair Ferguson the bowling award.

The **U13** also had a disappointing season finishing 7th of 10. Dhruv Satpute collected both the batting and bowling awards.

The **U11** were no different to the other teams finishing 10 of 14 and like the U13 had no games after the 24th July! Thomas Aston received the batting award and Simon McAlpine-Scott the bowling award.

Colin finished by thanking the other coaches and managers namely Richard Andrew, Waj Bashir, Tracey Allen, Farhaj Siddiqui and Raj Soman.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2009

- Nirvik Ganapathi, Habib Malik and Ally Spike were selected for Glasgow U17.
- Chris Allen, Andrew Allen, Suhaib Siddiqui and Ewan Stewart were picked for Glasgow North U15s.
- Ms Clemmie Mitchell attended the Scotland U15 development squad.
- Dhruv Satpute achieved West Junior Academy status and
- Zuhayr Siddiqui and Clemmie Mitchell also turned out for Glasgow North U13s.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected to the Committee for 2010 –

Chairman	N Campbell
Hon. Secretary	G Paton
Hon. Fixture Secretary	T Milne
GA Sports Club Representatives	G Paton/A Dodson
1st XI Captain	B Dundas
1st XI Vice-Captain	R Andrew
2nd XI Captain	R Fornear
3rd XI Captain	S Murray
4th XI Captain	A Cochrane
Midweek XI Captain	o/s
Sunday/Development XI Captain	N Dowers
Fund Raising Convenor	A Dowers
Junior Convenor	C Dawson
Head Coach	V Hariharan
Umpire's Association Representative	V Hadcroft
Child Protection Officer	A Dowers
Membership Secretary	N Dowers
Ex Officio	C Atkinson

6. A.O.C.B.

The Secretary reminded everyone that:-

- a) Nets would start in November with details already on the club website.
- b) the Quiz Night would be held on 8th January, 2010.
- c) A Ghost night (storytelling) on Friday 30th October, 2009.

He also drew everyone's attention to the disciplinary hearings and penalties handed out to GHK and Glasgow Ansar which had just appeared on the West District web site.

The Meeting closed at approx 7.45