

GLASGOW ACADEMICAL SPORTS CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CRICKET SECTION HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, NEW ANNIESLAND ON FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.

The Meeting started with a Minute's silence in the memory of Colin Atkinson, a past Captain, and still an active member of the Section and Cricket Committee after 50 years, who died while playing golf, earlier in the week at the age of 71.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from V. Hariharan, H. Gleed, J. Smith, I. Smith, K. Austin, R. Cheape, S. Chohan, G. Clark, T. Marsden, J. McNaught, S. Murray, R. Patel, R. Paton and P. Revie. Apologies were also received from Lindsay Crawford and John Taylor, the President and Vice-President of the Academical Club.

2. MINUTES OF THE 2009 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

Nigel Campbell commented on the low attendance at the AGM which signified a very average season for all the Sections XI's.

The 1st XI had an enjoyable, frustrating and ultimately a disappointing season as we could not beat any of the top 3 teams. There was a good 'run' in the Rowan Cup and we reached the final of the SCU Trophy but lost out to Huntly.

The 2nd XI finished 2nd bottom (9th) of the 2nd Division, 0.05% behind Cambusdoon who finished 8th. As there is talk of League reconstruction and teams being disciplined with automatic relegation, they may miss out on relegation.

The 3rd XI and 4th XI finished 5th and 9th in Division 5 with many new members involved, but unfortunately the results were disappointing.

Overall there were more Seniors and Juniors in the Club, but this had not improved results.

4. CAPTAINS REPORTS

1ST XI

Brian Dundas reported that 2010 had been a vast improvement on 2009, with a 4th place finish, creditable performances in the Rowan Cup, and reaching the final of the SCU Trophy. (The influence of having an Overseas Amateur this season made a significant difference). There was a vast improvement in the batting with 3 players scoring over 600 runs and we beat the teams below us comprehensively, but could not beat the 3 teams who finished above us. Our fielding, particularly dropped catches was the big difference, and this would have to improve for us to make progress next session. We were competitive in the SCU Trophy final scoring 229, but were undone by some excellent batting from Huntly's youngsters. This was our first national final and a positive experience for the whole club. Brian was pleased that he managed to introduce several younger players to our 1st XI, Habib Malik, Nirvik Gunapathi, George Clark and Dhruv Satpute, all playing in several games and making telling contributions.

Noteable performances during the season :-

R. Andrew - 2 hundreds, one 177!

E. Sheridan scoring 620 runs without a century.

W. Briggs 5 for 53 versus Hillhead.

Zafar, Imran, Richard and Ewen, all taking more than 20 wickets.

Brian finished by wishing his successor every success next season.

2nd XI

There was no report for the 2nd XI, but the Club Secretary (G. Paton) confirmed that they had finished second bottom, 0.05% behind the 8th team who were guaranteed safety.

Noteable performances during the season:-

Raj Soman who scored 2 hundreds (one 213) and Sheraz Chohan who was top wicket taker.

The Secretary advised that League reconstruction might still save the 2ndXI from relegation.

3rd XI

There was no report for the 3rd XI, but the Secretary advised that they had finished 5th in Division 5, despite conceding a game to the team finishing bottom of the League and being "hit" with a 20 point deduction . The top performer with the bat was Phil Revie and with the ball Myles Shields.

4th XI

Alex Cochrane reported that the 4th's had experienced an enjoyable and spirited season, which allowed new members to establish themselves at the club and gave emerging juniors experience of senior cricket and enthusiastic members to play without pressure or fear of failure. The season saw 2 wins and 2 draws and the team was agonisingly close to pulling off a memorable draw with the 3rdXI and finished 9th in the 5th Division.

DEVELOPMENT XI

Neil Dowers advised that the Development team had suffered a disappointing season, mainly due to the successful run of the 1st XI in the SCU Trophy which made raising a 2nd XI very difficult on a Sunday. In addition the games we played were dominated by our more experienced players (especially with the bat) as our younger players did not take the opportunity to shine.

MIDWEEK XI

There was no report but the Secretary advised that the team had finished 6 of 8 in the 1st Division.

JUNIORS

Colin Dawson reported on a very average season, but that numbers remain in good health (approx 70). Parents had shown their appreciation of the Sections efforts but there was much need for technical improvement with both batting and bowling in order to improve results.

The U18 finished 5th of 8, but on paper should have done much better, but holidays and unavailability were their undoing.

The U15 finished 11th of 12 with only 1 win and suffered from the loss of Dhruv Satpute. Holidays and unavailability again severely compromised performances.

The U13 finished 10th of 10 with no wins. The batting was the biggest obstacle to winning any matches, as they struggled to reach 50. Holidays and unavailability severely compromised performances.

The U11 finished 12 of 16 with 2 wins and 1 tie. Everyone had a great time and hopefully the development of skills will come later.

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2010

Caroline Sweetman won her 37th Cap for Scotland Ladies.

Dhruv Satpute was selected for both the Western Cricket Academy Senior and Junior teams. Ms. Clemmie Mitchell also played for W.C.A. Juniors and played twice for Scotland U17 and taking 4 for 9 against Durham U17.

Dhruv Satpute and Ewan Stewart were invited to a W.C.A. 2 day Summer Camp. Cameron Russell, Mark Forbes, Ruairidh Russell and Euan Ramsay all played for Glasgow North U13.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected to the Committee for 2011 –

Chairman	N. Campbell
Hon. Secretary	S. Murray
Hon. Fixture Secretary	T. Milne
GA Sports Representatives	G. Paton/A. Dodson
1st XI Captain	R. Andrew
1st XI Vice Captain	E. Sheridan
2nd XI Captain	N. Campbell/C. Hawkins
3rd XI Captain	W. Bashir/J. McLaren
4th XI Captain	A. Cochrane/K. Radhakrishna
Midweek XI Captain	o/s
Sunday/Development XI Captain	o/s
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

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 7th January, 2011.
- c) A Xmas night (storytelling) was to be held on Friday 3rd December, 2010.
- d) The Committee were investigating the possibility of the Western Ladies XI finding a home at New Anniesland and playing on a Sunday.

The Meeting closed at approx. 7.30.