

HAMPSET CRICKET CLUB

69TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2009 at 7.30 PM

Present:

Matt Ball, Mike Ball, R.Brown, Richard Cope, Scott Costello, Peter Crouch, James Dorey, Chas Dunford, Kevin Fairman, Jon Flagg, Alan Hack, Harry Hanwell, Paul Huxtable, Adrian Jeffrey, Andre Jozwiak, Gary Lewis, Alex Lear, Katie Lear, Nick Lear, Ed Lye, Tracey Lye, Mark Matthews, Mike Nash, John Nicholas, Roger Perkins, Jeanette Porter, Kevin Porter, Mark Prentice, Norm Rogers, Terry Sandys, Mike Scaggs, Jon Solly, Ruth Solly, Stan Szczotko, Chris White

Apologies:

Mark Appleton, Tina Appleton, Pete Barrett, John Bell, John Bissex, Paul Collard, Pat Crouch, Brenda Day, William Day, Maureen Deighton, Ray Deighton, Clare Hallett, Bill Hallett, Tony Horseman, Malcolm Johnson, Myra Mines, Mary Nash, Duncan Nicholas, Jill Nicholas, Andy Perryman, Dave Perryman, Paul Perryman, Rachel Perryman, Trish Perryman, Lisa Porter, Trevor Prentice, Vicki Szczotko, Robin Smith, Colin Voutt, Heather Voutt, Don Withers

The meeting commenced at 7.45 p.m.

1) Apologies

Jon Flagg thanked everyone for making the effort to attend the AGM in the poor weather conditions. Jon also reminded members to provide membership information on the standard format sent out with the AGM notice and return it to the Membership Secretary, Dave Copeland.

Kevin Fairman read out the above apologies from members unable to attend this evening's meeting.

2) Minutes of 68th AGM

The minutes of the 68th Hampset AGM were read and accepted as a true and fair reflection of the meeting.

Proposer: Mike Nash Seconder: Paul Huxtable

3) Matters Arising

Other than included on the agenda of this AGM, there were no matters arising.

4) Chairman's Report – J Flagg

Jon reaffirmed his passion for Hampset Cricket Club and noted with pride the advances made in the last year, particularly with regard to the club's cricketing and social role within the wider community, and also the increasing number of girls joining the club.

Since the 2008 AGM, the Executive Committee has concentrated on rebuilding the foundations of the club. This has included a major clean-up of the expanding membership database, for which Jon thanked Dave Copeland, Paul Huxtable, & John Nicholas.

More recently with the AGM notice an excellent Newsletter, written by Paul.H, has been distributed to members and Jon has redesigned the club website. Feedback on both and contributions from all members for future editions of the Newsletter and the website content are very welcome.

With regards to senior cricket, Jon noted the good progress made in the 2008 season. After 3 good years under the captaincy of Jon Solly, Mark Prentice took over as 1st team captain leading a young team that

improved as the season progressed. The club can look forward with confidence to 2009 with the continued development of younger cricketers from the youth system.

Other teams also had successful seasons and In junior cricket, under Adrian Jeffrey's leadership, we ran 8 sides which was a marvelous achievement. The Stella select midweek cricket was, as ever, played in a very good spirit.

Off the field, Stan Szczotko has continued to run the Operations Committee well, although bar duties are still a major challenge for all. Jon also thanked his Executive Committee colleagues for their support, and also all of the volunteers who do so much for this club.

Jon concluded by asking everyone to make a big effort and get behind Cricket Force on 4th & 5th April.

5) Treasurer's Report – K Porter (KP)

Kevin Porter provided the following, comprehensive, update on the 07-08 financial accounts:

With the **Bar Account**, Sales increased from £37,118 to £41,252, an uplift of 11%. Whilst this appears a good trend, it has to factored in that around 5% of this relates to inflationary increase, and the club deregistered for VAT on 30/04/2008, which has further distorted the figures. The net result is that turnover has roughly held even. The good news is that the Bar Surplus has increased to £15,281 from £12,730 which equates to 37% of sales, an improvement from 34% in the previous financial year.

On the **Income & Expenditure Account**, the following observations are made:

- **on the income side** Subscriptions and Donations held fairly firmly and Fund Raising amounted to £1,188 which is again testimony to the activities by the Social Committee in raising valuable funds for the club.
- the Bar Surplus of £15,281 is, as ever, the largest source income to the club and emphasises the importance of ensuring this facility is well managed and well utilised.
- Bank Interest was down to £278 (£401 in 2007) due to a combination of falling interest rates and lower credit balances following the previous year's expenditure on the north side fencing.
- £600 Compensation was paid to the club by way of free barrels for damage to the outfield by the delivery lorries
- Sponsorship of £1200 was provided by Chris Book's company Mobilize, for which we remain very grateful.
- **on the expenditure side**, Buildings/Grounds/Machinery were down to £8247 (£9235) reflecting the extra-ordinary expenditure on the north side fencing in the previous year.
- damage to property caused by cricket balls increased to £377
- electricity & gas fell to £3237 (£4069) due to a refund from EDF for previous overpayments and a new meter installed which is easier to monitor/understand.
- £600 compensation payment for damage to the outfield was transferred to a holding fund pending the repair work being undertaken.
- a new entry for Recycling of £64 reflects an arrangement made for our glass bottled to be collected fortnightly.
- the remaining items show no material change and the bottom line shows a surplus of £143 which, whilst not substantial, is the first profit shown by the club for a few years.

Regarding the **Balance Sheet**, a surplus of £143 was carried forward. A new holding account has been established in the sum of £600, pending the outfield repairs as previously mentioned. There are no other material changes to the balance sheet with the major asset being the Grounds & Buildings at £255k.

Kevin noted that it was pleasing to be able to report a small profit to the AGM, whilst the focus must remain on increasing our turnover and keeping our costs under control. We face another major expenditure in the fairly near future, as we will need to replace the south side fencing, and intend to commence provision for this in the accounts in the current financial year. We are also conscious that the ground machinery will always be subject to the need for upgrading, possibly at short notice.

Kevin thanked John Nicholas for his help in producing these accounts, Mike Ball for his unstinting work to keep the beer flowing, and to all the volunteers who make it possible for this club to function.

Proposer: Stan Szczotko Seconder: Adrian Jeffrey

Jon thanked Kevin, and the people who have assisted him in his role as Honorary Treasurer, for his many years of continued excellent service in the role.

Jon also thanked Andy O'Donnell & Harry Hanwell on behalf of the Club for auditing the club's financial accounts as a true and fair record of the club's financial affairs.

6) Cricket Manager's Report – J Solly

Jon.F thanked Richard Hodges for his last 2 years as Cricket Manager. When Richard stepped down, this role was Initially jointly taken over by Jon Solly & Adrian Jeffrey, but since the players meeting in October, Jon.S has now agreed to be the club's Cricket Manager.

Following on from Jon.F's comments about the senior teams, Jon.S mentioned that it was unfortunate that the 2nd team got relegated in 2008 and it makes the gap between 1st and 2nd team cricket even bigger. However we can be confident that under Stan Szczotko's leadership, the 2nd team can bounce back in 2009. The 3rd team had a respectable mid-table finish under Mark Matthews' leadership.

Jon.S also noted the strong A team had had a good season, winning the league under their young captain, Alex Lear, and achieving promotion to the Premier league. The Development team was very young, and needs 2 or 3 seniors to support team to help the captain, Matt Ball, who did a very good job in difficult circumstances.

Jon thanked Ruth Solly & volunteers for doing the cricket teas, but noted we are short of volunteers. Jon also thanked Dave Perryman for his work on the ground and encouraged everyone to get involved with Cricket Force to help improve facilities at the club.

In 2008, Cricket Force had a lower profile which was understandable after the huge event of 2007. Cricket Force 2009 on 4th & 5th April will start with a volunteer breakfast. There are 16 projects on notice board, some of which still need project managers. Jon asked to let him know if you are keen to help.

Jon provided an update on the Odd Down project. This is now a hub club, with Hampset CC as a key stakeholder having first call on facilities. This year will be cheaper than 2008 and money will be spent on the pitches in future years. Jon thanked Richard Hodges and Adrian Jeffrey and their work on this project.

There will be a cricket tour in 2009 to Brighton on 2nd to 7th August. Deposits are due now and places are now filling up. Jon thanked Tracey Lye for her help.

Preseason starts on 11th April, with the league commencing on 2nd May 2nd. There will be a midweek 20-over and afternoon programme. Jon thanked Colin Voutt for organizing the fixtures.

Due to the UK's immigration laws, it is unlikely that Hampset will have an overseas player this year although we had 2 Aussies who were keen. Jon noted that this is ultimately, good for our cricket.

Winter Training at Beechen Cliff School starts on Saturdays from 11.00 – 13.00 from 21st Feb 21st through to 28th March.

Jon thanked everyone who volunteers at the club, and recognised that we have a great voluntary base, which we will always need as the club grows, and every contribution is much appreciated.

N.B. A list of 2009 Hampset Cricket Force projects is attached with these minutes.

7) Subscriptions

Jon.F outlined the 2009 proposal for subscriptions as follows:

<u>Member Type</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Senior Player	£30.00	£35.00
Full-Time Student	£13.00	£15.00
Student 16-18 Years	£9.75	£10.00
Junior Player	£6.00	£6.00

A Team Vice Capt	Paul Collard	Cricket Comm	Cricket Comm
Youth Team Manager	Adrian Jeffrey	Cricket Comm	Cricket Comm
Fixtures Secretary	Colin Voutt	Cricket Comm	Cricket Comm
Team Secretary	James Dorey	Cricket Comm	Cricket Comm
Child Welfare Officer	Amanda Tapsfield & Jon Flagg	Cricket Comm	Cricket Comm
Assistant Secretary	Gary Lewis	Stan Szczotko	Mark Matthews
Assistant Treasurer	John Nicholas	Kevin Porter	Pete Crouch
Facilities Manager	Jon Dolman	Stan Szczotko	Mark Prentice
Social Secretary	Jeanette Porter	Gary Lewis	Katie Lear
Buildings Manager	Alex Lear	Stan Szczotko	Scott Costello
Bar Chairman	John Nicholas	Matt Ball	Harry Hanwell
Bar Manager	Mike Ball	Paul Huxtable	Mark Prentice
Ops Comm Members Rep	Tracey Lye	Stan Szczotko	Roger Perkins
Ops Comm Members Rep	Bill Hallett	Paul Huxtable	Roger Perkins
Ops Comm Members Rep	Katie Lear	Stan Szczotko	Roger Perkins
Auditor	Harry Hanwell	Mike Nash	Adrian Jeffrey
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10) Clubman of the Year Presentation

The Clubman of the year is to recognise the contribution of the many volunteers to help day-in, day-out with the running of the club. Last year, Ruth Solly was the first female winner of the award. This year's award goes to Nick Lear for his fantastic contribution on many jobs around the club.

11) Volunteering

Jon commented that he felt John Nicholas, amongst others, could be awarded the Clubman of the year award each year, but was pleased to see the increasing number of younger members getting involved in the club's committees. Alex Lear & Matt Ball have done well captaining the A side & Development team respectively. James Dorey & John Dolman have taken on officer roles.

Special thanks go to Adrian Jeffrey and Jon Solly for the outstanding job they do running the youth cricket section, and also to Ruth Solly and her team of helpers on the cricket teas.

12) Any Other Business

Ruth Solly commented that it was unclear to social members how to pay subscriptions and to whom. Jon replied that payments should be sent to Dave Copeland, Membership Secretary, but that this would be clarified by the club in future communications.

Gary Lewis suggested a local recruitment drive for members. Jon replied that the priority in the last year has primarily been to look after existing members but welcomed the idea for which there was general agreement.

Terry Sandys asked whether there was any change in match fees planned. Jon replied that senior players would increase to £4 from £3, and students to £3 from £2, but still felt Hampset CC is well below the costs of belonging to other cricket clubs in the area.

Terry Sandys also asked whether there were plans for the Odd Down square to be improved for 2009. Adrian Jeffrey responded that this had not been done due to a problem with the release of section 106 monies by the council.

As in previous years, there was then an extended debate about the bar:

- Jon stated that unless a solution to the ongoing problem with staffing the bar is found when John Nicholas does not step into the breach, the club will be forced to close the bar on some evenings leading to a decrease in revenues & profits.
- Adrian questioned whether John's many roles could be sub-divided in a similar way to his many responsibilities with youth cricket. John & Stan replied that it wasn't the other roles that caused John the problem, it was just the issue of volunteers for the bar.

- Scott Costello questioned whether joining the bar rota should not be a condition of joining the club.
- Roger Perkins said that the people attending the AGM are those already engaged, and that it was the other members of the club that needed to be brought on board.
- Katie Lear said that a few membership forms had been completed where people not currently on the bar rota had said they would be happy to volunteer.

John Nicholas asked about the annual club dinner. This will be on Friday 13th March 2009. Jon.S will be speaking on behalf of Hampset CC and Stan.S is organizing the evening.

Kevin Fairman said that with 340 members now, and 4 separate pieces of paper going out to each member in advance of the AGM, for environmental and cost reasons, next year's AGM notices would be sent out by email to those members who we have contact details for. Other club members would continue to receive notices by post.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.20 p.m.

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J Flagg
(Chairman)