

CATFORD WANDERERS SPORTS CLUB LIMITED

Beckenham Hill Road London SE6 3NU

COMPANY NUMBER 9534146

113th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 3rd November 2019 at 2 pm in the Clubhouse, Beckenham Hill Road SE6 3NU

MINUTES

In attendance:

Ian Newman, David Smythers, Margaret Innes, Patsy Waithe, Debby Dixon, Lekan Ojumu, Vishaal Patel, Daren Phillips, John Allen, Clive Birkhamshaw, Brian Bass, Leigh Cole, Denis Costelloe, Richard Gould, Greg Gustard, Iliya Kumanichliev, Eamon Martin, Jane Martin, Martin O'Brien, Barbara Olsinska, Ruth Owens, Stephen Owens, Monica Romagnoli, Peter Romagnoli, Andrew Smith, Margaret Smith, Ravi Soosaipillai, Geoffrey Taylor, Andy Williams, Kate Williams, Keith Woods, Nick Petersen [Social]

1. **Welcome by Club President** - Dave Smythers opened the meeting at 2.10 pm. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for the passing of former member Steve Le Comber.
2. **Apologies for absence were received from the following members:** Tony Martin, Mary Manuel, Julie Taylor, Gerry Taylor, Jo Townsend, John Townsend, Andy Hellier, Tom Lake, Wayne Bridgeman, Maudlyn Gittens, Loraine Smythers, Jayne Qureshi, James Wilken-Smith, Mark Dempsey, Julisa O'Boyle, Conor O'Boyle, Cosmos Charles, Nathan John Carter, Andrew Griffith, Terry Lamb, Leila Brown, Steff James, Julia Garling, Kalam Azad, Tony Saeed, Angela Rezki
3. **2018 Minutes** - The secretary apologised for the fact that the attendance sheets from the 2018 were not available as they could not be found. The minutes were amended to reflect the fact that the matter of match fees and their payment had been debated and a resolution passed requiring fees to be paid within 7 days. The minutes were approved - proposed: Peter Romagnoli, seconded Geoff Taylor. Correspondence relating to this matter appended to these minutes.
4. **Matters arising from 2018 Minutes** - No matters were discussed.
5. **Secretary's review of the year** – Margaret Smith gave a review of the year – report attached.
6. **Treasurer's review** - Peter Romagnoli reviewed the financial position for the year – Detailed reports and financial statements circulated in advance – attached.

PR highlighted particular areas of interest: The maintenance charge had increased due to changes of contractor. It had been discovered that previous changeover works had not been completed adequately which meant there had been catching up for preparations and renovations of tennis courts and cricket square. Additionally, copious amounts of watering in the summer of 2018 resulted in a higher than usual water rates charge.

Questions from the floor:

Keith Woods enquired about bank overdraft and interest. PR replied the club does not have an overdraft. Andy Williams commented that these are merely headings. PR explained that the interest relates to credit/debit card charges, but this is outweighed by the benefit having such a facility brings to the Club.

John Allen enquired about the previous loan that the company held. PR confirmed that it has now been completed a few years ago.

Keith Woods enquired about lost club ID cards. Andy Williams replied that lost cards should be reported as they would be cancelled. Likewise, non -payment of subs would result in cards being cancelled.

Eamon Martin made the point that the as the social section brings in a large slice of income, this should encourage the bar and other areas to be kept in good repair. PR replied that the bar had recently been redecorated by Mark Smith along with other repairs and improvements to ladies changing rooms and referee's room.

Debby Dixon enquired about fencing and signage. PR replied that Phoenix not able to assist with this and Club would have to seek outside help. Secretary made point that club needed to repair high netting near mobile nets due to complaint from neighbour in Blacklands Road, and this would be a priority for next session. Agreed that the signage needed improving and Kate Williams mentioned the signage near Sundridge Park club which was a good example Club could investigate. Club would look into this next session.

Denis Costelloe commented that Treasurer shouldn't have to constantly chase match fees, Secretary replied it was an ongoing issue that the Board were aware of and would be following up next session.

The report and accounts were approved. Proposed Kate Williams seconded Brian Bass.

7. **Facilities and Social Secretary's review** – Val Elkins -report circulated in advance – attached. Secretary highlighted area from the reports. Special thanks to those who helped behind the bar and reminded members the Christmas Dinner was to be held on 8th December 2019.
8. **Sports Section Reports** – reports from all sections received – all circulated in advance except football.
Badminton Section: Maggie Innes highlighted the efforts that had been made to regenerate the section and halt declining membership. Secretary mentioned the success of obtaining grant from Badminton England to run 8-week training course.
Cricket section: Secretary highlighted the success of cricket section. Shawavn Cunningham was highest wicket taker in the division, Ewart Thompson finished 4th in most runs scored and highest average. Both teams had been promoted to division 3.
Football Section: Secretary read out report form football section.
Tennis section – no further comments at meeting.
9. **Election/ratification of Club Officers:**
Chair – Eamon Martin – proposed Dennis Costelloe seconded Val Elkins
Secretary – Margaret Smith – proposed Val Elkins – seconded Peter Romagnoli
Treasurer – Peter Romagnoli – proposed Val Elkins seconded Sue Rice-Vine
Facilities and Social – Val Elkins – proposed Denis Costelloe seconded Teri Borg

All officers were elected unopposed by majority show of hands.
10. **Ratification of Honorary Club President – Dave Smythers role as President confirmed for another year by majority show of hands.**
11. **Nomination and Ratification of new Life Members** – the Board recommended **Percy Drummond** [cricket section]. Debby Dixon, outgoing Chair of cricket section, paid tribute to Percy outlining his achievements during his time as playing member of the section. He had also served on cricket committees for a number of years and continues providing invaluable advice and support to section. He also held role of Chair of the whole Club.
Recommendation approved by majority show of hands.
12. **Any other business** - Andy Smith enquired about the fencing around the boundaries and whether a working party could be established to do this work. Secretary replied this is a priority for the Board and will be discussed in the next year's session.
13. **Closing remarks by President** -There being no further business the President closed the meeting thanking members for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 3.05 pm.