

# CATFORD WANDERERS SPORTS CLUB LIMITED

Beckenham Hill Road London SE6 3NU

COMPANY NUMBER 9534146

115<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, 13th November 2022 at 2 pm

in the Clubhouse, Beckenham Hill Road SE6 3NU

## MINUTES

### In attendance:

**President** – Dave Smythers

**The Board of Directors:** Eamon Martin [Chair] Margaret Smith [Secretary] Val Elkins [ Facilities and Social Director] Patsy Waithe [Badminton Director] Will McLaughlin [Football Director] Kate Williams [ Tennis Director]

**And the following members:**

Ian Newman, Debby Dixon, Norman Freeman, Shuvo Amin, Daron Kularatnam Selwyn Kularatnam, Kathy Aldridge, Kalam Azad, Marcia Blackburn, Denis Costelloe, Jayne Qureshi, Tony Saeed, Mark Smith, Geoffrey Taylor, Richard Gould, Jane Martin, Andy Williams, Brian Brass, Saleh Jobbi Joseph Boby, Miah Harris, Trevor Miller, Hemant Singhal, Chon Tu, Nini Wannapatao, Flo Price, Maggie Innes, Usamah Begg, Robin Firminger, Miriam Fischer, Wesley Grant, Webster Hooper, Simon Jenyo, Viet Van Truong.

43 members – the meeting was quorate.

The following members attended via duly completed proxy forms: Simon Hookins, Sajth, Riju Nambiar, Hilton So, Uchi Jayawardhena, Darmendra Tharmasirirajah

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 Terry Mulvaney
2. **Apologies for absence were received from the following members:** Peter Romagnoli, Monica Romagnoli, Lekan Ojumu, Loraine Smythers, Mark Dempsey, Simon Hookins, Sajith, Riju Nambiar, Hilton So, Uchi Jayawardhena, Darmendra Tharmasirirajah, Brian Ly, Joseph Vagrhese, Julie Taylor, Gerry Taylor Stefan Taylor. Tom Allen, Gavin Blackburn, Julia Garling, Colin Gentile, Leigh Cole, Kevin O'Dwyer, Charlotte Qureshi, Karen Smith, Stephanie James, Michael Maddix,
3. **2021 Minutes** – the 2021 Minutes were approved. No matters arising.
4. **Chair and Secretary's review of the year.** – [ report circulated previously - attached to these minutes.] Eamon Martin highlighted some of the items in his report.

During the past year and the current year, the club is paying particular attention to costs, and monitoring the cash situation very carefully, The Club carried out an interim budget review to ensure it was meeting the targets set. Currently finances are on track, and the club aims to break even. Essentially the club income is around £100,000, and it spends £100,000. However, in order to meet increasing costs, the Club is preparing a business plan for the next 3 to 5 years which will be ready for sign off in early 2023. It will cover key areas, including people, activities and the estate. The club needs to raise more money and it will ask sections for their wish lists and priorities.

EM then gave a brief update on the issue of the Homebase tree and the damage caused to the tennis courts. Homebase had at last settled the claim to enable repairs to go ahead.

EM referred to the fact that Peter Romagnoli was standing down as Treasurer and a new Treasurer would be elected during the course of the meeting, he thanked PR for his many years of service.

EM congratulated Debby Dixon – former cricket director - on her Heartbeat of the Club Award from Kent Cricket

- 5a. **[Item 8 on the agenda] The meeting proceeded to item 8 Election of club officers as some members needed to leave the meeting early.**

**Election/ratification of Club Officers:**

Chair – Eamon Martin – proposed Val Elkins - seconded Andy Williams

Secretary – Margaret Smith – proposed Andy Hellier – seconded Sue Rice-Vine

Facilities and Social – Val Elkins – proposed Dave Smythers – seconded Denis Costelloe

The above officers were elected unopposed by majority show of hands.

Treasurer – Shuvo Amin – proposed Lekan Ojumu – seconded Debra Dixon

Treasurer – Viet Truong – proposed Val Elkins – seconded Patsy Waithe

Both candidates addressed the meeting outlining their skills and reasons for standing. A vote was held. Viet Truong was elected by majority show of hands. 34 for Viet Truong - 6 for Shuvo Amin. 3 abstentions. Proxy votes counted were for 6 for Viet Truong.

5b **Finance Report – Margaret Smith**

- .1 MS read her report attached to these Minutes

In summary, MS thanked Peter Romagnoli who was standing down after many years' service as Treasurer. She reviewed the past year ended March 2022 and summarised where finances of the club currently stood at November 2022. Total income at March 22 £110k and expenditures £103k leaving a profit of £7k. This included Covid and Local Authority grants of £15k which were essential to the survival of the club. The largest outlay was on Grounds maintenance £31k. For the future, the Club will need to pay strict attention to overheads especially with regard to utilities. MS had done a 5-year summary from which it was clear the Club had lost its way during Covid, but things are slowly picking up. MS concluded by asking for more members to take part in running the Club.

6. **Facilities and Social Secretary's review**

Val Elkins reported that there had been fewer booking during the year. However there had been many Friday night socials which were well attended. There will be a Pizza evening on the 25<sup>th</sup> when England football team are playing. There will also be a Poker evening in the near future. Val Elkins thanked everyone who had helped out with running the bar with special thanks to Janice Reid. VE said that she would like to have the Christmas Social as usual and would be asking members what kind of arrangements they would like - full dinner or buffet. There was also the possibility of doing something for New Year's Eve.

7. **Sports Sections Reports**

**Badminton – [report previously submitted] Patsy Waithe** reported that membership was flourishing, courts usage had increased. Section now had a waiting list. Payment for shuttles had now been worked out and covered the cost. The section was looking into having a new floor. A new committee had been formed to take things forward.

**Cricket – [report previously submitted by Lekan Ojumu]** Daron Kularatnam reported that it was a sold year for the section overall. section was doing well with 30 members and 30 juniors. The junior section was growing, and some would be moving on to playing hard-ball cricket

The section was looking to install new practice nets, scoreboard and boundary equipment in order to attract new members. The section had launched a crowd funding campaign for the nets as the old ones had fallen into disrepair.

Andrew Smith mentioned that he had observed the junior section Saturday sessions which seemed well supported. Jane Martin enquired how many girls attended the sessions. DK responded that there was a good mix and ratio.

**Football – [report previously submitted]** Will MacLaughlin reported the section was in full swing, and the pitches were recovering. The club was now attracting investment for the facilities and pitch maintenance.

Jayne Qureshi enquired about a women's team. WM replied that we would need grants to set one up and that there would need to be better infrastructure in place to host women's teams.

**Tennis – [report previously submitted]** Kate Williams mentioned that it had been a successful year for the section. Juniors were doing well, and the new coach was raising standards. Women made up 30 to 40% of the membership, and the section was looking to field a third women's team. Section was also looking into introducing walking tennis.

8. **Dealt with under Item 5a – Election of Officers**

9. **Ratification of Honorary Club President –**

Dave Smythers role as President confirmed for another year by majority show of hands.

10. **Nomination and Ratification of new Life Members**

The Board recommended **Janice Reid** [Associate member formerly tennis]. Eamon Martin paid tribute to Janice's commitment to the Club over many years, both as a player representing the Club and now supporting the bar function. **Recommendation approved by majority show of hands.**

11. **Any other business**

Debra Dixon reported that mice had been observed in the kitchen. The Chair responded that the matter would be attended to without delay. Debra Dixon asked whether the timing of the AGM could be brought forward to closer to the end of the cricket season to enable more cricket members to attend. MS replied that she would try to arrange this for the 2023 AGM.

Dennis Costelloe thanked the Board for the Financial statements and in particular for the extra section analysis reports. He also requested that cricket equipment be removed from the changing room and stored away.

12. **Closing remarks by Chair**-There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting thanking members for their attendance.

**The meeting closed at 3: 15 pm.**