

OWFC AGM 2017

Date – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Venue – Old Wilsonians Association

Present – Jamie Parkinson, Richard Smart, Kek Amankwah, Rod Trompiz, Alex Forbes, Nick Mole, Stuart Paton, James Eglon, Ed Adams, Mike Pike, Neil Kendrick, Dan Harris, Yuved Bheenick, Joe Kirby

1. Apologies for absence

Doug Smart, Matt Hallett, Mike Harris, Ash Phakey

2. Minutes from 2016 AGM

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed – SP Seconded – JE

3. Matters Arising

- A discussion was had around the continued lack of team sheets being provided to MH. He is now going to resign from the role and it will be taken over by YB. Discussion was had around the idea that we could capture stats and payments through an app or a website provider. This will be investigated by the committee.

4. Chairman's Report

- See Secretary report

5. Secretary's Report

A very poor season by our standards on the pitch with only the 4<sup>th</sup> XI bringing home silverware in the form of the OBC Minor Cup. This is testament to the hard work that Yuved Bheenick and Jon Knight have put in. They have a squad of players that is regularly available and this shows from their results. Again they fell short in the league. They have a habit of dropping points against the lower sides and this came back to haunt them again. They also were unlucky to lose in the LOBC Minor cup semi-final, coming up just short against Shene OG despite dominating the game. Our other cup final was the 2s who came so close in the AFA Intermediate cup final, having 2 goals chalked off before eventually losing to Nottsborough aet. Elsewhere the 9<sup>th</sup> XI again propped up the SAL but did so with great spirit and sportsmanship. The 7s threatened a title early on but fell away badly and the 1s can be pleased with their 4<sup>th</sup> place finish.

The season began with mixed results though it was clear that our first X1 coached by Chris Wells would be very competitive again. Unfortunately, Chris had to step aside in November for personal reasons but he still remains a major part of our recruitment process at the school. An early exit in the OBC against Old Etonians was disappointing. The same fate was to occur in the Surrey Premier Cup, 2-0 up against Banstead Athletic (who will play at step 5 next season) was not enough and on a freezing cold night we went out. The AFA cup was also disappointing. The 1s lost to Old Carthusians on penalties despite the side being the better side throughout and conceding a last minute goal to take the game to penalties. In the league the 1s did remarkably well despite an ageing side and the loss of Chris. Sam Wilson and the Dan Sellman took on the reigns and we did very well going unbeaten between mid-November and late March. At one stage we were just about in a title race but Polytechnic were the standout side and retained their title. A poor end to the season was unfortunate but with an influx of youth the side should be well placed. Jalen Gravesande was player of the year and also made his debut for the SAL and AFA rep sides. It was also great to see former 1s player gain a professional contract the USA Philadelphia Union. He scored the winner at Nottsborough just before Christmas and weeks later he was making his debut in the MLS. He has since done very well playing against the likes of David Villa.

The school games were played at Hayes in September which led to Old Boys victories. A few of these boys appeared in the sides as the season progressed but this is something that we must work on in the coming months.

The 2s just managed to stay up. It was a difficult first season for Stu Dunk who now passes on the reigns. He lost a large number of players, for a number of reasons, and this meant that staying up and an AFA Cup final was actually a decent season. He did well to introduce some good schoolboys to the club and this should stand them in good stead going forwards.

The 3s had a good first year under Ricky Martin without gaining the results that they deserved. They lost in the first round of all the cups which meant they got to play in the Spring Cup. A final was reached but late goals gave the game to Old Parmiterians. The 3s are a work in progress but I am confident Ricky is the right man to take them forward.

The 4s as usual sniffed around promotion but as usual dropped some really silly points. Jon Knight had a good year as skipper ably assisted by Yuved Bheenick. The OBC cup win was a club highlight as mentioned above. The 4s will be looking for a new skipper this year and hopefully someone can step up to the plate.

The 5s were the definition of mid table mediocrity but this was ok considering they didn't have a skipper. Everyone chipped in but thanks must go to Chris Dyki who did the majority of the work.

Chris Charman had a much improved season as 6s skipper. Improved availability led to improved results but not an improvement in league position! They had an excellent AFA cup run, beating a number of higher ranked sides. The 7s set off like a train but fell away badly after dropping some silly points at Polytechnic. Nick Mole now steps aside. He has been an excellent captain over the years and deservedly picked up the clubman of the

year trophy for this. He is a keen recruiter and a number of the players that can be seen at the club came from him.

So to the bottom League of the SAL where the 8s were up and down all season as availability was difficult. The 9s propped up the League pyramid again without gaining a point. Thanks must go to Kek Amankwah and Rod Trompiz for their hard work at the bottom end of the club

Off the pitch Barnes Clanachan ran a very successful OW Golf Day, won by Ben Cook. The dinner also raised significant funds with large but slightly depleted numbers sitting down at Hayes post season to celebrate the year and consume copious amounts of Curry from own sponsors The Blue Bengal, Carshalton and the OWA definitely benefited from bar takings! Nick Mole won the clubman of the year trophy and Doug Smart the Clarke Quarrington. Jalen Gravesande was the 1s player of the year. Sam James picked up the golden boot and Jon Chen was the young player of the year. We also had the huge honour of hosting the OBC 6XI Cup Final and the AFA Surrey/Kent Intermediate Final.

Again we were at the top end of the table for discipline and hospitality and Mick Pilgrim was recognised by the FA by receiving a 50 years voluntary service award which was awarded at the VP Day. This is an amazing achievement and so well deserved for a man who has put his life and soul into our club.

The season may be over but training has begun at the school whilst the 5 a side is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August after Richard Smart ran a successful event last year.

On top of this thanks must go to Yuved Bheenick for setting up a sponsorship deal that so far has yielded new kits for the 3s and 6s.

I would like to go on record in thanking the skippers and the committee for their continued hard work and support. Many people do not realise how much voluntary time go into running club of this size. To this note a special vote of thanks go to those who are stepping down, for their services over a varying number of years. Stu Paton who one of the major contributors is stepping aside from Ways and Means. This committee organised 3 new events last years the live band night, FIFA night (thanks to Graham Nelson for the kit) and the darts night. The attendance wasn't as expected but the committee feels this is something that we can push going forward. Dave Pilgrim steps aside as kit manager so thanks for all the work he has done locating match balls and missing kits. Yuved Bheenick steps aside as Selection Secretary (a thankless task) and will now help Mike Harris with the stats. Neil Kendrick's tenure as Club Captain is up. We thank him for always being at the club supporting and his useful contributions to everything that we do. The biggest loss though is Mike Pike. Mike will pass over to James Eglon but is difficult to put into words his impact. I will write a bigger piece for the website at some point but after 1,500 newsletters over the past 47 years I just want to say a massive thanks to Mike. Another stalwart stepping aside is Mike Harris who has done an amazing job collecting the stats over a large number of years. It is really unfortunate that the tardiness of the membership in providing these has led to him stepping down but like Mike Pike I want to give him huge thanks for all the work he has put in on this as well as everything else that he does for us.

Going forward I think the club is at a bit of crossroads (as the majority of adult football is). Having been involved in selection this year I have seen first-hand how difficult it is to get people to commit to playing regularly. Players are happy to play every other week or even less sometimes. Getting money out of players is getting harder and in general getting them to stay for a drink, attend club events or training is getting harder and harder. The club committee have a lot of work to do in this area as otherwise I fear we will be losing teams and having to rethink how we take the club forward.

## 6. Accounts

These were accepted as a true record

Proposed – NM Seconded – YB

## 7. Election of Officers

|                               |   | Proposed | Seconded |
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| President                     | Richard Smart   | JP       | YB       |
| Chairman                      | Jamie Parkinson   | RS       | YB       |
| Secretary                     | Jamie Parkinson   | RS       | YB       |
| Treasurer                     | Alex Forbes   | RS       | YB       |
| Ways and Means Secretary      | Ricky Martin, Ed Adams                                      | RS       | YB       |
| Grants Secretary              | Pete Taylor   | RS       | YB       |
| Disciplinary Committee        | President, Alex Forbes, Matt Hallett, Chris Billing         | RS       | YB       |
| Fixture Secretary             | Dan Harris  | RS       | YB       |
| Selection Secretary           | Joe Kirby   | RS       | YB       |
| Referee Secretary             | Ash Phakey  | RS       | YB       |
| Results Secretary             | Ed Adams  | RS       | YB       |
| Player Registration Secretary | Ash Phakey  | RS       | YB       |
| Website Editor                | James Eglon   | RS       | YB       |
| Club Captain                  | Nick Mole   | RS       | YB       |
| School Liaison Officer        | Andy Parkinson, Mark Simmons, Gavin Englefield, Chris Wells | RS       | YB       |
| Kit Manager                   | Richard Smart   | RS       | YB       |
| Catering Manager              | Alex Forbes   | RS       | YB       |
| Editor of Newsletter          | James Eglon   | RS       | YB       |
| Committee Members             | Doug Smart, Andy Parkinson, Yuved Bheenick                  | RS       | JP       |
| 1XI Captain                   | Dan Sellman   | RT       | NM       |
| 2XI Captain                   | Jon Howe  | RT       | NM       |
| 3XI Captain                   | Ricky Martin  | RT       | NM       |
| 4XI Captain                   | Vacant  |          |          |
| 5XI Captain                   | Vacant  |          |          |
| 6XI Captain                   | Jamie Moniz   | RT       | NM       |
| 7XI Captain                   | James Eglon and Ed Adams                                    | RT       | NM       |
| 8XI Captain                   | Kekeli Amankwah   | RT       | NM       |

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| 9XI Captain  | Rod Trompiz | RS | NM |
| Vets Captain | TBC         |    |    |

## 8. Nomination of Vice Presidents

No nominations were received.

9. a) Amendment of rule 5a – This rule was unanimously voted it  
b) Amendment of rule 5b – This rule was voted in with 12 in favour

10. Annual Subs increase to £125 – This was voted in with 13 in favour.

## 11. AOB

- SP stated that we had ordered new kits for the 3s and 6s.
- JK asked about staggered payment for new members. SP informed him that this is already in place.
- JK asked about an official ruling for players that do not turn up for games. RS informed him that any players like this should be referred to the DC.
- JK wondered whether a pre-season curry get together would be a good idea. The committee agreed to investigate this.
- YB asked whether we should be approaching membership for sponsorship via companies. The ways and means committee will look at this.
- NK feels that the FC should be looking at the amount of rent that they pay and whether this is fair. The committee will come up with a proposal for this in the coming months.