

**MINUTES OF THE 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
OLD ST MARY'S FOOTBALL CLUB, HELD ON THURSDAY  
7 MAY 2009 AT 8-15 PM AT 24 STATION ROAD, SIDCUP**

**PRESENT:** Billy Archer  
Stephen Bird  
Paul Burton  
Tony Burton  
Stuart Cale  
Rob Crashaw  
Joe Cunningham  
Ed Farrelly  
Dan House  
Luke House  
Simon Jones  
Tony Linnett (Chair)  
Billy Perry  
Perry Simpson  
Peter Smith (Minutes)  
Robert Williams

**In Attendance:** Simon Hooton

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Received from Paul Tuohy and Adam Morrow.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on 24 April 2008 were agreed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising which were not also included on the agenda.

**4. Club Captain's Report**

Luke House reported that this had been a turnaround season for the club which had now started growing in size after staying at 3 teams for some time.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team had finished an excellent 4<sup>th</sup> after making the pace nearly all the season.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team had finished 5<sup>th</sup> making up good ground at the end of the season under skipper Ed Farrelly.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> team season had improved dramatically after Christmas when they started conceding fewer goals and winning games.

The 4<sup>th</sup> team had been playing friendly games and attracting new players to the club thanks to the excellent organisation of Billy Archer and will become a league fixture next season.

We are now looking to grow our membership and the club is moving in the right direction. We also had successful social events thanks to Simon Jones and Dan House.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

Peter reported that this season the club had received 5 disciplinary points from bookings reported to the AFA which was the same number as the previous season. This was a very good record for a club of our size.

We had received only 2 administrative fines during the season. This was due to punctual returning of CRS and other information to the AFC by club officers and also because captains had avoided late kick offs, and looked after referees.

The Chairman thanked Pete for all his work during the year.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Paul Burton tabled the profit and loss account (copy filed with the minutes). The club had made a profit of £813.53 for 2008/09 and we had £3141 in the bank which was sufficient to cover all our main outgoings for next season. However costs had increased also and were about £1000 greater than the previous year. Fortunately the 4<sup>th</sup> team had increased our revenue. There had also been successful fund raising from the Over 30s V Under 30s game and the Charlton game organised by Dan House.

Paul thanked Simon Hooton for auditing the accounts.

Paul said that training will cost approximately £600 more next season as we would have the whole pitch instead of half. We will also have to pay for more pitches as we will have 4 teams instead of 3.

Paul said he felt it was possible to keep membership fees unchanged at £25 employed, £10 unemployed or university students and free for school students. He also felt it was possible to keep match subs unchanged at £8 employed, £4 unemployed or university students and £3 for school students. This would be dependant on raising income through social events. We would need a minimum of £500 to be raised through social events or other fundraising. We would also aim not to buy new kit. A discussion took place on match subs and it was felt that subs of more than £8 might be a deterrent to new members. It was suggested that membership fees be raised from £25, though others felt that as we had no clubhouse, membership fees should be kept at current levels. Paul said that if sufficient funds were not being generated half way through the season, it was possible for club officers to propose an increase at that time.

Robert Williams proposed the motion to keep membership fees and subs at the same level and Dan House seconded it. A vote took place and it was agreed to leave all fees unchanged.

Tony thanked Paul Burton for all his hard work during the season.

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## **7. 4<sup>th</sup> XI – Proposal to enter team in League next Season**

It was proposed to include the 4<sup>th</sup> team in the AFC next season and Tony had e-mailed Bob Coates to let him know our intentions. We expect a draft league constitution in the next few weeks when we will find out where team has been placed.

A vote took place and it was agreed to enter the 4<sup>th</sup> team in the AFC next season.

**Action:** Peter Smith

## **8. Election of Officers**

The following officers had been nominated and were elected unopposed:

Chairman	Tony Linnett
Secretary	Peter Smith
Treasurer	Paul Burton
Social Secretary	
Match Sec.	Tony Linnett
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	Perry Simpson
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice	
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	Ed Farrelly
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Vice	
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Captain	Billy Archer
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Vice	
4 <sup>th</sup> XI Captain	Paul Burton
4 <sup>th</sup> XI Vice	

As the posts were vacant and no nominations had been received, Robert Williams was nominated from the floor as 1<sup>st</sup> XI Vice Captain and Tom Eagling was nominated as 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Vice Captain. Simon Jones had resigned as Social Secretary and Dan House had volunteered to take over the position.

A vote took place and all of the above were elected to these positions.

There were two nominations for 4<sup>th</sup> team Vice Captain – Billy Perry and Adam Morrow. A vote took place and Billy Perry was elected.

## **9. Club Dinner**

The Club dinner would be on Friday 22 May 2009 at Sophie's Choice, Sidcup. The set menu is £18 plus a 10% service charge. All tables should pay their own bills direct to the restaurant. The club would not be collecting money for food or drink. We would need to do a raffle and or some other kind of fund raising during the evening to pay for the cost of the trophies. Peter said that four tankards plus medals and engraving would cost about £150. At the moment there are only 36 definates for the dinner. Paul Burton would e-mail everyone to increase numbers.

## **10. Training**

Paul said that we had booked the whole training surface at Trinity from September to March at a cost of £65 per week from 20-00 to 21-00 on Wednesdays (i.e. no change).

Luke House said that he would Summer training at Hall Place 17 June. Simon Jones said he would get some poles to act as goal posts.

**Action:** Luke House, Simon Jones

## **11. Any Other Business**

### **Cup Entries for 1<sup>st</sup> Team**

As the 1<sup>st</sup> team had only had an 18 match season, it was suggested they be entered for an AFA cup as well as the usual Old Boys Cup. It was agreed to make a decision when the draft league constitution came out.

**Action:** Peter Smith

### **Club Website**

On behalf of the whole club, Tony thanked Anthony Burton for his hard work on the club website which was now completely revamped and was arguably the best club website in the AFC.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

April/May 2010. Date to be arranged.