

OLD WHITGIFTIAN ASSOCIATION



The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in The Brodie Memorial Pavilion (The Clubhouse), Croham Manor Road, South Croydon, CR2 7BG.

ON SATURDAY, 14th JULY, 2012 AT 11AM

The President, Pip Burley, was in the Chair

THE AGENDA WAS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 To confirm the Minutes of (a) the Annual General Meeting held on July 9th, 2011 and (b) the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on October 31st 2011
- 3 To consider matters arising
- 4 To receive and adopt the Chairman's report
- 5 To receive and adopt the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2011
- 6 To consider and approve the following with effect from 1st October 2012:
 - (a) The change of name of the Association to "Whitgiftian Association"
 - (b) The new constitution for the "Whitgiftian Association" copies of which have been circulated with the Report and Accounts and distributed to members.
 - (c) The transfer by the Association to the "Whitgift Sports Club Limited", a company limited by guarantee, of such assets as are required to run and maintain the sporting and social activities at Croham Road. (Note: this does NOT include the freehold land and buildings at Croham Road which are owned by Old Whitgiftian Trustees Ltd). The list of such assets shall be approved by the Main Committee.
 - (d) The granting of a lease by Old Whitgiftian Trustees Limited in favour of the "Whitgift Sports Club Limited" in respect of the grounds and clubhouse at Croham Road. The terms of such lease shall be approved by the Main Committee.
- 7 To approve that the next Annual General Meeting be held on a date to be agreed in December 2013 and annually thereafter.
- 8 To approve the extension of the term of office of the current President until 31st Dec 2012
- 9 To elect the President for the year commencing 1st January, 2013.
The Committee proposes that Stuart Woodrow be elected.
- 10 To elect Vice Presidents for the period until the next AGM. The Committee proposes that the existing Vice Presidents be re-elected.

- 11 To elect the Chairman for the period until the next AGM. The Committee proposes that Alan Cowing be elected.
- 12 To elect the Deputy Chairman for the period until the next AGM. The Committee proposes that Nick Somers be elected.
- 13 To elect the remaining officers and other members of the Main Committee for the period until the next AGM. The Committee proposes that the following be elected:

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| Hon Sec: | TBA |
| Hon Treasurer: | Richard Veldemen |
| Elected Members | Richard Blundell |
| | Keith Hopkins |
| | John Pitt |
| | Sam Barke |
| | Phil Fladgate |

- 14 To approve Membership Categories & Subscriptions as follows:

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| Full | Residing within 20 miles of Haling Park <i>(plus £10 if member requires correspondence by post)</i> | £50 |
| Country & Overseas | Residing more than 20 miles from Haling Park | £40 |
| Staff | Past and present staff of Whitgift School | £40 |
| Under 28 | Under the age of 28 on 1st Sept of the current year | £30 |
| Sports Members | Full Playing OW members of the Whitgift Sports Club | (nil) |
| Life Members | Members who have paid a lump sum in advance <i>(Currently standing at £1,000)</i> | |
| Patrons | Annual donation to support and maintain communication with the Association. | Rate £25 |

- 15 To appoint the Auditors. The Committee proposes that McCays be re-appointed.
- 16 Any other business.

M I N U T E S O F M E E T I N G

1. Introduction/Apologies for absence

The President welcomed all those present to the meeting. He thanked the Steering Group for their efforts in moving the restructuring forward since the decisions agreed at the last AGM and the EGM. Much of the work had now been done but various further aspects would be tabled at this meeting.

The Hon Secretary reported that apologies had been received from John Main, Jack Furtado, David Stranack, Andrew Pickering, Piers Hubbard and Harvey Cousins.

2. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the AGM held on 9th July 2011 and the EGM held on 31st October 2011 were approved by those present and signed by the President.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report, as published in the Annual Report & Accounts, was tabled.

Brian Lay felt that the proposed timing of the next AGM on a Sunday in December would not suit church-goers and could lead to unnecessary time constraints if it preceded the annual Christmas Lunch. The President will reconsider.

The report was accepted.

Proposed – Nick Somers

Seconded – Peter Holmes

Approved unanimously

5. Statement of the Report and Accounts

The Treasurer presented his financial report for the year. The Balance Sheet as at August 2011 and the Income & Expenditure 2010/11 had already been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The Treasurer commented that 2011/12 was proving to be another difficult year and that we are struggling to make a meaningful surplus. A good Cricket Week was essential to meet the current forecast.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed – Ian Flanagan

Seconded – Gerald Bowthorpe

Approved unanimously

6. Structural Changes effective 1st October 2012

The President read out the following four resolutions and asked the meeting to consider and approve them effective 1st October 2012:

(a) The change of name of the Association to "Whitgiftian Association"

(b) The new constitution for the "Whitgiftian Association" copies of which had been circulated with the Report and Accounts and distributed to members (as amended).

(c) The transfer by the Association to the "Whitgift Sports Club Limited", a company limited by guarantee, of such assets as are required to run and maintain the sporting and social activities at Croham Road. (Note: this does NOT include the freehold land and buildings at Croham Road which are owned by Old Whitgiftian Trustees Ltd). The list of such assets shall be approved by the Main Committee.

(d) The granting of a lease by Old Whitgiftian Trustees Limited in favour of the "Whitgift Sports Club Limited" in respect of the grounds and clubhouse at Croham Road. The terms of such lease shall be approved by the Main Committee.

Points from Gerald Bowthorpe and Chris Wrigglesworth were taken and discussed.

The President asked the meeting to take the four resolutions en bloc.

Proposed - Sam Barke

Seconded - Grant Eustace

Approved unanimously

7/8. Dates of AGMs and Extension of President's Term

The president explained that with a year end of August it did not make sense to hold the AGM in July when the accounts are 10 months old. Accordingly the proposal is to move the AGM to December.

At the same time it made sense to move the presidential year to January to December. The President had agreed to stay on until 31st December 2012 to accommodate the new timetable.

Proposed – Nick Somers
Seconded - Chris Wrigglesworth
Approved unanimously

9. **President 2013**

The President was pleased to propose Stuart Woodrow as his successor from 1st January 2013.

Proposed – Paul Hooper
Seconded – Raman Subba Row
Approved unanimously

10. **Vice Presidents 2012/13**

The President proposed that existing Vice-Presidents should be re-elected and that the following new Vice-Presidents be elected for 2012/13 some of whom had accepted their invitations since the notification of the AGM had been sent out. Each had agreed to become President at a date in the future if asked.

Jon Bunn
Simon Featherstone
Lord Freud
Tarik O'Regan
Prof Mike Proudfoot
JB Rawlings
Lord Tope
CJ Trott

Proposed – Peter Warren
Seconded – Stuart Woodrow
Approved unanimously

11. **Chairman 2012/13**

The President proposed that Alan Cowing be elected.

Proposed – Peter Warren
Seconded – Ian Flanagan
Approved unanimously

12. **Deputy Chairman 2012/13**

The President proposed that Nick Somers be elected as Deputy Chairman.

Proposed – Mike Irwin
Seconded – Gerald Bowthorpe
Approved unanimously

13. **Officers 2012/13**

The President proposed that the following be elected en bloc.

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| Hon Secretary | TBA |
| Hon Treasurer | Richard Veldeman |
| Elected Members | Richard Blundell |
| | Keith Hopkins |
| | Sam Barke |
| | John Pitt |
| | Chris Jenkins |

Proposed – Ian Flanagan
Seconded – Ian Wray
Approved unanimously

14. Membership Categories and Subscriptions 2012/13

The President advised that the steering group and others had spent an inordinate amount of time considering this area. The agenda showed the final proposal except that the Under 28 category has been scrapped (there are no relevant members).

David Sedgwick pointed out that the £10 charge for postal communication applies to all membership categories and not, as it suggests in the agenda, to Full Members only.

Ian Monroe raised a question about *The Whitgiftian*. AC explained that the school can no longer commit to produce this regularly. If it does produce an edition in the future members will be able to buy it a price determined by the school. Instead Full Members receive annual copies of OWA News and twice-yearly copies of *Whitgift Life*.

Proposed – Chris Wrigglesworth

Seconded – Ian Wray

Approved unanimously

15. Auditors

The President proposed McCays be reappointed as Auditors

Proposed – Tom Bull

Seconded – Peter Holmes

Approved unanimously

15. Any other business

Gerald Bowthorpe asked whether there was any intention to sweep the Benevolent Society into the new structure. The President confirmed that there was not.

Alan Older asked about the future management of WSC. Chris Jenkins advised that WSC was in the course of being registered and would be active from 1st October 2012. Its management board would be appointed by OWAT. All the initial appointees would be OWs but this will not necessarily be the case in the future.

In view of this *Mark Endersby* asked what would happen to the sports section subscriptions due 1 September 2012. CJ advised that the subs would be collected by the OWA in the normal way and then transferred over to WSC from 1st October 2012.

The bar license will change from OWA to WSC from 1st October 2012. An OWA Bar Committee will no longer be required.

Nick Somers proposed a vote of thanks to the clubhouse staff particularly Suzanne Piscina and Tom Bull.

John Lindblom proposed a vote of thanks for John Straw in recognition of his sterling work as Honourable Treasurer. This was expanded on by *Alan Cowing* who made a presentation to John to thank him for his contribution. Alan also thanked David Pearce for his services as Clubhouse Manager and Hon Secretary and made a presentation to him as well. All present showed their appreciation to the retiring officers with a round of applause.

Chris Wrigglesworth raised a question about The Election of Officers and VPs under the new constitution.

The President spoke briefly on Registered Members who to date have received regular communication but who do not pay an ongoing subscription. The aim was to ask these members to become Patrons but if they declined communications would have to cease. More than ever the OWA needs more subscribing members to survive. *David Sedgwick* agreed that tough decisions have to be taken but felt that this action contradicted Freddie Percy's words to leavers many years ago.

Ted Westedge asked if the AMS scheme was still in force. CJ replied that it was and that the subscriptions were increasing. It is hoped that AMS income will last long into the future.

Mrs Bull raised a question about communications to AMS parents which she felt could be enhanced.

Brian Lay would like to see more younger OWs at events.

Grant Eustace asked if all current OWS need to reapply for membership of WA (and/or WSC). AC advised that this would not be necessary and that members will be transferred over automatically.

Paul Hooper asked a question about Life Members and Honorary Life Members.

Erbil Faik asked a question about application forms for junior sports. It was agreed that the forms designed by Colts Cricket and Junior Rugby would continue to be used.

DAVID PEARCE
Secretary