

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting which followed the annual supper held at the Club House, Lyvington Rd, on Friday 2nd April 1954.

Mr R.L. MILSTED took the chair. He opened the Meeting by expressing thanks to the Secretary, Steward and assistants for the excellence of the supper.

- i) The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.
- ii) The Chairman called on P.C.KAY the Captain of the first eleven to present his report on the past season. He prefaced his remarks by referring to the great advances made by the lower elevens - a 3rd and 4th eleven had turned out regularly and occasionally a 5th eleven. For this the thanks of the Club were particularly due to R.J.CUMMINS and J.JAGGER. Every eleven had won more matches than it had lost during the season. The individual results of each team were then given. A strong fixture list had been drawn up for season 1954/55 including matches against Richmond, Beckenham, Hounslow and London University. Mr KAY then expressed his thanks and that of the club to the following officials - Ian HAYWARD for his invaluable assistance with the 1st XI - Geoffrey PORTER for building up a strong 2nd XI with a fine defensive record - David SMYTHE for unfailingly umpiring during the season - Bob CUMMINS and J. JAGGER for their efforts with the 3rd and 4th XIs - John SANKEY and Mr MATHEWS for umpiring and Simon TURNER for organising Sunday fixtures. He explained the difficulties in consolidating block fixtures which take years to arrange and Peter MOON had done a lot towards this desired end. He also thanked Alec REID for his services as Hon Secretary which were terminating at the end of the current season. He concluded his remarks by wishing a happy time to all players visiting either Folkestone or Bournemouth for the Easter Festivals.

The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to Mr KAY for his succinct report.

iii) Election of Officers - Season 1954/55

The Chairman mentioned that at previous meetings no reference had been made to our Vice-Presidents. He explained that Vice-Presidents were elected from Club men who had brought honour to the Club and to the game and also to others thought worthy of that honour.

He proposed that the following be re-appointed :-

A.B. ORMOND	A.H. SHOVELLOR	J.H. BENNETT	F.W. ORR
E.E. TROTMAN	J.C. MASTERMAN	C.S.W. MARKHAM	

and this was approved by the meeting.

He further proposed that :

S.J.SAUNDERS and J.C.SANKEY

be elected Vice-Presidents. These nominations were received with applause and carried unanimously.

The Chairman then said that nominations had been received for Officers as follows :-

Captain 1st XI	J. POTTER
Vice -do-	I.A.C. HAYWARD
Captain 2nd XI	G.R. PORTER
Vice -do-	D. GRAHAM
Captain 3rd XI	R.J. CUMMINS
Vice -do-	A. LEAKE
Captain 4th XI	J. JAGGER
Vice -do-	J.W.G. KENNY
Hon Secretary	R.J. CUMMINS
Hon Match Secretary	D. SMYTHE
Fixture Secretary	P.J.S. MOON

Organiser "Spensards"  
General Committee Member

S. TURNER  
P.C. KAY

There were no further nominations and as all had expressed their willingness to serve the names were put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

iv) Change of Ground

The Chairman called on the Secretary to inform the meeting of the general items concerning the proposed change of venue to the Brondesbury Cricket Ground for Season 1954/55. After considerable discussion and comments from Messrs P. LOCKWOOD-WINGATE, D. SMYTHE, J.C. SAUNDERS, A. LEAKE, T.B. STAFFORD, B. BARKER and G. PORTER it was decided that final negotiations be left to a sub-committee consisting of J. POTTER, G. PORTER and A. REID with power to co-opt any of the elected officers of the Club.

It was particularly stressed that the Hampstead Hockey Club should retain its own entity and generally recommended that a tenancy basis for at least one year would be preferable to paying over all subscriptions. The Secretary noted all recommendations and it was agreed that the members should be informed by circular as soon as any decision had been made.

The Chairman summarised this discussion and expressed the general reluctance to leave Hampstead. Without a formal proposition he suggested that negotiations be left to the three members previously mentioned.

Mr BLANE, Chairman of the Committee of Management, expressed his thanks for being invited to the Meeting. He explained the position of the Hampstead Cricket Club and the attendant difficulties of maintaining playing conditions for two elevens each Saturday. If the move were made he hoped the happy and pleasant relationships established between Hampstead Cricket Club and the Hockey Club would be maintained. In wishing the Club every success he particularly thanked those members who had helped with other social functions such as Dances, Raffles, Summer Fetes etc.


Any Other Business

J.C. SANKEY. After thanking the Club for the honour it had accorded him he stressed the importance of maintaining a close relationship with the Hampstead Cricket Club - in particular help for the Summer Fete would be invaluable.

J. POTTER Could the Club have a distinctive tie? This matter was referred to J.C. SANKEY who would obtain samples of both a) Silk and b) Silk Rayon before final decision be made. Mr POTTER then expressed a very hearty vote of thanks to P.C. KAY for his untiring work during the season and hoped that he would be present to assist in the future.

On the motion of a vote of thanks to the Chairman and President of the Hampstead Hockey Club for so ably conducting the meeting and for his great help at all times the meeting was closed.

The Chairman briefly responded.

  
Hon Secretary, Hampstead Hockey Club.