

WIMBLEDON INDEPENDENT SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

Wimbledon Community Centre
Tuesday 10th May 2005, 1930 hrs.

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies had been received from Nicole Hammond, Charlie Bell, Lou Carton-Kelly, Karim Nanji, Peter Bowles, Roger Dennis, Helen Andrews, Roger & Marian Stein, David Cox, Alan Edwards, Stephanie Timms, Richard Bishop, Colum McAndrew, Les Shears, Trevor Pearce and Mike O'Shaughnessy

2. OGM Minutes 29th January 2005:

The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting held on 29 January 2005 were agreed, with no matters arising.

3. Membership Fees for 2005/06:

- The Committee recommended no change to the Fees.
- The attendees at the meeting voted in favour of no change.
- Adults - £5, Concessions - £3, Household - £10, Life Membership - £100.
- Membership year runs 1 September to 31 August.

4. Treasurer & Examiners' Report:

Sean Fox presented the current set of accounts. As of the 10/05 the WISA balance was £7,800.

If the Club accepts our proposal for shares, this will lead to £4,000 being used from the current balance.

Future expenditure will be significant due to the WISA "Not in the Wider Interests Party" on Sun May 29th at Wilkies. Profits from this event and the anti franchising wristbands should lead to circa £1,800 being donated to the Club for Ground Improvements.

5. R-appointment of account Examiners for the coming year:

Both auditors approved the accounts, despite an 88p error! Mike O'Shaughnessy has provided a detailed report to Nicole Hammond.

Mike has clarified that he is happy to continue to audit the WISA accounts. Subject to Trevor Pearce also agreeing to continue, the membership present voted in favour of the re-appointment of both Mike and Trevor.

6. Election of the Committee:

Nicole Hammond, Charlie Bell & Peter MacQueen have decided to stand down from the committee. Simon Wheeler thanked them all for the significant amount of work that they had achieved in their various positions on the WISA Committee.

All Candidates standing for election were approved as follows:

Position	Candidate
Chair	Simon Wheeler
Vice Chair	Louise Carton-Kelly
Secretary	Ross Maclagan
Treasurer	Sean Fox
Publicity Officer	Gail Moss
Club Liaison Officer	Colin Dench
Membership Secretary	
Newsletter Editor	
Webmaster	Peter Bowles
Gen Com (12)	Karim Nanji
	Ian Pollock
	Ray Downham
	Jacki Harvie
	Dennis Lowndes

7. Share Purchase Update:

Sean Fox confirmed that he had been present at a number of meetings in relation to the potential issue of shares to WISA. In Sean's opinion he felt that there was a good possibility of WISA receiving shares. But this is subject to approval at the next Dons Trust meeting and approval by the Trust's members. Sean clarified that he could not discuss the details any further, as he did not want to prejudice the Dons Trust's decision on this issue.

Donald Fitzgerald pointed out that the Trust would not issue shares to WISA and that his offer to sell his shares to WISA still stands. He in turn would use the money from the share sale, to invest in the Dons Trust bond.

Donald was thanked for his offer, but WISA would wait for the decision of the Trust and it's members before they looked at alternative ways of investing in the Club.

8. Motions:

No motions were received.

9. MK Dons / Wimbledon History Update:

Mk Dons (Franchise) have not been relegated.

WISA has been in contact with the fans of other First Division clubs to ask them to continue their boycott of games in Milton Keynes.

Peter Winkleman has not responded to 2 letters, requesting a meeting to discuss the return of the History to the Community of Wimbledon. Simon Wheeler will write to Peter Winkelman again.

The FA are willing to mediate in any future discussions on the History, but state that they can not be directly involved in the return of the History as an independent 3 man panel sanctioned the move of Wimbledon to Milton Keynes, not them!

10. FSF / Supporters Direct Update:

FSF Conference will take place on Sunday 5 June in Cardiff. WISA encourages all members to join the FSF and attend the conference. If numbers allow, WISA will organise a coach / mini bus to transport members to the Conference.

The MK Dons Supporters Association has applied to join the FSF and this motion will be discussed at the Conference.

At present, the FSF council has proposed the rejection of their application for membership until the FA close the loophole on franchising in football.

The FSF Council rejected a motion proposed by Dave Boyle and Nicole Hammond, seeking the return of the History. This proposal can be re-proposed at the Conference if required.

Mk Dons supporters are concerned of a hostile reception at the Conference.

Sean Fox will draft a resolution recommending that the MK Dons can not join the FSF until the History & Honours has been returned, the closure of the Franchising loop-hole and their application can only be reviewed at FSF annual Conference.

It is essential that WISA members attend to vote for Sean's proposal.

11. Plough Lane / Merton Council's Long Term Plan for the Borough:

WTID gates have now been measured to see if they fit in Richard Pope's lorry.

Wimbledon College of Art are also looking into what could be done to utilise the gates in a sensible fashion.

At present the gates are vulnerable to vandalism and accidental damage as contractors move on to the Plough Lane site.

If any members have any good ideas on the use of these gates within the Community or Club, please get in touch.

Ian Pollock and Tim Hillyer are going to work on the Council's Long-term plan for the Borough and inform us of actions at the next meeting.

12. AFC Wimbledon / Dons Trust Update:

No members of the Club were present.

13. Announcements and AOB:

Future events:	Family Fun Day	Sun 15 May
	WISA Not in the Wider Interests Championship Party	Sun 29 May
	DT SGM	Thu 16 June
	AFCW 5 a sides	Sat 25 June
	WISA OGM, Wimbledon Community Centre	Thu 25 Aug

Simon Wheeler advised the attendees of the multiple amounts of attractions available at the Family Fun Day and requested that any members available who could volunteer to help on the day contact Roger Dennis.

Tickets are available for the WISA Party on the 29 May at Wilkies, Wimbledon at £5 per person. All profits from this event will go to Ground Improvements at the club. A raffle will also take place with a signed AFC Wimbledon shirt and a signed 1988 FA Cup Final print being a few of the potential prizes available to the winners!

Ian Pollock questioned the membership on whether we wanted to put forward a candidate(s) to run in future elections within the Merton area. Brentford & Charlton have successfully done this in the past.

It was felt that WISA should remain independent and not become a Political Party as such, although there was no reason why WISA members could not run for election.

It was agreed that the Committee should look at this and report back to the membership at the OGM on the 25 August.

Fran O'Toole advised those present of a Wimbledon Community Association (WCA) meeting on Mon 16 May 1930hrs to discuss the future of the Community Centre and the needs / requirements of those who use the Centre. A new Community site is going to be developed near the Wimbledon Theatre and the Council are keen that the WCA moves to these premises. But will the new site meet the requirements of the WCA's members?

WISA will put the letter to WCA's members on the website and support the community in whatever way possible.

Dennis Lowndes advised all those in attendance that his resolution proposing that no member could be on the board of the Dons Trust and AFC Wimbledon will be submitted at the Dons Trust SGM on Thursday 16 June (along with the WISA share proposal).

The following merchandise is still available:

- “ Not in the Wider Interests ” T-shirt @ £8 or £6 if you re-join WISA
- FSF - Anti Franchising T-shirt @ £2.
- Anti Franchising Wristbands @ £2,
- “ Clubs in Crisis” trilogy. @ £7.99 per book.
- “Our Aim was Success “ @ £10.

To come..... “Not in the Wider Interests of Football II” Limited edition T-shirt

A number of members then adjourned to the Alex for some sustenance!

Ross Maclagan
WISA Secretary