ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2009/10
THE FOOTBALL SECTION – KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB

MINUTES

Date: Friday, May 28, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: Sports Hall, Kowloon Cricket Club, Cox’s Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong

No. Agenda

1. Preliminaries

1.a) A Quorum was confirmed and the meeting commenced at 7:08 pm. In total, 98 people were in attendance.
   • 21 Voting Members
   • 14 Subscribers or Dependents
   • 12 Guest Players
   • 13 Junior Footballers
   • 38 Parents and Partners

1.b) Apologies were received from: A. Laxton (SVM), M. Leigh (SS), A. Yip (SVM).

1.c) A proposal to adopt the agenda of the meeting was put forward by Mr. M. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. G. Ho.

2. 2008/09 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
(2008/09) of the KCC Football Section held on June 26, 2009, were presented. Mr. J. McKinley outlined the steps taken with regard to questions raised in the 2008/09 AGM and confirmed that all outstanding points had been addressed. A proposal to adopt the minutes of the 2008/09 AGM was put forward by Mr. M. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. M. Trayford.

3. **Welcome Speech**

Mr. Burji Shroff, President KCC, was invited to give a welcome speech.

- KCC is a prestigious multi-racial sports club, in which the Football Section plays a very important part.
- Congratulations to those involved in the KCC Dragons for a successful season including runners-up in the Yau Yee Cup Final.
- Commiserations to the KCC Knights for their relegation but Mr. B. Shroff has every confidence they will prosper next season.
- Congratulations to those involved with Junior Football that has continued to grow. In all 150 juniors are involved in the biggest junior sporting section at the KCC.
- Mr. B. Shroff extended a welcome to the six new Football Sporting Subscribers who have joined the KCC during the year.
- Mr. B. Shroff thanked Mr. J. McKinley for his support and for his work on the General Committee.
- In conclusion Mr. B. Shroff said that it was an honour to work with Mr. J. McKinley and the Football Section and the Section will always have his support. Football is a harmonious, united and very successful Section.

Mr. J. McKinley thanked Mr. B. Shroff for his words, his ongoing support and for his attendance at the AGM. There followed an enthusiastic round of applause from those present.

4. **2009-10 Reports**

Mr. J. McKinley outlined the approach to the review and adoption of various reports prepared by members of the Subcommittee. He noted that all reports had been posted to the KCC Web-site, two weeks in advance of the AGM, and he hoped that everyone had had the chance to read the reports
as they would not be re-presented in the AGM. He noted however that for those staying on for the Football End-of-Season Dinner that would follow the AGM, there would be individual presentations of the season by the officers of the Sub-Committee.

For reason of good governance however, the Treasurer’s Report, prepared by Mr. A. Smith, was formally presented to the AGM.

Mr. J. McKinley then asked whether there were questions on any of the reports.

Mr. M. Kennedy asked whether the $15,000 spent for membership of KPSA was considered good value by the Sub-Committee. Mr. J. McKinley believed on balance the access and influence it provided meant it was a worthwhile investment. Particularly in an environment where access to pitches for both junior and senior football was problematic.

Mr. M. Johnson inquired whether good ideas would be supported by funds to which Mr. J. McKinley responded that the Section was required to operate within its allocated budget, so any ideas would need to be included in that budget.

Mr. M. Johnson asked what the ratio of member to non-member income was in the Junior Football section. Mr. A. Smith replied that the ratio of players was approximately 70/30 which given a higher tariff meant that the revenue was close to 50/50.

A proposal to adopt the following reports as a record of the 2009/10 season was put forward by Mr. I. Richardson and seconded by Mr. M. Wake.

a. Treasurer’s Report (Mr. Antony Smith)
b. KCC Junior Football Section Report (Mr. James Down)
   KCC Junior Girls Report (Mr. Andrew Powner)
c. KCC Royals Report (Mr. Ravi Sujanani)
d. KCC Knights Report (Mr. James Down)
e. KCC Dragons Report (Mr. Shyam Nainani)
f. Captain of Football’s Season Review (Mr. Jon McKinley)
**No.**  

**Agenda**

5. Mr. J. McKinley thanked the out-going officers of the Football Section for their contributions during 2009/10.

6. 2010/11 Sub-Committee – Election of Officers

Nominations were requested for persons to serve as officers of the Football Section for 2010/11. There were no contested positions and the following officers were elected:

a. *Captain of Football & General Committee Representative*  
   **Mr. J. McKinley**  
   Nominated by: Mr. M. Trayford  
   Seconded by: Mr. I. Richardson

b. *KCC Dragons Team Manager*  
   **Mr. S. Nainani**  
   Nominated by: Mr. I. Richardson  
   Seconded by: Mr. M. Wake

c. *KCC Knights Team Manager*  
   **Mr. J. Down**  
   Nominated by: Mr. J. McKinley  
   Seconded by: Mr. B. Shroff

d. *KCC Royals Team Manager*  
   **Mr. R. Sujanani**  
   Nominated by: Mr. M. Trayford  
   Seconded by: Mr. J. McKinley

e. *Junior Football Manager*  
   **Mr. J. Down**  
   Nominated by: Mr. M. Trayford  
   Seconded by: Mr. J. Higginson

f. *Treasurer*  
   **Mr. A. Smith**  
   Nominated by: Mr. M. Wake  
   Seconded by: Mr. G. Ho

g. *Secretary*  
   **Mr. J. Gough**  
   Nominated by: Mr. A. Smith  
   Seconded by: Mr. M. Trayford

7. **Any Other Business**

Mr. J. McKinley invited those present to raise any further questions or comments.
Mr. M. Kennedy congratulated the Football Section for maintaining the important tradition of fixtures with the RBSC and in particular noted the splendid support for the January 2010 Tour to Bangkok in which over 30 players had participated. He encouraged the Section to maintain this level of commitment.

Mrs. Samantha Richardson, spouse of Mr. I. Richardson (R267), was granted permission by Mr. J. McKinley to raise a question. Mrs. Richardson asked whether wives and girlfriends would be invited to accompany players on future tours. Mr. J. McKinley replied that he very much hoped so. He then took the opportunity of thanking all partners for there support of the section and in particular noted the significant contribution of Mrs. Claire Down and Mrs. Anthi Prieston who were then applauded by the attendees.

Mr. J. McKinley then read out a written question in two parts that had been received from Mr. A. Laxton.

i) When and why did payment of Yau Yee fines change from being the responsibility of players to being that of the Clubs? A number of comments were made in response but in summary Mr. J. McKinley suggested that both Yau Yee Managers would put forward a proposal before the start of the new season.

ii) KCC’s YY disciplinary record was very poor. What is your intended approach for 2010/11? Mr. J. McKinley said that this would be addressed as part of the approach to fines.

8. 2009/10 Awards

An end-of-season event was held following the AGM in which individual achievement for 2009/10 was recognized with the following awards:

a. The James Down Junior Football Section Player of the Year
   Barton Leung
b. The Michael Trayford Trophy for Young Player of the Year
   Toby Down
c. The Mike Kennedy Trophy for Most Improved Player
   Antonio Castano
d. Knights Leading Goal Scorer
   Vivien Kangah Kangah
e. The Matthew Wake Trophy for Dragons Leading Goal Scorer
   Paul Crompton
f. The Antony Smith Social Footballer of the Year Trophy
   Matthew Wake
g. The Mike Kennedy Trophy for Knight’s Player of the Year
   Noah Ward
h. The Shyam Nainani Trophy For Dragon’s Player of the Year
   Paul Crompton
i. Nigel Sandford Chairman’s Award
   James Gough

With no further business, the meeting was formally adjourned by Mr. J. McKinley at 7.56pm.