



**Minutes of
Annual General Meeting of
Lamma Cricket Club**

on

Wednesday, 30 August 2006 at 6:30pm
Zenses, G/F, Henley Building, 5 Queens Road Central

Chaired by: Brad Tarr

Minutes by: Ian Harling

Present: Brad Tarr, Ian Harling, Ian Beck, Mark Burns, Kay Beadman, Kevin Bishop, Kim Leung, Toby White, John Gaffney, Kevin McNamara, Daryl Bending, Satoshi Iida, Kaori Iida, Venkat Shivkumar, Mark Smith

Apologies: Derek Wintle, Steve Bolshaw, Jonno Seifman, Emma Phillips, Florinda Madiaga, Terry Pontikos, Kylie Knott, Andrew Gully

1) Review of the Season

- *Saturday League* – Started well but ended in mid-table mediocrity (9th). Brad Tarr ended as Saturday League Wicket Keeper of the Year while Rizwan Sattar hit the highest score of the League season (166) and ended up 7th in the list of top scorers.
- *Saturday Cup/Plate* – Finalists of the Plate but lost out on a controversial run-rate decision.
- *Women's Cricket League* – Retained the Championship, going through the season unbeaten. Neisha Pratt ended up as Women's League Best Batsman with an astonishing batting average of 586 and was awarded the HKCA Cricketer of the Year. Sam McIlwraith was a highly creditable runner-up in the bowling averages.
- *Women's Cup* – Achieved the double in the inaugural knockout competition.
- *Shanghai Sixes* – Semi-Finalists in the Cup with a little help from non-other than Ian Healy.
- *HK International Cricket Festival* – Three teams entered with the Improbables reaching the Men's Q/Finals and the Women's team making the semi-finals. Hugely enjoyable despite lack of success.
- *Phuket Invitational Sixes* – Knocked out in Plate semi-final. A mixed squad from the Women's and Men's teams.
- *Breezer Trophy* – The strongest team to ever tour, easily outplayed and out-drunk the Shanghai team to retain the Breezer Trophy. Was a hat-trick of wins.
- *Summer 8's* – Was a weekly struggle to get a team for the Eights. Despite a lot of people saying they were available at the start of the Eights campaign, often didn't have enough people and so the end result was poor. It did at least give opportunity for new members to play.
- *Social Matches Report* – More games washed out than played and pitches very hard to get. LCC were also involved in playing touring teams from the British Army and Kent High School with Toby & Tauseef involved in the ICCA team against the cricket Clubs.
- *Cricketer's Ball* – Resounding success after a 3 year absence. Reasonable turnout and all went very smoothly with very good raffle prizes and entertainment. \$26,000 was raised from which there was a donation to the charity "Make-A-Wish Foundation". Hope to keep the Ball a yearly event. Thanks to all Ball volunteers and LCC members for their efforts.

2) Financial Position

Accounts are very healthy again due to continued sponsorships and Cricketer's Ball proceeds. We currently have \$7,231.91 in the savings account & \$9,975.36 in the cheque account.

2 Ashes tickets for a silent auction donated by Ian Healy to help the Club raise funds at the Ball. They will raise funds by a further \$10,000 of which there will be a donation to the charity "Make-A-Wish Foundation".

3) Costs

HKCA ground fees (\$9,000), Affiliation fees (\$3,500), Balls (\$3,600), Net Practice (around \$5,300), Lamma Cricket Ground (LCG), Independent Cricket Clubs Association membership, Sixes competition entry fees, social functions and the recent large purchase of cricket equipment (\$17,500). Women's team could cost the Club upto HK\$9,000 in HKCA fees.

4) Sponsorship

Continued sponsorship from Devils Advocate, Heineken, DG, Peter Berry and the Island Bar while HK Electric has doubled their annual donation. Sponsorship now stands at nearly \$50,000 a year + 50 cases of Heineken. Members are encouraged to help source sponsorship.

5) Membership Fees

League Men's Club membership for the season will be HK\$450 and will include a new LCC player's shirt for a new member.

Social Club membership for the season will be HK\$300 and will include a new LCC player's shirt for a new member.

League Women's Club membership for the season will be HK\$300 and will include a new LCC player's shirt for a new member.

All LCC members will receive a membership card that entitles the cardholder to a 15% discount, anytime, at Devils Advocate – food and drinks.

6) Match Fees

Men's league match fee will be reduced to HK\$120 from \$150.

Social match fees vary from \$100-\$120, depending on where it's played etc.

Women's match fee is now HK\$90 up from \$80 to cover additional costs placed on the Women's League by the HKCA.

A discount is available for the unemployed, low-income earner & student at the discretion of the ECM. It is expected that everyone pay his or her match fee on the day. A reminder will be placed on the team sheet sent out to all players chosen for the up-coming match to bring enough money to pay for your game – including the 12th man. The ruling is that if you can't pay, then you can't play. Any problems, members are encouraged to discuss with the committee. If you are 12th man and play, you are expected to pay. As a benefit of turning up (and on time) as 12th man, you will automatically be in the team for the next match only, providing you do not play while being 12th man. Should you go as a spectator and play i.e. dragged in, you will not have to pay.

7) Clothing & Equipment

Lamma CC have made a big outlay for full equipment replacement this season and has included everything from Club bags to bats, gloves and pads for both Men's and Women's teams. The kit has our Club's logo on it and the straps and bands are in our Club's colours so we shouldn't lose the kit as readily as in the past, though care must be taken in returning it to the kit area. Most of the old equipment will be used for practice and the remainder will be donated to a new and needy club, playing in the Sunday Comp, Sri Lanka CC. For players with their own kit, do not put it in the kit bag as there is quite enough weight in the bags without adding to it.

There was also the recent delivery of sun hats which are now available for purchase.

8) Lamma Cricket Ground (LCG)

We have been quietly proceeding with the prospect of securing our own ground at the old quarry opposite Sok Kwa Wan. The most recent development is a feasibility survey we have paid for (although we will be getting a refund from the HKCA of \$12,000) and is an early step into the application of 2 pitches on this site. The study concludes our application has a better than reasonable chance of success.

9) Club Organisation

There were very few ECMs but the Club is running well. There is very good communication within the Executive Committee.

Closer cooperation and involvement between Men's & Women's teams is anticipated and this is reflected in the increased size of the Committee.

10) Net Practice

Pakistan Assoc. nets will be the go this season on Monday & Tuesday evenings. A delayed availability is due to net improvements. It is expected that more players will participate at the nets and Members sustain a regular attendance throughout the season.

11) Web Site

The website continues to look excellent, works well, is up to date and always informative. Reckoned to be one of the best amateur cricket club sites anywhere.

Now nearly 10,000 hits in little over 18 months from its launch. A nice off-spin is that it keeps ex-players in touch and is useful in attracting potential new players.

12) Competitions

LCC will continue to compete in Men's & Women's League & Cup, HKICF, and Breezer Cup. The Summer 8's entry will be carefully considered before entering a team this season.

13) Committee Positions

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nomination</i>	<i>By</i>	<i>Seconded</i>
▪ Chairman	Brad Tarr	Daryl Bending	Mark Burns
▪ Men's League Captain	Ian Beck	Mark Burns	Kevin McNamara
▪ Men's Vice Captain	Mark Burns	Daryl Bending	Toby White
▪ Social Captain	Ian Harling	Brad Tarr	John Gaffney
▪ Secretary	Ian Harling	Kevin McNamara	Mark Burns
▪ Treasurer	Kim Leung	Brad Tarr	Daryl Bending
▪ Women's Team Representative	Kay Beadman	Brad Tarr	Toby White
▪ Manager	Jonno Seifman	Brad Tarr	Venkat Shivkumar
▪ Webmaster	Kevin Bishop	Brad Tarr	Ian Harling

Sub-committee*

▪ Women's League Captain	Neisha Pratt
▪ Women's League Vice Captain	Kaori Iida
▪ Social Events Organisers	Toby White, Kylie Knott, Bethan Greaves

*Non-Executive Committee Position

14) Future Tours

Considerations for this season's tours are Chiang Mai Sixes, Chiang Mai 11-a-side, Bangkok 11-a-side, Shanghai Sixes and Phuket Sixes. Open to any other offers as is the organizing for it.

15) Social Events

Toby, Kylie & Bethan have kindly accepted the challenge to increase the social events over previous seasons and organize the occasional Club social get-together and fund-raising event. Socials to look forward to for example are bbq's, junk trips, race nights, a golf day, Devils Christmas Dinner and the numerous trophy celebrations that are expected this season.

With the Ashes being shown in Devils live and during office hours, our sponsor and supporter Devils and DG Group have combined to make Devils a wi-fi area so your laptop can be connected to the internet and receive e-mails thus helping you continue working while watching the series.

16) AOB

Congratulations were offered to Neisha, Sam & Kylie who were named in the Women's HK National Team on this day with Neisha Captaining the side.

Hussain Butt will be joining the Club as our "Professional Player" this season.

Lamma CC joined the Independent Cricket Clubs Association.

Kim and Mark were congratulated for their recent marriage and Tez and Emma for the recent birth of their 2nd child.

There were no further points raised and the meeting drew to a close at 8:00pm