

**HIGH LANE CRICKET CLUB**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**held at the Pavilion, Middlewood Road,**  
**High Lane on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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In attendance:

Chris Simpson	Richard Brookman	Andy Oldfield
Dave Cheetham	Dale Spencer	Steve Wood
Matt Dunn	James McCarthy	Mike McCarthy
Dot Graham	Andy Helm	
Shaun Woodcraft	Rachel Green	
Sam Cheetham	Paul Regan	

Apologies

Phil Julier  
Darren Scarr  
Peter Stephens  
Nick Finley  
Dave Cox  
Fred Stewart

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

As President of the Club Chris opened the meeting and said how proud he was of being the fourth generation of the Simpson family to be President of the Club and how delighted he was with the continued progress of the Club. As President he proposed that Dave and Matt continue to jointly Chair the Club **Proposed Chris Simpson Seconded Andy Helme the vote was unanimous.**

Dave informed the meeting that the 2024 season had been the first year the Club had fielded an Over 40's team captained by Richard and this had been a resounding success whilst maybe not on the field but definitely off the field. The U13's won their divisional title and thanks were given to Nick Finley and Paul for managing the team to this success. The highlight of the year was the 1<sup>st</sup> team winning the Second Division of the DCCL and gaining promotion to the 1<sup>st</sup> Division for the 2025 season for the first time in over 50 years. . Special thanks were given to Tony (Aussie) who was an asset to the Club both on and off the field. The Club hosted the a DCCL cup final and it is hope to get further such matches in the near future.

The Club had draught beer installed and at the present time sales are 3 months ahead of target

The Club held a Beer Festival Weekend and this took over £8,000. The Club also hosted an evening with Michael Vaughan which was a resounding success and also the annual 6's the profits from which help to fund the junior teams.

Andy reported that the Club had had a very strong year. Revenue £52,000 – profit £13,000. Bar from £20,000 to £32,000 – 35% profit margin. The income is up from the marquee events and also private hire was up. Membership also up. Sponsorship needs pushing. Increased costs including wages, waste management and the cost of Josh Ellis's car storm damaged whilst on the car park. The cost of Tony, flights, accommodation etc was £6,400 but comments were made that Tony's input was well worth the expense. Ground maintenance costs were up and Busso was breaking even. Net profit £13,342. £59,100 closing cash balance has been moved to a better income bearing account. It noted that the Club would be likely to receive less from the Football Club in 2025. That sponsorship should be pushed and match fees to be held for the 2025 season.

Dave informed the meeting that great progress had been made in forming a Ladies' Soft ball team and it was agreed that the team would be given a free ride for the 2025 season. **This was agreed by the Committee.** He also said that the square was not the best in the league but it was hoped to have extensive done work in this regard at the end of the season. He thanked Mike for his hard work in getting Liam (New Zealand) and Tony able to play for the 2025 season. The biggest upcoming expense is a new scoreboard to comply with Play Cricket. He has obtained estimates and it was agreed that he should proceed with this with the installation hopefully being completed for the new season

Race Night -12<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Following invited to join the committee  
Steve Wood.  
Tom Bailey  
Nat Julier

Paul informed the meeting that there might be scope for a second U11 team and it was agreed that the Club does not want to lose players because of non playing. **It was agreed a second U11 team should be registered with the League**

U.13 team manager – Mike suggested Liam – did not know whether this was appropriate  
**Paul will do what is considered appropriate to be revisited**  
U15 Andy O said he could get involved and there were plenty of helpers – **to be revisited**  
Managers all positions **Proposed Dave Cheetham Seconded Richard Brookman**  
**Unanimous vote.**

Annual Cricket Subscription

For costs of facilities and ground at Middlewood. For the sake of inclusivity it was decided there would be no increase in subs from 2022

Senior	Nil	Pay-as-you-play extended to keep cricket affordable.
Junior	£50	U9s,U11s,U13s, & U15s includes all coaching and match fees.
All Stars	£40	Paid directly to ECB. HLCC receives £10 indirectly

Match fees (Cover costs on the day of the game including pavilion overhead,umpires, scorers and ground preparation)

Senior (1 <sup>st</sup> XI and 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	£15
Senior (T20,Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI & 4 <sup>th</sup> XI)	£10

Senior (Ladies)	NIL (for 2025 season only)
U19	£5 (£10 if playing from another club)
Junior playing senior cricket	£5

Junior match fees to be waived for 1 match per weekend for those self-funding Cheshire Excellence Training in 2025.

Ladies match fees will be borne by the Club for 2025 to help assist with participation

### **Proposed Dave Cheetham Seconded Richard Brookman Unanimous vote**

James informed the meeting that Dave Wilde has developed an app. so that match fees etc. can be taken directly out of bank account as the meeting agreed that the need to chase people should stop. **Chris Simpson to make alterations to website.**

In closing Chris said that very few Clubs will have had the success which HLCC has had and that money was starting to put back in the Bank and he congratulated the Club on an outstanding job.

Meeting closed 8.20pm

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