

# Notes of the 10th Annual General Meeting Saturday 2nd August 2014 At The Red Room in The Constitution Bar, Leith Edinburgh

# 1. IN ATTENDANCE

M O'Donnell F McKenzie M Buchanan **G** Paterson D Harrold L Trotter Jnr **C** Durling **F** Trotter C Pullinger L Trotter P Burnhill A Wylie W Wylie M Ferguson N Adams **G** Mailer R Wighton **M** Donohoe D Sharkey R Donohoe S Clark R Paterson M O'Connell C Blair **B** Woodward A Smith A Deegan Wood D Smith C Ruthven S Lynn M John I Mc?

C Alexander D Broughton
L MacGregor C McCaldin

# 2. INTRODUCTION By Martin O'Donnell

Martin opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.





# 3. LAST SEASONS REPORTS:

HONORARY PRESIDENT BOB WILSON

- TRIPS TO DORTMUND AND MUNICH BONDING WITH ARSENAL GERMANY
- INVITE TO EX-GUNNER ALEX CROPLEY'S BOOK LAUNCH
- PLAYER OF THE SEASON 2012/13 PRESENTATION Report by Leslie Trotter

Les gave a report on his presentation Santo Cazorla.

 ARSENAL SUPPORTERS CLUB EMIRATES 5-A-SIDES TOURNAMENT – Report by Dave Harrold

Dave gave a report on the ASSC teams performance at The Arsenal stadium, the boys started off slowly the gained momentum, not progressing past the group stage.



SUPPORTERS CLUBS PRESENTATION TO JILL SMITH — Report by Dave Harrold
Dave reported that it was a great honour and privilege for ASSC to be chosen to make a
presentation, with Martin Keown to Jill Smith on her retirement.



FA CUP FINAL WEEKEND

Martin reported on a great weekend at Wembley.

• FC SCOTSPURZ v ARSENAL SCOTLAND charity match for Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) - Report by Fraz Mackenzie Fraz reported on a successful and winning match against Scotspurz, raising £? for SAMH and Age Scotland.





- CHARITY FUNDRAISING FOR AGE SCOTLAND Report by Del Sharkey Del reported that £1000(?) had been raised for Age Concern.
- ARSENAL SCOTLAND Golf Day Report by Mike Buchanan Mike reported on the Golf Day, which was won by ??
- ARSENAL SCOTLAND East V West Football challenge match (played that morning)



# Despite the terrible conditions the East beat the West 2 0 3. TICKETS AND TRAVEL Report by Martin O'Donnell

Another successful season for Arsenal Scotland with 1524 tickets.

416 Home (up 9%) with an average of 15 tickets at every home game.

1108 Away (up 14%) with an average 48 tickets at every away game

We had 59 tickets for the away trip to Dortmund and 35 for Munich away.

Our largest attendance was of course at Newcastle where 224 of our members and their guests watched Arsenal win 1-0. And 186 watched us win 3-1 at Sunderland.

We had 35 tickets for the FA Cup Semi-final at Wembley but as expected we only managed to get 5 for the Cup Final itself.

# **COACH TRIPS**

We had full coaches at the Sunderland, Newcastle and Stoke

And also we took a minibus to Man United, Man City, Liverpool and Everton and Hull.

# 4. TICKET REQUESTS 2014/15 SEASON

This season ticket requests must be made as follows:

Home games – contact MIKE BUCHANAN by text 07801448662

#### Away games – contact CHRIS ALEXANDER by text 07775695531

All requests MUST be made at least 4 weeks prior to any fixture. And arranged cupties ASAP.

This Season we will continue to supply match tickets to members at cost plus £1.00 for admin (postage and booking fees that we pay on your behalf) but we will now apply a £10 charge for nonmenmbers.

ALL tickets MUST be paid prior to the fixture date. Unless a specific arrangement has been agreed.

# 5. Club Secretary's Report - (by Dave Harrold)

Dave gave the Secretary's Report which included the following analysis of membership.

Category of	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Membership	Total	Total	
Adult	216	262	307
Family	15	10	32
Junior	23	22	27
General	7	15	12
Honorary	2	2	3
Totals	261	311	381

Dave reported that despite the planning and work carried out by himself Chris Kenmore and Andy Smith the Sportsman's Dinner had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Andy Smith added that the FA Cup had been booked for the event.

# 6. Club Treasurers Report - (by Chris Durling)

Accounts submitted.

This was proposed by Del Sharkey and seconded by Fraz MacKenzie and unanimously accepted by the meeting.

#### 7. ELECTION OF THE NEXT ARSENAL SCOTLAND CHAIRMAN - Stevie Clark

With effect from 2nd September which is the date of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an official club. Stevie thanked Martin for his kind words and said it was an honour and privilege to be Chairman of ASSC.

This was proposed and seconded from the floor and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

Chris Durling thanked Martin for all his hard work over the 8 years he had been Chairman.

# 8. Player of the Season Award 2013/14 - (by our new Chairman Stevie Clark

Winning member drawn from the voters list – 2 tickets FREE to a Cat C game.

Chris Pullinger won the two tickets

The results were

With 8% equal third Theo Kos and Szczesny Second with 11% - BFG And with 32% Aaron Ramsay

#### 9. Membership Fees (by Martin O'Donnell)

# Tier 1 - Ticket Membership

All **new** Ticket Members' fees - No Increase
Adult - £20
Junior (U17) - £14
Family Membership - 3 family members with at least one U17 - £40

All renewal Ticket Members fees - No increase!

Adult - £18
Junior (U17) - £12
Family Membership - 3 family members with at least one U17 - £36

# Tier 2 - General Membership

For anyone who wishes to be a member of this club but who would normally purchase their own tickets through their Platinum/Gold/Silver/Red or Away Scheme memberships with Arsenal -

The annual fee Flat rate £5

#### 10. Website Report (By Martin O'Donnell)

Martin reported that the website had been hacked, our IT man (Seyhan) was travelling in the Far East – but he was working on repairing it.

A discussion followed regarding the best way forward, it was agreed the ASSC Executive would deal with the matter.

We are also on Twitter - www.twitter.com/arsenalscotland

#### 11. Election of Arsenal Scotland Executives and Club Reps

In the NorthEast of Scotland and Aberdeen - Euan Esslemont and Andy Black

In the West of Scotland and Glasgow - Mitch and Del Sharkey

In Fife - Chris Alexander and Tich Wighton.

In the Lothian's and Edinburgh - Mike Buchanan, Ryan Mills

Fraz Mackenzie is our Vice Chairman

The executive Committee (recognised by Arsenal FC) are:

Chris Durling as our Treasurer
Dave Harrold is the Club Secretary
Martin O'Donnell as Chairman (Until 2<sup>nd</sup> September),
Stevie Clark from 2<sup>nd</sup> September
Were willing to serve and were voted in for another Season

This was proposed and seconded from the floor and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

# 12. PLANS FOR NEXT SEASON

A new banner for The Emirates.

Designs are being drawn up.

Charity fundraising – Proposal by Fraz Mackenzie

Fraz outlined his plans for fund raising for the Marie Curie Charity in honour of his late Mum, the plans included a sponsored silence and an ASSC calendar, any other ideas welcomed.

· Any other items to raise

None

# 13. Chairman's final words - By Martin O'Donnell

Martin said that he had thoroughly enjoyed being Chairman of ASSC and wished Steve all the best for his tenure.

# 14. Next Meeting

Proposal that the next members meeting will be held in Glasgow in July/August 2015.

The meeting closed at 15.45 Dave Harrold ASSC Secretary 21 August 2014