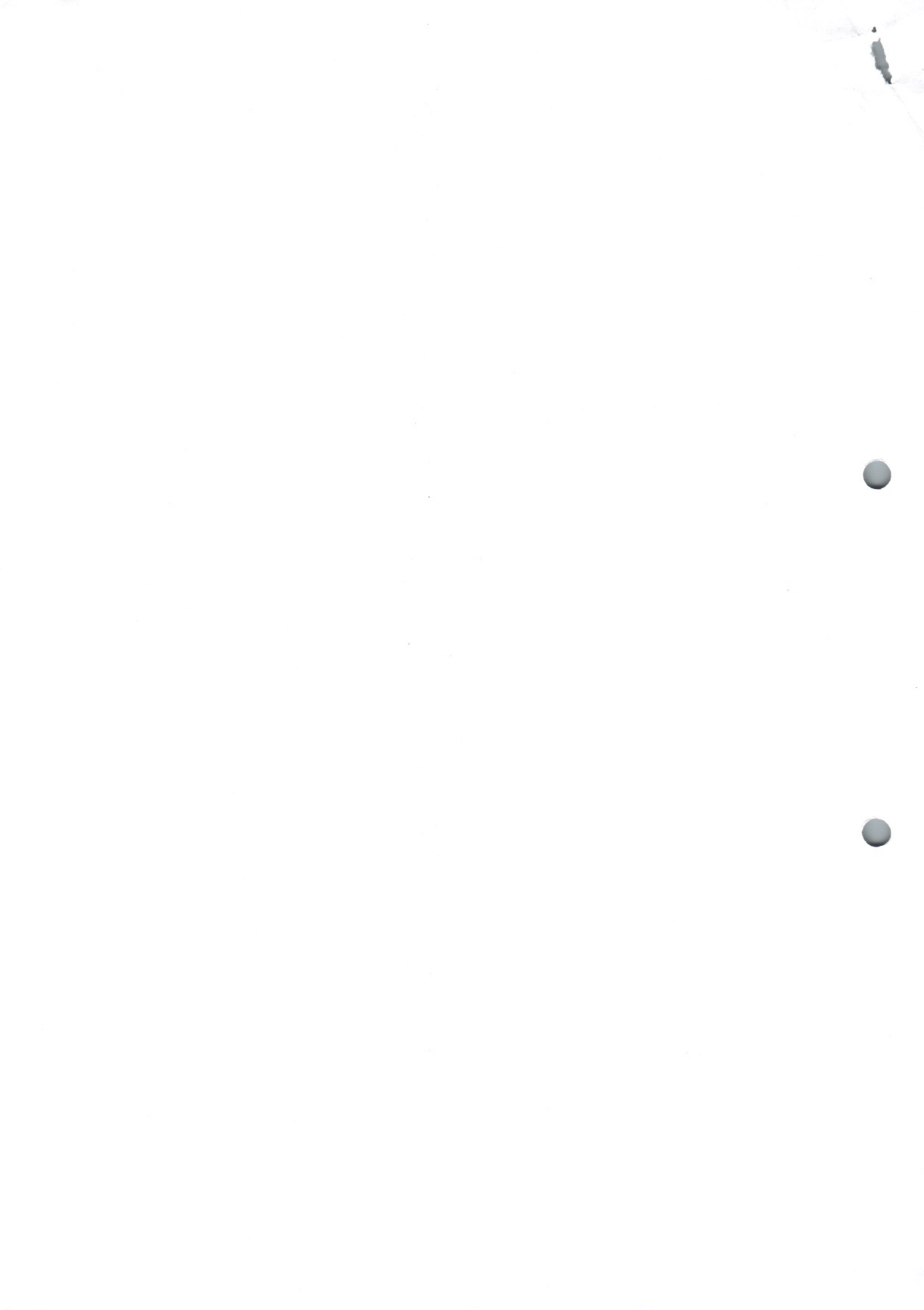

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COXA Football Association
Annual General Meeting

To Be Held on **WEDNESDAY 13 June 2012**
At The Clubhouse, County Road Norbury

7.45pm start

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Hon Sec Report
5. Club Captain Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Election of Officers (Hon Sec, Fixture Sec, Club Capt, Treasurer, Team Captains)
8. Pre Season Training – start day, date and location
9. Pre Season Friendlies – start dates (inter club fixture?)
10. Player of the Year Awards Night (review and future)
11. 5 a sides Committee
12. Norbury clubhouse – what repairs maintenance etc do we need
13. ***Future of the Club*** and Fundraising (raffle/events at Norbury or elsewhere)
14. Website
15. Any Other Business



Annual General Meeting
Clapham Old Xaverians' Association Sports and Social Club Football Section
Held on Saturday 14 May 2011
at the Norbury Clubhouse at 1 p.m.

- 1.0 **In attendance:** S. McGuire, C.Garvey, M. Garvey, R.Williams, B. Mensah, N Armitage, A Brannon, M Weyers and E. O'Brien.
- 2.0 **Apologies:** P. Bailey, C Finch, M. Benedict and A. Price.
- 3.0 **Minutes of the last AGM:** Were accepted as a true record.
- 4.0 **Matters Arising:**

B Mensah took over as captain of the 1st XI and M Garvey took on the 2nd XI.

On 17 March 2011 at a meeting of COXASS with John Mansi present he had confirmed that he disagreed with the Club Captain/Hon Sec report put before the AGM about him and Matt Arnold

E. O'Brien confirmed he had obtained a refund of £700 for pitches not used at Kent CCC

- 5.0 **Hon Sec's Report** – see attached report submitted to the meeting

- 6.0 **Club Captain's Report:**

At the start of the season we had 6 teams and the top 4 sides were in divisions of a higher standard than it was thought they would be able to compete because some of the key players that had helped the rise would not be playing. We knew it would be a tough season and 4 of the 6 teams were relegated.

Despite the poor results it was great that we only had to cancel one fixture through lack of numbers.

The poor discipline is noted and points to a lack of sufficient reliable players.

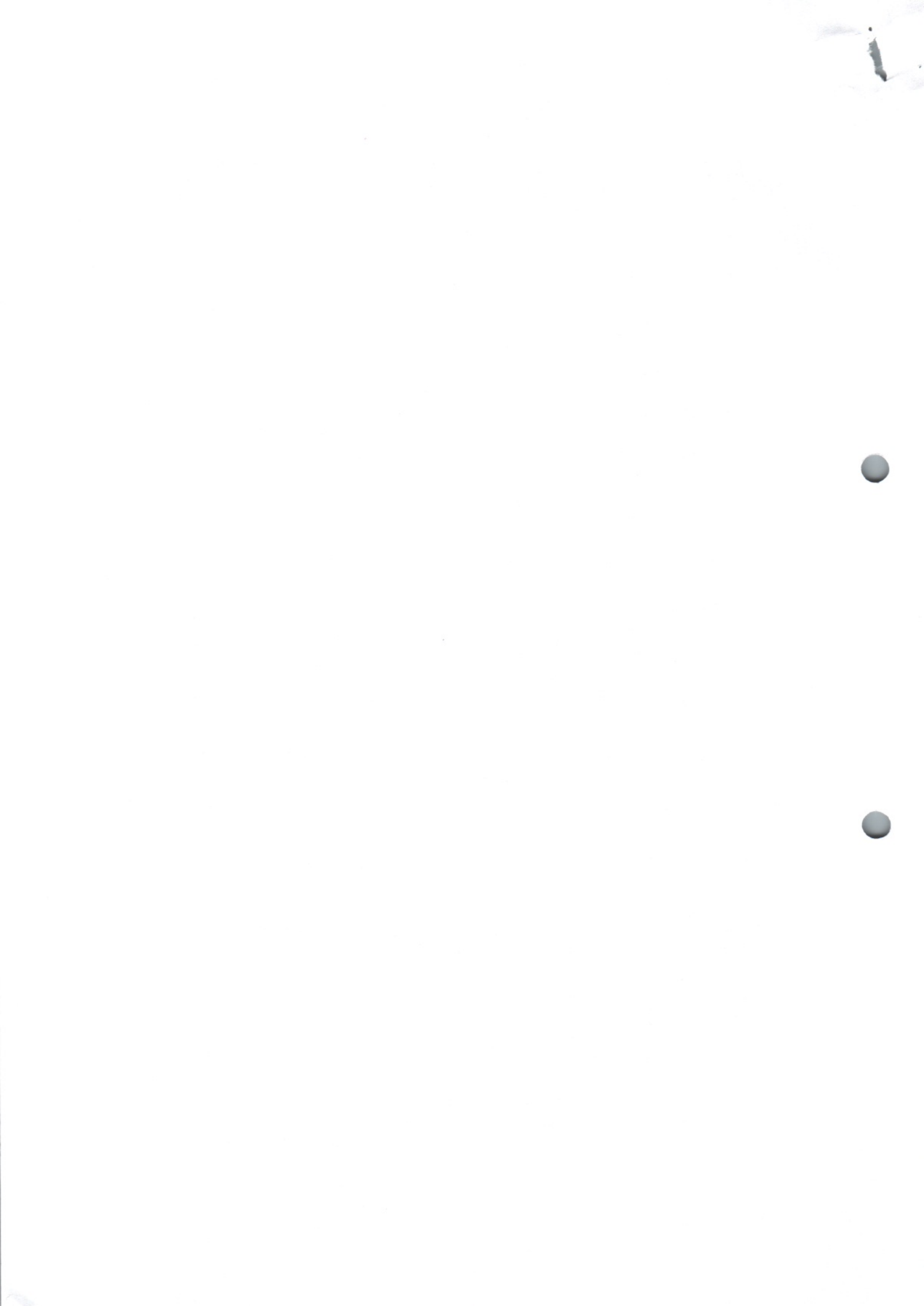
The Captains must be congratulated on completing the fixtures despite a very poor winter.

The 2's as an example used 56 players, many playing less than 3 games and these sometimes do not pay and will never get the Club Spirit.

Overall the season ended as well as could be expected with attendance at the Clubhouse on the up and we need to harness this going forward.

- 7.0 **Future of the Club:**

It was at this point there was the discussion on the future of the Club. We are not here to provide football for mates of mates as we often did this year in an effort to get teams out on a Saturday. We also need to prepare a successor for E O'Brien.



C Garvey pointed out that a Committee meeting had recently taken place where it was suggested we reduce to 5 teams and look to drop the 2nd XI from Senior 3. They did a fantastic job to stay up this year but will struggle next year. The 6's have a solid core with hope of bringing in more to boost these numbers.

Clapham Spirit/Clubhouse – Tom McLoughlin offering to help members apply for a job at BT is an example of the Clapham spirit – a club that looks after its friends if it can. People do need to attend the Clubhouse so that they get to know each other. The main ideas going forward were:-

- 1 the aim is to use Highbury Avenue so we have 2 home games at the Clubhouse.
- 2 we should appoint a Social Secretary to arrange events, starting maybe once a month and moving to once every 2 months with the aim to get all players back to Norbury – suggestions included arranging a poker night.
- 3 to improve contact, we do need to send the teamsheet out to ALL current players.

8.0 **Finance:** M Garvey read P Bailey's report:-

Income is up £1,146.02 on last season. It should be noted, however, that we received a donation of £3,900 and spent £2,180.65 on new kit meaning that we're around £570 down on last year's figures, excluding these exceptional items.

Match fees and annual subs are down by £550 but we have spent considerably less pitches and training.

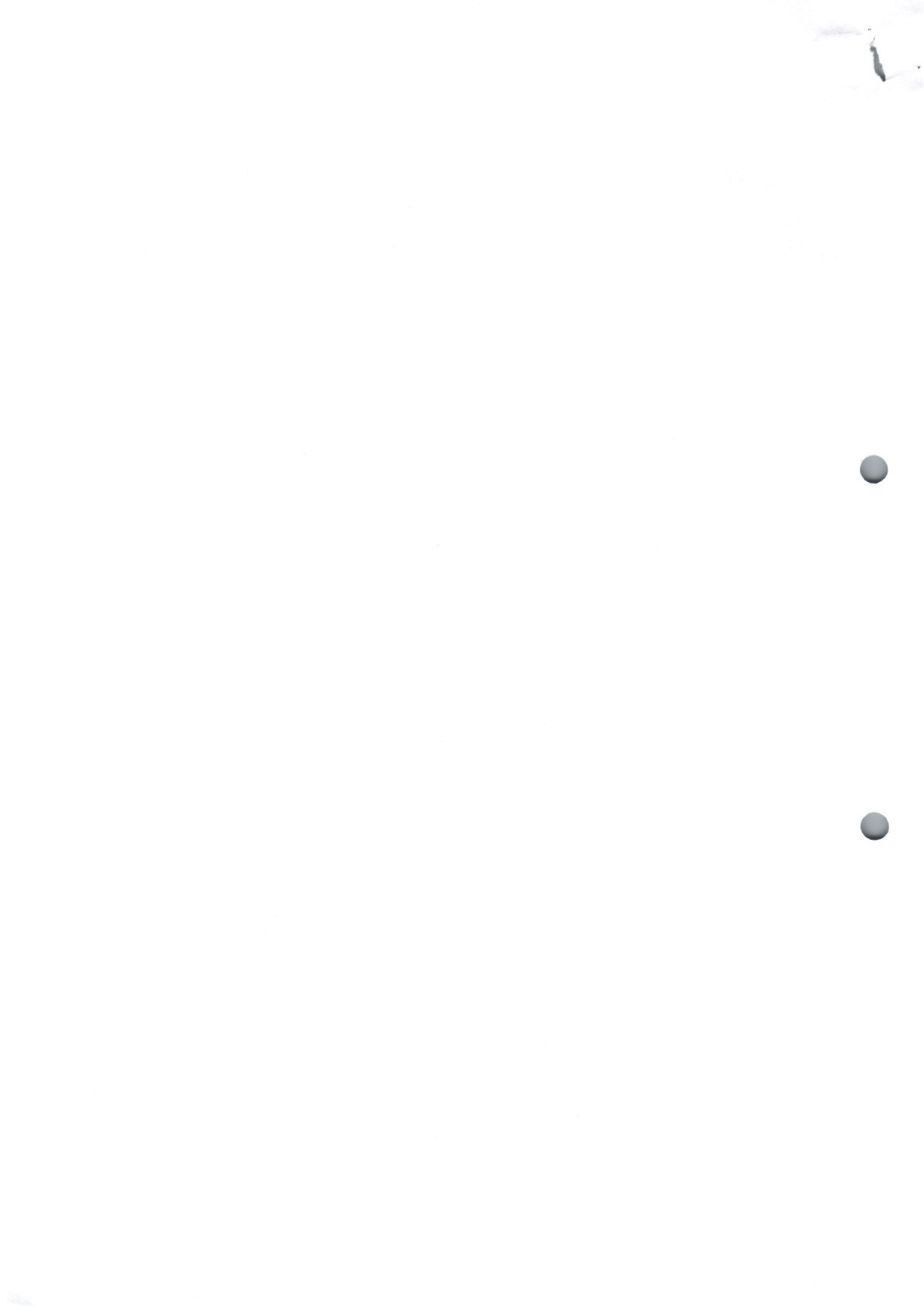
Match fee debtors total over £650 - my suggestion is that all those over £10 must be chased.

Annual sub debtors total £1,360. I understand that some players have come in during the season and only been available for a handful of games. Again, my suggestion is that those who have played 8 games or more should pay something (£25?). Certainly, anyone who has played 10 games or more should pay the full whack.

In addition, there are £378 fines to be collected. These must be chased and, like all debts, I feel these must be cleared if players wish to participate next season. Taking those figures, we have well in excess of £2,000 that should have been collected during the season. We must not just write this off. But for a £3,900 donation this season, we would not be making money. Furthermore, we cannot have a club where a section of players pay nothing whilst others pay up to £200 a season to play football.

The tighter we get on chasing down debts, the more money we will have to spend on improving facilities. We will also be able to avoid raising match fees (maybe even reduce them in these tough times..!) if every player pays their fair share.

Please note that the figures contain 4 unreconciled items: 1st, 4th and 6th XI match fees (on the 1st XI and 4th XI, captains should be reminded that club funds should NOT rest in their accounts but be paid into the COXA account straight after the



match)and pitch costs for Lloyd Park, where I have a query over a further £281 that I think is due to Croydon Council.

My recommendation is that match fees and annual subs remain at £8 waged / £3 student / £0 schoolboy and £50 waged / £50 student / £0 schoolboy respectively.

C.Garvey proposed and A. Brannon seconded that the annual sub and match fees remained the same for the season 2011/12. There were 9 votes in favour and 0 against.

DEBTORS - it was agreed that M. Garvey would liase with the Captains to chase their players with a view to publishing debtors and having them banned, not just from Clapham, but all football. There should be a report back by 10 June to then progress this further.

R.Williams wanted it noted that Paul has done an amazing job

9.0 Election of Officers:

Hon Sec:	S. McGuire
Match Sec:	E. O'Brien
Treasurer:	P. Bailey
Club Captain:	M. Garvey
1 st XI Captain	B. Mensah
2 nd XI Captain:	R. Williams

As there were no other candidates the above officers were elected en bloc.

Social Sec:	James Dyne.
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Proposed by R Williams and seconded by M. Garvey – there being no other candidates the meeting approved his appointment with enthusiasm

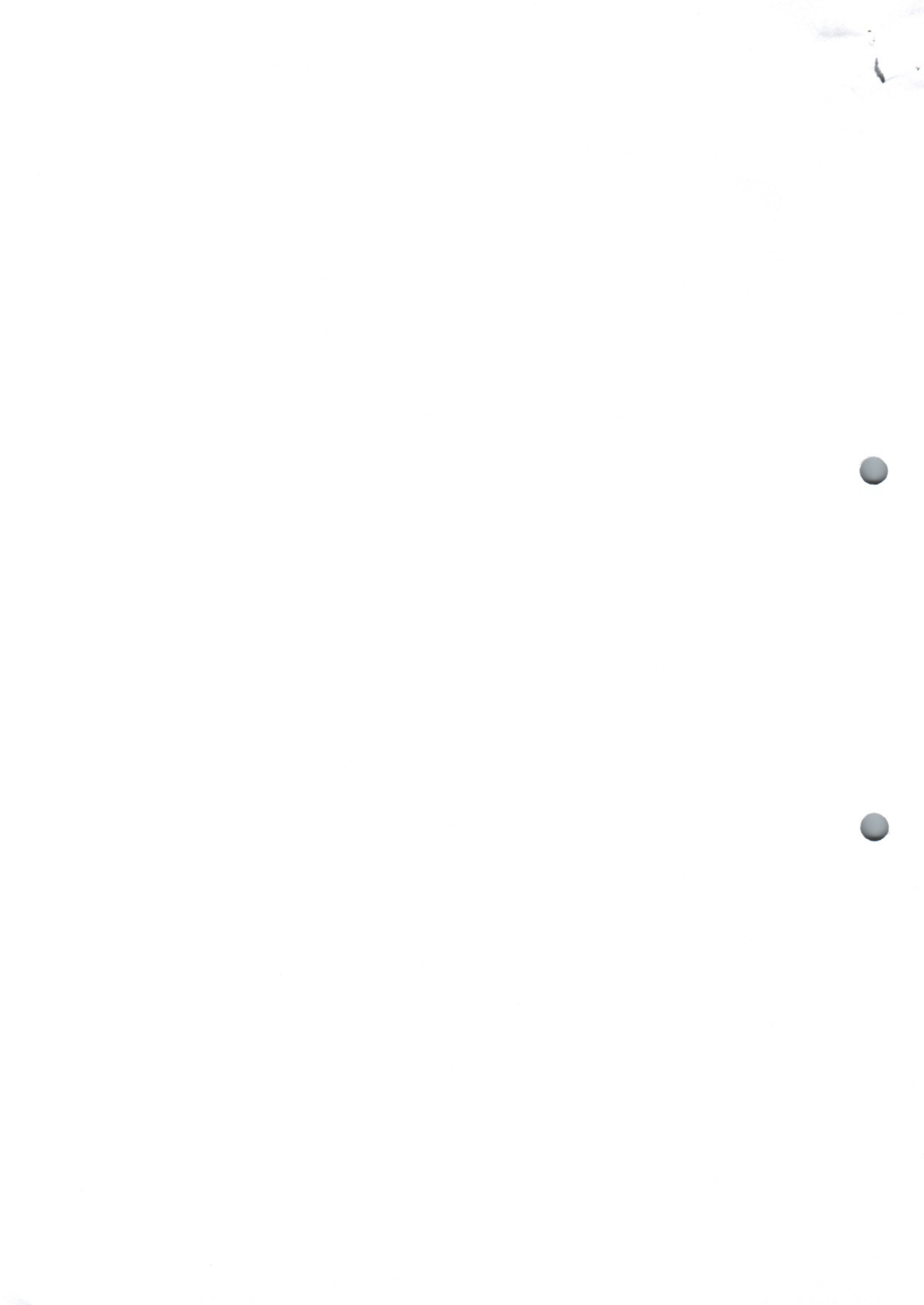
3 rd XI Captain:	see below
4 th XI Captain:	see below
5 th XI Captain:	see below

The meeting was informed that M. Weyers & A. Price wished to stand as a Joint Captain and that M. Benedict and C. Finch also wished to Captain a team. In addition, J Marr is willing to stand in some capacity rather than run a team in his own name this year.

It was unclear as to whether M. Benedict only wanted to captain the 3's and a vote ensued for the 3rd XI captaincy with M. Benedict proposed by M. Garvey, seconded by R. Williams, M. Weyers and A. Price were proposed by S. McGuire and seconded by E. O'Brien. The vote proved deadlocked and after further discussion B. Mensah offered to liaise with the various people willing to stand to sort out the captains of the 3's, 4's and 5's. The decision to postpone naming the 5's captain was agreed to be dependant upon whether it would be C Finch on his own or in conjunction with another person, most likely to be J Marr.

10.0 Preseason Training:

Commences Sat, 9 July, time to be appointed at Southfields School



It will continue on Wednesdays from 27 July at the same venue – thought was given to avoiding Champions League nights once the season starts and this is to be kept under review so as to gain maximum attendance.

In an effort to promote attendance once the nights draw in and we cannot use Norbury it was agreed that all pre-season training would take place at the school to ensure continuity.

The cost of the training is reduced as B. Mensah is able to obtain a discount and it was agreed that the cost should be £2 per person per session and if you had paid your annual subs in full then there would be no charge

11.0 **Preseason Friendlies:**

To commence 13 August with inter club games at Norbury – it was noted that we would need to line the pitch.

12.0 **Award Night:**

Successfully took place at 'BBC' in Balham. Over 50 in attendance and hopefully we could have similar numbers at Norbury next year.

13.0 **5 A Sides:**

R. Williams confirmed that 12 sides have already declared – we need sides from the football club and he needs to chase for appropriate help/support to run the event.

14.0 **Fundraising:**

Sponsorship – M. Garvey said he would look to come up with suggestions.

15.0 **Website –**

It is out of date – generally we need to update the info on teams and events etc.

C. Garvey agreed to prepare a précis of the Hall of Famers

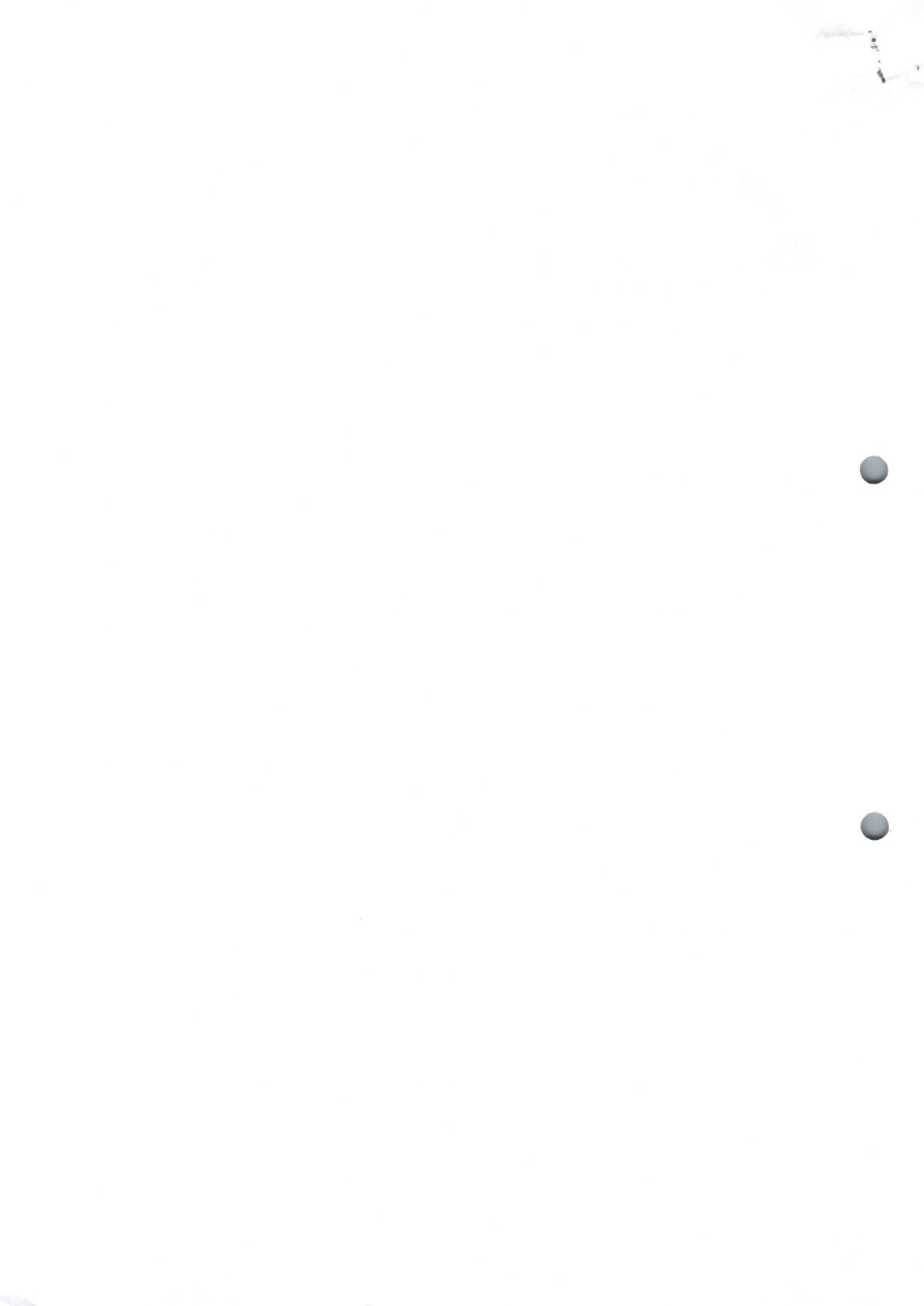
M. Garvey would approach S. Daramy do provide a précis on R Adjemon now that the Young Player of the Year is awarded in his honour.

16. **Any other business**

A Kearney is playing in Scotland so has recovered from his broken leg

C Garvey said a word of thanks must go to the Committee including the 6 Captains for doing a great job in a very difficult season.

Meeting closed at 3pm (C. Garvey was most upset that we missed Abide With Me).



FOOTBALL HON SEC REPORT Season 2010/11

Although in name I am the Hon Sec, I do appreciate and acknowledge the additional contribution from Eddie O'Brien who undertakes the responsibilities of reporting the results on top of his onerous Match Secretary role. This is in addition to many other tasks that Eddie deals with that can be overlooked by all of us such as marking the pitch, drafting the teamsheet, refereeing, entertaining referees in the bar and for which I and the rest of the club are indebted to him.

The disciplinary side has been extremely poor this year as we passed the milestone laid down by the AFA for too many cautions/sendings off to for the first time in many years invoke an additional fine from the AFC league for poor discipline.

There were 31 cautions in total and 3 red card offences. Of the cautions, 12 were for dissent and there is absolutely no excuse for these especially with the FA Respect campaign which the AFC league has signed up to.

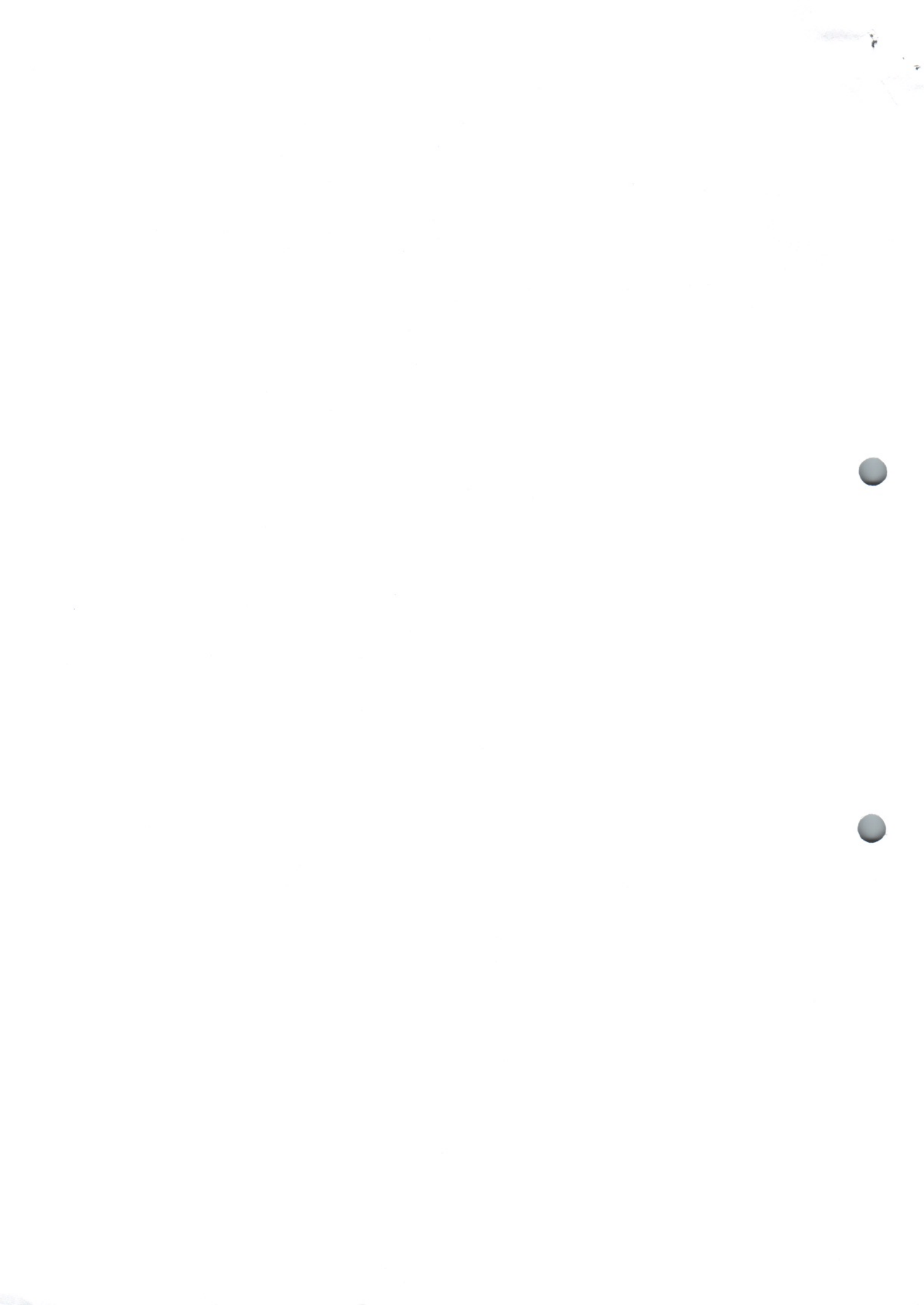
I appreciate that as the laws of the game have evolved, it is easier to be cautioned for mistimed challenges that, when I played in the 1st XI would not have even merited word from the referee, but as to dissent, if I had my way I would impose an additional fine because there is absolutely no excuse (even the poor performance of a referee does not warrant such behavior).

We have had to attend a Hearing at the AFA on behalf of two players accused of assault. One of the players attended an internal disciplinary hearing and following the AFA Hearing his behavior was noted to have been in defence rather than attack and also downgraded to attempting to strike the opponent.

As to the other player, he has failed to attend any internal hearing and remains banned from representing this club.

The third player to receive a red card will also not be selected by this club again. He has similarly failed to attend an internal hearing and failed to pay the fines imposed by the AFA. This player was recruited via Gumtree and we do need to be vigilant as to the players that join this club. Full details of the player need to be obtained including as a minimum, previous clubs represented, the date of birth and address as well as contact numbers. There is access to the disciplinary record of the player on the FA website, which does need to be checked both to see if there is any history but **EQUALLY OF IMPORTANCE** to ensure we do not select a player serving a current suspension.

Fines from the AFC have also included starting a game late so we do need to ensure that the basics are attended to – be there on time to be ready and to play, captains when at home to pay the referee **BEFORE** the game (as teams are fined for failing to do this) and offer hospitality to both the referee & the opposition.



On the refereeing side of things, we are desperately sorry to note the battle with illness Eamonn Taggart is fighting, but are pleased that he has been well enough to watch his son play and attend the annual awards ceremony this year. We wish him a speedy recovery to be able to come back and referee (and more importantly enjoy hospitality at the Norbury clubhouse).

Otherwise, we are again indebted to Eddie O'Brien for turning out every week as referee and sourcing referees for other games. If anyone out there is interested, they can enjoy a Saturday afternoon watching football from the centre of the game, collect £30 for the pleasure and enjoy drink & food back at Norbury.

Once again, many thanks to all involved with running the club, let us hope for greater efficiency next year as there is plenty of room for improvement, a better turn out at the clubhouse to get the "old Clapham spirit" back, a more successful season on the football front and a very enjoyable season both on and off the pitch.....

Spencer McGuire

9 May 2011