

President's Page

Dear fellow Members,

A number of issues were raised at our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 1 December 2011 and the General Committee will be concentrating on these issues during 2012. The issues include but not limited to finalising the revision of the Memorandum and Articles of the Club. These will be presented to members early in the new year so that the GC can brief Members on the changes, prior to the EGM. The Club will advise the date in due course.



Lai See

Lai See is another issue raised at the AGM and the GC in its meeting on 6 December 2011 decided that the new policy would stand. However, if members would like to give Lai See directly to a specific staff member they may do so and the staff may keep the Lai See. A box will be made available at the reception for back of house staff and if members would like to give to those staff they may do so and the Lai See will be distributed to the relevant staff.

Charities

The Club supports two charities specifically – Stride for a Cure for Cancer and Operation Santa Claus – throughout the year and we have no plans to make any change this year.

Dependents and Junior Subscribers

The GC, as promised, will be reviewing entrance fees and subscriptions for dependents particularly for those dependents playing sports and representing the Club. As mentioned at the AGM, as part of the lease renewal, the Club must have a junior subscriber programme up to the age of 28 years. Currently our junior subscriber programme is up to the age of 26 years of age. This programme will also be under review.

Funding and Development

The GC acknowledge Members' comments concerning fee increases and redevelopment and, as part of this planning, a new sub-committee has been formed, called Strategic Planning, which will look at forming a 5-year development plan.

Smoking

The issue of whether to retain the smoking areas in the Club was discussed intensely in the December GC meeting and the result being that the smoking areas would remain in the Club as is, for the time being.

These matters and the other issues raised at the AGM will be discussed and considered during the course of the year.

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year in January and I take this opportunity to wish you all Kung Hey Fat Choy!

Donald Yap