

Hamsey Rangers Football Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Sunday May 17th 2009 @ 16:00

Members Present:

Audrey	Barrett	(AB)	Welfare Officer
Cliff	Baxter	(CB)	U12
Lisa	Courtney	(LC)	U16
Mark	Courtney	(MC)	U16C & Senior A Team
Phil	Edmonds	(PE)	Secretary
Jerry	Franks	(JF)	U13 Girls & U16 Girls
Neil	Hammond	(NH)	U14B
Kevin	Henry	(KH)	Chairman & U15A
Mick	Leech	(ML)	U11
Toby	Manns	(TM)	U16B
Paul	Mincer	(PM)	Website
James	Sherlock	(JS)	Seniors
Trevor	Smith	(TS)	U14A
Nick	Tagg	(NT)	U10B
Jamie	Tomlin	(JT)	Seniors
Martin	Tomlin	(MT)	House & Grounds
Sarah	Tomlin	(ST)	Treasurer
Andy	Walker	(AW)	U14 District

Apologies

Meeting Started @ 16:10

KH laid out the agenda for the meeting:

1. Officers reports
2. Election of officers (existing positions)
3. Election of officers (new positions)
4. Future wellbeing
5. AOB

1. Officers reports

Chairman's Report

KH read out a summary of his previously-circulated report, which will be published on the website. He highlighted 3 main areas:

- **Football.** In terms of league and cup successes, this has been the best season in the club's history.
- **Infrastructure.** The infrastructure of the club is going backwards – at the end of this season we will lose the girls teams as well as PE & JF.
- **Future wellbeing.** We need to ensure the future wellbeing of the club – this will be covered under a separate item on the agenda.

Secretary's Report

As with the chairman's report, the full version will be published on the website, however PE reiterated the successes we have enjoyed on the pitch this season and thanked everyone for the support he has received over the years.

Treasurer's Report

ST distributed the report for the 2007/08 year; the current year's report is ongoing.

There followed a discussion on the collection of fines incurred. KH reiterated our position: club fines will have to be written off, however individual's fines will be circulated. It was suggested that in the future fines are dealt with by the treasurer only. **This was agreed.**

KH also explained the agreement with JFSC over membership. We will pay JFSC £40 for each child player and £120 for each adult player for the 2009/10 season.

2. Election of officers (existing positions)

(All officers are required to stand down at the AGM, however they may stand for re-election)

Chairman

KH stood down and confirmed that he was willing to stand for re-election. There being no objections, he was re-elected.

Secretary

PE stood down and confirmed that he was not seeking re-election. It was later proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed that Lisa Courtney and Mike Harling be elected as Secretary and Vice-Secretary respectively.

Treasurer

ST stood down and confirmed that she was willing to stand for re-election. There being no objections, she was re-elected.

House & Grounds Officer

MT stood down and confirmed that he was willing to stand for re-election. There being no objections, he was re-elected.

Welfare Officer

AB stood down and confirmed that she was willing to stand for re-election. There being no objections, she was re-elected.

3. Election of officers (new positions)

KH explained that he felt the following positions need to be created to improve the structure of club and to avoid a recurrence of the situation where we placed too great a workload on a single individual (PE):

Vice-Chairman, Vice-Secretary, Development Officer, Training Secretary

Vice-Chairman

Initially JS and SB expressed an interest in this role, however following the later discussions around Development Officer (see below), JS confirmed that he was happy to be nominated for the Development role; Steve Burns was then proposed, seconded and elected Vice-Chair.

Vice-Secretary

See Secretary above.

Health & Safety Officer

TM advised that Peter Mattison (who coaches the U17B team) has his own business specialising in risk assessments etc. TM will ask him if he would be interested in the role – job description to be agreed with KH.

Development Officer

KH stressed the importance of this role in securing funding etc for the club and advised that there had been an expression of interest from JS and PM. However, as CB has taken on parts of this role in the past KH suggested they each explain their vision for the role. Although CB did discuss his vision for the role, he subsequently advised that he did not want to be considered. Following a long discussion about the role, it was felt that a Development Team would be more appropriate. TS indicated that he was aware of an individual who may be willing to take on commercial development aspects on a 'no award no fee basis'.

It was agreed that TS would pursue this contact and report back to the committee. The team will be made up of JS, PM, & ML. JS will focus on Sporting Development and PM on Communication Development and TS to pursue contact as described above; however it was left to the team to define the scope of their work

Training Officer

JF went through the responsibilities:

- Contact managers to find out preferred times and venue
- Contact Monks Hill & Warlingham School to book available slots
- Allocate those slots in line with managers' preferences, where possible

JS also advised that he has each manager's preferred slots and will be happy to go through these with the new Training Officer. He also advised that Monks Hill cannot be booked before the end of July and that he has provisional times for Warlingham School – the new Training Officer will need to go back to managers with these. He recommended too that all training should be booked via the Training Officer. **It was agreed that this role will be covered by the Secretary / Vice-Secretary.**

4. Future Wellbeing

KH invited all to contribute to an open discussion about how we can take the club forward.

Girls football

JS stated that girls football is fundamental to the development of the club. TS then asked JF to explain his reasons for leaving Hamsey. JF advised that there were a number of factors - some of which were personal and he did not wish to discuss those – which led to him advising the parents of his girls teams that he had decided to leave. The parents had then been asked whether there was anybody who would like to take over; as nobody had come forward, JF started to look for other clubs – the girls teams have now joined Shelton Sports. He highlighted how welcome they had been made to feel at Shelton, a situation he did not feel existed at Hamsey. He also expressed frustration at the lack of development of girls/women's football at the club – i.e. there was no progression to a women's team, nor were there any new teams coming through – and the apparent lack of appreciation for the girls teams.

KH expressed disappointment and frustration that JF had known about these factors for a significant time, but had not communicated them to him – and the departure was announced as a fait accompli. AW answered that these issues had been raised in the past. JF stated he would be happy to share the lessons learned as the club aim to re-establish girls football.

Moving forward, MC suggested we could offer free football for the first year. **It was agreed that this was a task for the Development team.**

Football for the disabled

AB asked why we have no teams for the disabled. KH answered that we do not have the facilities currently, but that the message is that all are welcome to attend trials. NH reminded those present that there would need to be disabled toilets as a minimum if we were to consider this for the future.

Trials

LC suggested holding trials – for all teams not just new ones. KH agreed that adverts for trials should cover all teams.

More frequent meetings

NT suggested that managers meetings should be more frequent – an idea that met with general approval. It was agreed that meetings would be held monthly and that each team should be represented at that meeting (preferably by the manager).

5. Any Other Business

Presentation Evening

NH asked why the presentation evening was on 1 evening this year, when 2 evenings had worked well in the past. PE advised that there was only one slot available. KH suggested there could be 2 sessions on the same date (but this was impractical as the earlier session participant would not be able to go back to the club house as the cricket match would still be going on). Given the need to have the entire ceremony in one session, it was suggested that the campaign medals and 4 of the 5 individual awards is handed out to each team and leave

the managers player to the end. To encourage people to return to the club after the ceremonies, a free raffle will be held if you hand in your lucky number at the club. PM to produce a pamphlet for the awards ceremonies.

Team Colours

JS asked why so many teams appear not to be wearing Hamsey colours (i.e. white, blue and red). KH advised that this was due to some teams having away kits and also some sponsors requesting specific colours.

Cup Finals

JS asked if more could be done for players when they get to cup finals – i.e. club tie, a pennant to be given to the opposition and perhaps sandwiches back at the club afterwards. This was agreed – AB advised that a tie would cost around £4.50.

Garage

JS noted that the garage was a dangerous area; MT advised that a company are due to attend 19/05 to resolve this.

Commercial Fund

JS asked if a commercial fund could be made available. KH suggested he (JS) present a proposal.

Email addresses

ML asked if the email addresses of parents could be made available, as a number of messages are not getting through. KH advised that this is a communications issue – and passed it to the website administrator - PM.

Fundraising

MT advised that Shaun Lambert had been with the club for a number of years and would like to get involved in the fundraising side. KH & JS both suggested he contact the development team.

Meeting finished at 19:00