

Hamsey Rangers Football Club
Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Sunday October 11th 2009 @ 16:00

Members Present:

Audrey	Barrett	(AB)	Welfare Officer
Lisa	Courtney	(LC)	Secretary
Mark	Courtney	(MC)	
Kevin	Henry	(KH)	Chairman
Mick	Leech	(ML)	Development / U11
Toby	Manns	(TM)	U17B
Paul	Mincer	(PM)	Development / Website
Jim	Sherlock	(JS)	Development / Seniors
Martin	Tomlin	(MT)	House & Grounds
Sarah	Tomlin	(ST)	Treasurer

Apologies

Meeting Started @ 16:15

1. Any early-season complaints / issues?

AB noted that she was picking up the black bins each Sunday morning, as they are consistently being blown over (and not emptied the week before). LC believed the plan is to replace them with wheelie bins (this was confirmed by MT).

It was also noted that the Respect lines need to be put away each week – or they will blow away. It was agreed that in order to prevent us incurring fines, we should have painted Respect lines too for weeks where the ground is too hard to take the plastic poles.

LC advised that the U18 Ladies team is struggling for players. We have advertised, but still need other managers to publicise the team. It was also agreed to bring Faye onto the committee to represent the Ladies section.

Re. attracting future girls teams, AB asked whether there were any contacts with the Selsdon Little League; LC confirmed that this is in place. PM questioned whether we could hold a girls 5 a-side tournament to publicise the club; LC to look into.

2. Level 1 coaching course

LC advised that there had been 11 requests from within the club to join the course.

3. JF Update

MC is now the treasurer of JFSC. His initial view of the finances is that they are in a poor state and all sections will need to pull together as a club. AB was concerned that we did not have a clear view of finances; MC/KH advised that we would have that in the next fortnight and they would be displayed on the notice board.

4. Finances

ST handed out a statement showing the current balances:

Bank Account: £3,390.24

Social Club: £4,806.21

Post-dated cheques to be banked 30/11/09: £2,550

Post-dated cheques to be banked 31/01/10: £4,737

Whilst this did show the outstanding liabilities, KH noted that this was a healthy position.

AB advised that the tuck shop / youth club is currently generating around £90 per week.

5. Chartermark Update

ML reported that along with AB & LC he had met with Caroline McRoyall of Surrey F.A. to detail what changes had been put in place at the club. She had been impressed with these

measures and has agreed to send out an action plan. 3 further meetings are expected and it is unlikely we will regain our Chartermark status this year.

6. Warlingham School / Development Committee

LC offered her congratulations to Jim Sherlock on a very successful and professional stand at the recent open evenings, which had received very positive feedback from the Sports department; LC to seek formal feedback from the school. JS wants to display a publicity banner on the cage of the astro turf pitch at the school – indicative cost around £300 – although the issue of using hockey goals for football training is not helpful. Another reminder, hockey goals must not be used for football training at Warlingham School.

7. Sponsorship

PM asked for feedback on the proposal he had circulated ahead of the meeting. AB suggested we offer different levels of sponsorship e.g. £500 to purchase kit with sponsors name, £1000 to include kit and advertising at the ground, £1500 to include kit, ground advertising and a function at the club/ground.

8. Dogs at JFSC on matchdays

Complaints have been received about the presence of dogs on matchdays and the potential compromise to safety for players and spectators. It was noted that dogs are not permitted at a number of other grounds. The committee agreed to ban dogs (other than guide dogs) from the club on matchdays.

9. Welfare Officer Report

AB raised the safety issue of having no lighting in the driveway – a particular problem for the youth club now we are entering the winter months. MC advised that JFSC are looking at this – as well as floodlighting – and confirmed that the driveway is a priority.

The ventilation in the kitchen is very poor and the consequent heat and smoke are a serious health risk; a hood for the cooker is required urgently - JS to progress this. MT noted that he had a spare hood that the club could purchase; he will measure it to see if it is appropriate. It was agreed that this issue is a priority and will be resolved by the end of October.

More power points are required in the kitchen. MT/JS to progress.

10. Intra-committee communications

AB raised her concern that communication between committee members could be improved. An example was the introduction of the U18 ladies team; whilst this is a very positive and welcome step for the club, the committee as a whole had no knowledge of the discussions taking place. KH acknowledged the feedback and highlighted that the discussions had taken place over a very short period.

11. Any other business

AB has acquired a basketball ring and requested that a “slam dunk” area be provided near the rear changing-room entrance; one of the parents has agreed to construct this.

KH has spoken to a specialist in sports management that would like to become involved in grass roots sports and is producing a proposal for moving the club forward. Another contact has recommended thinking outside the box – i.e. not just JFSC-centred. KH will keep the committee informed re. progress.

Following the same theme, it was noted that the youth club is a successful and positive addition to the community. AB to send details to PM so that the youth club can be included on the website.

MT stated that he can arrange for the seniors to level the car park at an approximate cost of £1500-£1800. KH replied that this sounds like an excellent proposal, however the club would need to understand exactly what work is proposed. MT to progress this with Ray Whittaker.

AB requested that approval be granted to purchase a container for secure storage. The approximate cost would be £1200-£1400. It was agreed that this could be progressed immediately.

LC noted that a number of people had requested regular payments (i.e. standing orders) as opposed to post-dated cheques for subscriptions (it will still be an option to pay the full subscription up front). The committee agreed that this could be put in place for next season.

Meeting closed at 17:45

Next Meeting: Sunday November 22nd at 16:00