

Hamsey Rangers Football Club

Committee Meeting
19th April 2009 at 4.30pm

Attendees

Committee Members

Kevin Henry - Club Chairman
Phil Edmonds - Club Secretary/ Match and Ref Co-ordinator
Sarah Tomlin - Treasurer
Lisa Courtney - Social Committee/Fundraiser
Mark Courtney – Senior Football Representation
Martin Tomlin - House/Grounds
Audrey Barrett –Welfare Officer
Jerry Franks - Training Facilities Co-ordinator

John Fisher Representative

Jeff Barretto

Managers

Mick Leech U11
Graham Sutherland U16 Athletic
S Barns

Apologies

Toby Manns

Minutes

Item 1: Reports

Chairman's Report – KH asked that the email sent 7th April be entered as his report.
See Appendix One

Secretary's Report – PE reported that our 14A team are in the Surrey Cup final. The under 12's are in the League Cup Finals the under 14B's won the Shield and the u13 Girls(wildcats) have won the Surrey Cup.

We also have a number of teams in the running to win the Leagues. This is turning out to be one of the clubs most successful seasons. So congratulations and good luck to everyone. Phil also informed the committee that he will be standing down at the end of the year.

Treasurers Report – ST stated that due to the changes happening in the club at present she had prepared accounts showing the possible scenarios arising from new proposals.

See Appendix Two.

Item 2: House and Grounds Issues

Mini Goals - Any Mini Goals issues need to be reported to Martin Tomlin. KH asked AB if the pictures of the Committee members can be posted on the web site so managers would know who to contact.

Action Point:-AB to send pictures to Paul Mincer.

Garage Security - MT confirmed that the issue of the security of the garage was being investigated. A new door would need to be purchased.

Boundary Gate adjoining the Rugby Club – MT confirmed that a new gate was needed. Conversation ensued and the outcome was that the gate was not a Hamsey issue and that:

Action Point:-MT and JB to take Boundary gate replacement to the next John Fisher Meeting.

Litter – KH expressed the problem highlighted by an email from John McCarthy (this was the amount of litter left around the field). This is a problem for the whole club and not just Hamsey. It was noted that Hamsey had bought more black plastic bins and these should help this problem. AB said she would produce some laminated notices as suggested in the email asking patrons to put litter in the bin. JB will make the JFFC aware of this problem and ask them to clean up after themselves.

Action Point : AB to make up laminated Litter Notices

Item 3: Bench – AB addressed this item as this was the bench that collapsed whilst being used by the Youth Club. Once discussed it was decided that the Youth Club would not be asked to replace this item as it was deemed that the bench collapsed due to normal wear and tear.

Item 4: Cleanliness of clubhouse – After discussing this matter fully it was decided that this is a whole club issue and not just Hamsey and that it would be better for all concerned if JB could address this by means of a Job Description which would clarify what and when cleaning would take place.

Item 5: Discipline – PE stated that he had not yet received a reply from the Surrey FA at the end of last season but our discipline record had been greatly improved. KH suggested that we should ask the FA for a detailed account of the discipline records for the league over the last 3 years then at the end write to them again with regards getting the Charter Mark back (hopefully we should have a positive comparison). SB suggested it might be a good idea if we could arrange with the FA to have an informal evening for managers for hints on how to work with parents.

It was also confirmed that the existing Discipline Committee needed further members. It was passed that Steve Barns, Lisa Courtney, Martin Tomlin and Jeff Barretto make up the new committee. There may be the need for a further member.

Action Point: - PE to write to Surrey FA for details of the Tandridge Leagues discipline record for last 3 years.

Item 6: Presentation Night – PE to look into date for Presentation Night (hopefully June). The committee decided (after discussing) that the presentation would take place on one night.

Action Point: - PE to confirm with school, dates for Presentation Night.

Item 7: U11 September Tournament - MC ask if date tournament dates could be confirmed for the second week in September so arrangements could begin.

Item 8: Expression of Interest – KH acknowledge the fact that a number of Committee positions were vacant and asked if an expression of interest be gained for the positions of –

Vice Chairman
Secretary
Vice Secretary
Health and Safety Officer
Mini Soccer Representative

It was acknowledged that the club needed at least 4 First Aiders of differing degrees of skill. With immediate effect Lisa Courtney and Jerry Franks were appointed. Funding was approved for a further two.

Item 9: Club Finances

The committee, after a long drawn out discussion and studying the figures compiled by ST agreed in principle to the proposal laid down by JFSSC. There were a number of concerns with regards to the amounts being asked for and it was agreed that we could not increase the annual subscriptions by more than £15.00 and the maximum contribution to JFSSC would be £35.00/40.00. KH would take this back to JFSSC. If it was agreed that the fee were to increase then there would be a number of options as to how to pay this.

- 1- Payment in full
- 2- 2 cheques in the amount of £75.00 one Post Dated
- 3- 3 cheques in the amount of £50.00 each two Post Dated

It was also agreed that enquiries would be made with regards the feasibility of moving Hamsey to another ground.

At this point JF stated his intention to resign from his official duties at the club. This took the whole committee by shock.

Item 10: Health and safety

AB asked what was the intention with regards the barbed wire fence along the horses field. MT explained that Alfie was erecting a wooden fence with a gate to allow the retrieval of the footballs.

There were also concerns regarding the lack of lighting to the driveway. JF generously offered to put the external lights in, if the club supplied the materials. Martin agreed to help.

It was agreed that the AGM was to take place on the 17th May at 4pm

The meeting concluded at 8.00pm

APPENDIX One

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear All

I thought I would send a note to all interested parties prior to the meeting scheduled for the 19th April 09.

I would like to apologise for the delay in reporting anything back to you all. There have been a number of factors which has led to this, and because I had felt the most important issue was the future financial wellbeing of the JFSSC, I wanted to get a satisfactory answer to that issue

before planning the way forward for HRFC. Whilst not all aspects of the finances of JFSSC are clear, there has been some movement which some of you may be aware of.

Without wishing to bore you, it is clear that the financial management of JFSSC has been wholly inadequate for a number of years. This has led to the ongoing predicament where the social club has been trading at a loss, and HRFC have been undertaking specific tasks to aid the problem (paying for the toilets/shower refurbishment and paying for the groundsman on occasion) for example.

This situation is unsustainable and I was unhappy that the social club committee were over reliant on the bar covering the ongoing shortfall, especially as it is mainly HRFC parents and guests who make the most contribution to bar takings.

The proposal to address this issue is to introduce a membership fee for all sections of JFSSC. This means HRFC, John Fisher football and cricket will all pay the same membership fee. **The purpose of the membership fee is to cover all ongoing costs of the social club without reliance on the bar. The proposed charge for next season will be £120 for adults and £60 for children/young people.** Please note, this has not been agreed yet, but I do recommend the principle of a consistent membership fee that is applied to all sections of the social club.

What are the implications for HRFC?

1. We can only agree this proposed membership fee if we know there is sufficient funds to meet our own ongoing commitments (kit,equipment,training venue,trophy's etc). **It does not mean we are being asked to find a membership fee in addition to the fee we pay HRFC.** The membership fee will be taken out of the money we pay to HRFC each season. Sarah Tomlin is preparing a statement for the meeting on the 19th for our consideration.
2. If agreed, there is no further obligation on HRFC bailing out JFSSC.
3. The contribution from the bar will be used for ongoing development of the infrastructure/grounds. This requires a complete review and changes to the way the bar is run and audited.
4. HRFC social committee will fund raise for specific areas/projects as agreed by you.

I have attached the minutes from the latest JFSSC meeting and the most up to date account of the finances of the social club for your information.

Regards

Kevin Henry
Chairman

Appendix Two Treasurers Report

Paid Out To Date

Pitch Hire	£473.20
Telephone	300.00
Transfers	20.00
Refund	100.00
Astro Hire	15,814.70
Awards Engraving	29.38
Kits & Balls	5,020.60
U11 Tournament	29.38
Ink, stamps ect	363.73
Fines	1,198.52
Nets	480.00
Ref	3,434.00
Tandridge Subs	675.00

Total Spending 27938.51

This Season we have 279 Players who pay £135.00. Also 22 Senior Players who play approximately 22 games @ £5.00 per game.

Total Income for the Season = £40,085

Out of this total we pay £7,200 to JFSSC

Total remaining £32,885

The proposal of a membership fee calculates as follows

279 Players @ £60 = 16,740

22 Seniors@£120 = 2,640

Total Payable to JFSSC £19,380

This would only leave £20,705

As you can see this season we have already paid out £27938.51 so in theory we are left with approximately £4947 to buy trophy's & pay the remaining refs fees, this means we would finish breaking even.

So worse case scenario we need £32,885 a Season to run.

With the proposed new fees to JFSSC, Hamsey would be £12K short! To achieve this short fall our subs would have to be £175!!!

Please note these figures are estimates only & do not include monies from the Tuck Shop, Fund raising, Sponsorships etc.