



# Committee Meeting

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004

### The Hare and Hounds

### Beckford Suite

### Minutes

Present: Tim Graham (TG), Alan Irons (AI), Natasha Miller (NM), Chris Gibbs (CG), Patrick Holmes (PH), Hannah Browster (HB), Kelly Nolan (KN), Jacqui Cole (JC), James Kellock (JK), Shelley Pike (SP).

Apologies: Mark Blackham (MB), Nick Rose (NR), Allan Curnow (AC), Gordon Opie (GO), Penny Bromley (PB), Dudley Bartlett (DB), Patrick Holmes (PH), Michelle Hares (MH), James Thompson (JT), Natasha Miller (NM), Freddie Van Gerwen (FVG).

#### 1. Introduction From Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:00.

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November '04 were accepted as a true record.

#### 3. Matters arising

The container at the pitch has been left in a very untidy state since the division work had been completed. The main area of the container is now for City of Bath with the padlocked area solely for Kingswood School. It was asked if the club could also have their area padlocked off. SP would speak to GO about it. [Later information; GO agreed with TG to get a quote for building another partition in order that CoB equipment can be locked away]

GO new number is 01225 734452.

TG confirmed to the Committee that Mark Cox and Glen Wright have now officially left the club.

The committee had voiced concerns about the food being provided by KWD for later fixtures. This was raised by MB at the recent Kingswood Social Committee and since this meeting the food had improved.

It was confirmed that the ladies would enter a team into the Somerset Veterans Cup.

#### 4. Finances

All Captains were asked to please ensure that all outstanding subscriptions/payments were collected from players on the list provided to them by MHa.

All players should be recorded by Captains in their duplicate books along with any payments and drivers. The white copy should then be returned to MH at selection.

#### 5. Team Reports

L1 – The team are more positive since their first victory this season.

L2 – The team is very positive and things are going well.

L3 – The team is playing well and they currently stand at the top of the league.

M1 – Morale, teamwork and commitment are excellent.

M2 – The team has won at last taking them away from the drop zone.

M3 – The team is still bottom but spirit is still good.

M4 – The team is a little frustrated at its position but they are improving.

M5 – The team currently stand second in the league and spirits are high.

Mixed – Very good all round. The team has only lost two games and they are confident in the cup.

#### 6. Selection

Men's 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> XI – Selection of the teams needs to be done immediately after the session and communicated that evening. TG will e-mail GO, PH and PE.

Men's 3rds-5ths – All happy with the arrangements.

Ladies 1<sup>st</sup>-3rds – All happy. However, TG had received an e-mail from AC stating that his daughters would be leaving the club due to lack of selection. TG asked that PB take 13 players to each match and reiterated that selection should be based on merit and commitment to training. It is understood that PB

Action

GO

All  
Captains

TG

PB

SP

has a difficult job in balancing selection with the great number of players available and the trade off between juniors coming through and full paying adults. SP to speak to GO about picking a 4<sup>th</sup> team possibly against KWD on a Sunday. There is the possibility of four other dates post Christmas break. Following analysis of the success of these fixtures the club would decide if it would be possible to run a 4<sup>th</sup> team on a regular basis.

### **7. Coaching**

Tuesday – CG stated that the juniors had been staying on the pitch after the 7.30pm finish of their session and asked if coaches could ensure that they finish on time.

SP suggested that if finances allow it would be better to remove the overlap next season and make the session longer to allow full use of the time available.

AI had given a proposal to all committee members at the previous weeks selection meeting. The outline of the proposal was to allocate one coach for each team at the Tuesday session and once per month this team would have half of the pitch to use as dedicated team practice.

SP has no problems with the basis of the idea but voiced concerns about the ability to get specific coaches for specific sessions.

TG suggested that a rota be finalised ready for 11<sup>th</sup> January. The men's 3<sup>rd</sup> team will start with the new scheme on 11<sup>th</sup> January '05. SP will arrange a rota.

SP

Wednesday – GO had passed to MB and TG that he was generally very happy with the Wednesday sessions and the commitment of those that attend regularly. He remains very disappointed at the low second team turn out. PE was asked to consider Mike Horton and Matt Keeling in his selection as they trained on Wednesday almost every week.

PE

TG supported GO in that the sessions were much better, more positive and the numbers were vastly improved over last season.

Thursday – Not all of the ladies were happy with the day and asked if the club could consider swapping the session to Tuesday next season.

Sunday – The club required help on Sundays from the teams. A rota had been provided to all team Captains but some teams had let the club down by providing no-one when asked. AI had raised the point that his team was always asked to provide assistants to the Sunday session. He asked if they could be rotated with Tuesdays. This had already been done by NM and the new rota was sent out.

### **8. Umpiring**

TG announced that the men's 2<sup>nd</sup> team will no longer get appointed umpires which will cause problems in January. There is a course on 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January and TG has a list of players that wish to attend. Forms need to be returned by the end of December. All members to inform JT by the end of the week.

ALL

### **9. Social**

James Kellock had kindly offered to stand as Social Secretary and had taken over the responsibility of organising the Christmas party. JK had hopefully found enough people interested in the event and would collect money at training sessions throughout the week.

TG asked that JK coordinate with all Captains and everyone must pay before Saturday.

JK

JK will finalise the programme for the remainder of the season and will e-mail dates and format of possible events.

JK

### **10. Development**

MB attended a meeting with KWD recently and was told that the development was still going ahead, albeit very slowly. The current hold up is with the planning with Bath Council. A similar scheme in Fareham had cost £30,000 for pre-planning whereas this scheme in Bath was due to cost in the region of £285,000 with no guarantee of success.

MB and TG were keen to stay with the development as the future benefit would be very worthwhile. A move back to LTC would possibly mean that we could not rejoin the scheme on the current basis further down the line.

LTC had approached MB about returning to their clubhouse. However, LTC would only agree on CoBHC returning on the same basis on which they left, which is the reason the club left in the first place.

### **11. Clubhouse**

Ladies had not been receiving notice of swimming pool changing. DB to liaise and check on this.

DB

AI said that the swimming pool changing had been locked when they had been scheduled to use them. MB had raised this with KWD and found that it was due to a teacher locking the door inadvertently.

TG to ask MB to provide some update progress in a future newsletter.

MB

### **12. Hockey Festival**

As discussed in the previous meeting MB had been approached by Nick Kendall of Bath Buccaneers about setting up a summer tournament in Bath. A committee had been formed as below:-

Nick Kendall as Chairman (Bath Buccaneers)  
Mark Blackham as Secretary (CoB)  
Brian Thomas as Treasurer (CoB)  
Dave Smith as member (Bath Buccaneers)

Allan Curnow (CoB) had agreed to assist in the set up of a website.

It was decided initially that the working name of the tournament would be the "Bath International Hockey Festival".

This committee would have to effectively become a sub-committee of the main club committee and had to be ratified by both clubs with inclusion in the Constitution. Profit and loss would be shared by both clubs. TG would make a proposal to the Committee in January.

TG

### **13. Any Other Business**

HB asked if all Sunday cup dates could be distributed to her. TG to ask DB and KN to e-mail them out and include HB in future mailings.

DB & KN

CG asked if Captains could be given more notice for away fixtures. MC would be asked to e-mail the remaining fixtures to all Captains.

MC

TG told the Committee that DB had expressed a wish to resurrect the Presidents day match on New Years Day. TG asked that all Captains speak to their players.

All

SP had taken the ladies to an indoor tournament but no payment had been made. SP to contact FVG as soon as possible.

Captains  
SP

### **14. Date and place of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm at the Hare and Hounds Beckford Suite.

The meeting was closed at 20:30.