



Committee Meeting

Monday 7th February 2005

The Hare and Hounds

Beckford Suite

Minutes

Present: Tim Graham (TG), Gordon Opie (GO), Chris Gibbs (CG), Hannah Browster (HB), Jackie Cole (JC), James Kellock (JK), Mark Blackham (MB), Nick Rose (NR), Penny Bromley (PB), Allan Irons (AI), Dudley Bartlett (DB), Natasha Miller (NM), Kelly Nolan (KN)

Apologies: Shelley Pike (SP), Phil Edmonds (PE), Freddie Van Gerwen (FVG), Simon Sparkes (SS).

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 6th January '05 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

TG asked GO about the partitioning of the cabin at the pitch. GO said that KWD would do it but that CoBHC would have to pay. GO will arrange for a quote. GO informed TG that since MB had tidied out the cabin at the weekend, and arranged for balls carriers with locks that the partitioning was not really urgent.

4. Team Reports

Men's 1st XI - GO said that the team had had some good results and that other results in the league had helped. It is now feasible to win league if we win all 4 games, which included the fixture against Westbury who are top. GO stated that the management of the team was working extremely well with SS managing the team and Mike Thomas Captaining on Saturday. GO expressed his thanks to SS.

Men's 2nd XI - TG told the committee that PE's job was thrown in doubt in the last few weeks and that PE had mailed him to say that he would have to step down as Captain. MB had sent PE a mail asking that he reconsider and act as Captain on Saturday's with MB and DB helping manage the team behind the scenes. PE would definitely not be standing as Captain next season. DB asked that we keep PE active, even if just to let off steam on a Saturday. DB told the committee that the team performance 2 weeks ago was dreadful, probably their worst to date, but they had bounced back with probably their best display last weekend beating Bristol University. It is apparent that the team do not always listen to PE's instructions and this was frustrating senior members of the team..

Men's 3rd XI - CG's team is still bottom but had first league win last weekend. Despite being bottom the team spirit is still high and the next 3 games are against teams immediately above them. GO really enjoyed playing with them a few weeks ago and was enthused by their morale.

Men's 4th XI - AI's team started new year with a positive win but since then there have been poor displays with only one goal. The team are still 5th and hopefully the team can pull together and pull out a few results. The next game is a difficult fixture against Devizes.

Men's 5th XI - NR said that his team are doing well, playing with the same nucleus of players each week. Spirit is tremendous. NR said that it is a pleasure to be the 5th Captain this season.

Mixed XI - HB told the committee that they had just completed a 9 week break from the league but came back with a good win. The team was struggling to find female players in the previous part of the season and had had one game snowed off. The team are through to the semi final of the cup.

Ladies 1st XI - NM said that the team spirit was good, even when losing but that the team were playing well. Team morale is good and they are enjoying their training.

Ladies 2nd XI - JC's team has had mixed results with a couple of draws and had lost to Buccaneers in last 10 seconds of the game. However, the team are playing well.

Ladies 3rd XI - PB had no change. The team was near the top and everyone is enjoying themselves. Amy Wagstaff was noted as being particularly good.

5. Coaching

Action

GO

Tuesday - MHa said that Tuesday sessions are going well and good feedback is being received. The new rota working well.

Wednesday – GO said that he was very pleased with the sessions, especially with the work rate of many that attend.

Thursday – The ladies session is going well.

Junior - Junior helpers on Sunday are not materialising from the adult teams. MB suggested that next season the onus be taken away from the Captains and that a list of members allocated against sessions be drawn up. Despite some minor objections from DB and JC, MB was asked by TG to consult the Junior Coaching Sub Committee and come up with a formulated solution and implement it next season.

MB

6. Umpiring

TG told the committee that 6 people had recently passed the L1 exam. Those are CG, JK, JC, Rachel Moss, Claire Hulbatt, George Walker (parent of Josh). These people now need to get qualified.

TG thanked people that have stepped in to umpire over the last few weeks including CG and RA.

Sue Mullett needs to be watched by Sean Carter - PB/TG to talk to Sue to arrange.

PB/TG

7. Social

JK reminded the committee that there is a quiz night planned this weekend at KWD Upper Pavilion starting at 7.45pm.

On the 19th March there is a Race Night.

8. Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) Status

MB had recently been to a meeting with Sport England, the Inland Revenue and an independent solicitor arranged in Bath for local sports clubs. MB presented to the committee the potential gains to be made from registering as a CASC. The most important being the ability to claim gift aid for donations to the club from individuals. MB and FVG to discuss how to take this forward. MB stated that it will be extremely easy to submit an application requiring only minor tweaks to the club constitution.

MB
&FVG

9. Committee Structure

MB proposed to the Committee a change in the structure of the club committee. It is becoming more and more apparent that the current structure means that monthly committee meetings are going on longer but achieving less and less. MB's proposal is to utilise the already set up sub committees to do the bulk of the work for the club with major decisions being made at a less frequent executive committee meeting which would only include the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a representative from the main sub committee's. MB was asked by TG to put the proposal down on paper and circulate it to the committee by email before discussion at the next committee meeting.

MB

10. Kingswood School

Development – TG was asked by Jane Vines to meet up and discuss the future use of the Pavilion. Jane was very frank and told TG that the school was not making as much money as anticipated and in conjunction with the new delays in planning for the new clubhouse asked CoBHC to consider looking for a temporary new home. The new development is now not likely to be finished for 3 years due to the problematic planning process. A new 3rd third party developer had also been consulted to try and move things forward.

Both parties agree that the current organisation is not working well.

MB has been in negotiations with LTC in the background about a possible return. More information will be available in coming weeks.

11. Officers for next season

TG announced that the following would be stepping down:-

President – BT

Men's 2nd XI Captain – PE

Ladies 3rd XI Captain - PB

Mixed - HB

Fixture Secretary - MC

TG also announced that he had now completed 3 years, which was an unwritten rule with Bath H.C., and would also now be stepping down. He is currently discussing with senior club members to see who might be willing to stand for election

TG

10. Any Other Business

JC asked if it would be possible for the Ladies Summer League teams to join the Chippenham Ladies League. TG asked JC to find out more information and bring back to the club.
TG asked that Captains start asking their players about availability for summer league. He stressed that it must be self sustaining and that Captains are firm with players over fees.
TG thanked DB for the recent newsletters which he had started to distribute.

JC

All

Captains

11. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th March, 7pm at the Hare and Hounds Beckford Suite.

The meeting was closed at 19:50.