



Committee Meeting

Thursday 6th January 2005

The Hare and Hounds

Beckford Suite

Minutes

Present: Tim Graham (TG), Gordon Opie (GO), Freddie Van Gerwen (FVG), Chris Gibbs (CG), Hannah Browster (HB), Jacqui Cole (JC), James Kellock (JK), Shelley Pike (SP) Mark Blackham (MB), Nick Rose (NR).

Apologies: Dudley Bartlett (DB), Patrick Holmes (PH), Kelly Nolan (KN), Penny Bromley (PB) Phil Edmonds (PE), Andy Higgs (AH), Natasha Miller (NM) Alan Irons (AI)

1. Introduction From Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting at 18:30.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December '04 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

TG asked GO about the partitioning of the container at the pitch. GO said that KWD will do partition to allow CoBHC to securely store equipment.

GO asked where are all of the balls disappearing to. Almost all 36 balls that were purchased by MB have gone missing. MB to ask Captains to return them if they have them.

MB asked GO if he was able to supply a barrel for storage of the junior balls. GO said he would look into it.

FVG suggested that we use ball carrier cages so that we can see what balls are left over at the end of each session. SP said that she has one.

4. Finances

FVG brought along a comprehensive break down of the club financial status. The club currently has approximately £3400 in bank, although most of this is needed to cover costs. Standing Orders are coming through and FVG is able to identify where the cash is coming from.

FVG said that KWD and the University have not sent their invoices and so he will chase them this week.

The intention at the beginning of the season was to make £2.5k profit but at this moment in time it is more realistic to say that we will break even, although this is quite a conservative estimation.

There is still £4k to be collected in standing orders.

There are some worries from the committee that collections have still not be completed. FVG and MB will therefore arrange to meet with MHa.

FVG pointed out that mileage claims were unusually low and that he had nothing from the ladies 1sts and men's 5ths.

FVG also pointed out to the committee that in order to avoid paying VAT on pitch bookings at the University that we had to have at least 10 matches in consecutive weeks. We currently only have 9 matches booked. TG said that he would chase this with Melanie Carosi.

GO noted that KWD thought that we had the pitch booked for the first week in January. We thought we did not have it booked and MB showed the junior booking spreadsheet which shows the corresponding junior bookings.

5. Coaching

TG asked SP how Tuesday sessions were progressing. SP said that she had produced a new rota which incorporated changes requested by AI. SP will circulate this rota this week. The only point to note was that Richard Hawkins had dropped out of the rota due to work commitments.

6. Umpiring

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GO

FVG & SP

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TG

SP

TG announced that 6 people were due to attend that course this month, these being JK, JC, CG, John Irons, Claire Hurlbatt and Rachel Moss.

There would be additional pressure on umpiring resources this season because there are now no appointed umpires available for the men's 2nds.

7. Discipline

Earlier in the season PH and GO had voiced concerns over the club policy for yellow cards. It was agreed that this policy would be reviewed after Christmas. The first half of the Season saw just one player, Matty Rogers, receiving 3 yellow cards and he was suspended for one week. As usual, all cards are wiped from the record at the end of the first half of the season.

TG made the following proposal for a slight alteration to the existing policy – Any player receiving 3 yellow cards in the same half of the season will automatically be referred to the disciplinary panel for consideration. This way, cards for innocuous stick challenges can be taken into consideration. No automatic ban would be implemented. Therefore the current temporary solution remains in place. If need be the disciplinary panel can convene via e-mail or telephone.

TG also brought to the attention of the committee that Mike Horton had been given a yellow against Chippenham for offering violence during a match for the 3rd XI. The disciplinary panel met and suspended Mike for 3 matches. This was a serious incident and could have warranted a red card but since the match was a friendly it was decided that a long yellow was more appropriate. Mike had apologised for his actions.

8. Social Events

TG announced to the committee that JK had offered to become the Social Secretary and thanked him for standing for the post.

JK gave a report on the Christmas Dinner. JK was thanked for making the event happen at short notice.

The event was well planned but only 27 of the promised 44 people turned up.

JK announced his plans for the rest of the season:-

Quiz night - end of January hosted by DB

Race night – February

Casino night – March

Clubday – April 10th

A British Lions rugby night is to be confirmed.

JC and CG still going ahead with summer party with John Darcy.

MB suggested to JK that we try to hold joint events with Old Sulians who JK plays for.

CG said that for him the party was great but a lot of people didn't come who normally do. Perhaps if it is arranged for January in future it would be better attended. This was traditionally done in the past when we were Bath HC and many more people used to attend this more formal dinner. CG also said that more notice needs to be given.

9. Development

TG told the committee that in order to properly establish the Bath International Hockey Festival a sub-committee of the club would have to be set up which would be made up from the members actually on the committee of the BIHF. The City of Bath members are Mark Blackham and Brian Thomas. The Committee was happy to do this based on the two members involved.

FVG was initially concerned at the possibility of covering a loss but happy in principle.

A sub-committee would therefore be constituted.

10. Any Other Business

GO announced sad news that Paddy Holmes would not be returning to UK from USA due to personal reasons. GO asked that the club recognise how much PH has done this season by perhaps putting something on the club website.

MB asked that someone locates PH's Captains pack and other issued kit. For the rest of this season the team will be run jointly by Mike Thomas and Simon Sparkes.

GO also said that he had met with Jane Vine about the progress of the development. The current status is that the development may be a lot further off than first thought due to the planning costs. Alternatives to the current scheme would perhaps involve Lansdown Tennis Club and KWD think that it may be best that CoBHC go back to LTC for after match socials as KWD are not making as much money as first anticipated.

MB will investigate the cost of returning to LTC. The Hare & Hounds would be ideal for social but changing arrangements could become complicated.

MB & AC

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11. Date and place of next meeting

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

The meeting was closed at 19:44.