



# Committee Meeting

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2005

### The Hare and Hounds

### Beckford Suite

### Minutes

Present: Tim Graham (TG), Chris Gibbs (CG), Hannah Browster (HB), Jackie Cole (JC), James Kellock (JK), Mark Blackham (MB), Nick Rose (NR), Penny Bromley (PB), Kelly Nolan (KN), Phil Edmonds (PE), James Thompson (JT).

Apologies: Natasha Miller (NM), Dudley Bartlett (DB), Gordon Opie (GO), Allan Irons (AI), MHa, Simon Sparkes (SS).

#### 1. Introduction From Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:10

#### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February '05 were accepted as a true record.

#### 3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. Team Reports

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI – JK reported that the firsts had had a fantastic season and looked to finish second depending on the result awarded from the abandoned match last Saturday. Morale is very high.

Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – PE said that the team was now not bottom after a couple of wins and a couple of draws.

Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – CG said that his team had now finished the league fixtures in third place from bottom. The team had an outstanding performance in the last game winning 6-1.

Men's 4<sup>th</sup> XI – TG reported on behalf of AI that his team was not doing well at all and remained second from bottom.

Men's 5<sup>th</sup> XI – NR reported that after such a long run that the team had finally lost a game. The team has a rescheduled match to come against North Wilts but they have won the league comfortably. The team has had a terrific season and this is solely down to team work.

Mixed XI – CG said that the team is going fantastically well beating Apaches at the weekend and potentially playing them in the final of the cup.

Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI – SP said that the team had finally won their third game of the season 3-1 at the weekend. Spirit and morale is still high and a result in the last game of the season will see the team safe.

Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> XI – JC said that her team is now losing a lot of matches but they are having fun anyway. The team is now secure in the league.

Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – PB again told the Committee that her team is having fun and they have had another good win at the weekend.

#### 5. Coaching

All coaches present said that the coaching sessions are all working well. Coaching will run to the end of March but SP will call Caroline Cundy to check when the pitch is booked until.

#### 5a. Umpiring

JT – 20 different umpires had been used throughout the season but the bulk of the umpiring had been done by John Holland, JT, TG, Brian Thomas and Hugh Salter. There had been minimal help from the ladies. The umpiring course had been completed 5 weeks ago and none of the ladies had done any umpiring since although fixtures have not fallen well for them. Those requiring to be watched are running out of time this season, however, it had been previously agreed that they would be watched during the Summer league. Sue Mullet is being assessed this weekend with JK possibly being assessed in the same game depending on fixture time.

TG expressed his sincere thanks to JT on behalf of the Committee and the Club.

#### 6. Summer League

Action

SP

JC said that she had requested some information from Chippenham about their Summer League tournament but to date had not had a reply. It is believed that there is an all in cost of £150 which includes pitch hire, however all the fixtures are in Chippenham. PB said that she would investigate the Wells Summer League. TG stressed that any entry to Summer league must be self financing. MHO is stepping down as Men's Captain (Cobwebs) for the Summer League so that he can concentrate on the winter league. CG was interested in the role. PE will ask the 2nds and MB/JK will ask 1sts. TG told the Committee that someone needed to go to the AGM in order to avoid a fine. PE said that he might be able to go as he lives closest to Failand. MB to pass the relevant information onto PE. FVG is happy to carry on as Captain of the Rascals and announced that each of his players will be asked to umpire one game in turn to take the strain off the club umpires. No response had been received from Tim Sparkes regarding Banzis but MB believed that he was happy to continue. NR will confirm with TS.

PE, MB  
& JK

NR

### **7. Social**

JK gave a brief outline of a proposed race night planned for Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The evening will use wooden cut out horses with players moving the horses on a roll of a dice. There will be an Ascot theme so people should dress up and wear big hats. The cost is expected to be £2.50 per head starting at 6.30pm. JK will produce a flyer and distribute. Clubday is agreed for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April. The event will follow the same format as previously with the adults playing from 2pm-4pm, the kids from 4pm-5pm followed by barbecue and awards at the pavilion.

JK

### **8. Seasons awards**

TG asked the Committee to start considering the club awards as below:-

- Club Person of the year – voted by the Committee.
- Junior of the Year (in an adult team) – voted by the Committee.
- Most Improved Player – voted by the Committee.
- Player of the Year (for each team) – voted by the team or Captains.

All nominations must be received by MB by 20<sup>th</sup> March. MB will send out an e-mail to remind everyone. Nominations for the first three award should be emailed to TG.

All

### **9. Committee Structure**

MB handed out a document that outlined the proposal to change the Committee structure. The basis of the proposal is to empower the current selection, junior and development sub-committees to make more decisions on their own with the overall authorisation from a smaller Executive Committee. The Executive Committee would then not need to meet as often with less trivial issues to discuss. The main sub-committee would be the playing sub-committee (made up by the current selection committee). This sub-committee would be weekly during the winter season and would include Captains, coaches and membership secretary.

All agreed that the proposal was a good idea as long as the Executive Committee does not run away with itself. MB said that all issues that the Executive Committee discussed will be fed up from the sub-committees and therefore nothing should be voted in by the Executive Committee unless already ratified by the sub-committee first. One benefit from the new structure would be coaches attendance at selection.

CG asked how the proposal effects the constitution, in particular regarding EGM's. The details had not been clarified but all agreed that there should be a 5<sup>th</sup> mandatory member of Executive Committee to form a quorum.

MB agreed to revise the constitution for consideration at the AGM. The basis to call an EGM would be the majority of all officers or 25 club members.

PE suggested that the 5<sup>th</sup> member could be a second Playing Committee rep making it one male and one female. All agreed.

SP advised that it would probably be best that someone take a lead in the Playing Sub-Committee to keep the meeting focused, this could perhaps be the rep.

A vote was taken on the new proposal with all in favour, none against and no abstentions.

TG added that in order to achieve CASC status that the Constitution would have to be slightly amended. MB was asked to make the additional changes and circulate to the Committee for comment before the AGM.

MB

### **10. Kit**

MB announced that he had been in discussion with Hargreaves Sports Southampton about Errea, an Italian sportswear manufacturer who are primarily known for football shirts. Coinciding with MB's initial contact, Errea had started the development of a new shirt specifically for hockey. Hargreaves, owned by David Faulkner who knows Paul Barber from the Seoul Olympic Squad, will be sending MB a sample shirt with a view to CoBHC being the first club to wear the new shirt. This would be great publicity for both the club and Errea. MB will meet with Hargreaves in the near future.

MB

In parallel, MB is seeking sponsorship from local companies to sponsor the club in order to be able to afford the new strip.

HB asked if the shirts would be available in a fitted ladies style. MB did not have any specifics at the moment but thought that this would be available.

JK asked what the shirt material would be like. MB said that he thought that it would be similar to the football shirts being a modern wicking material with vents under the arms and in the back.

### **11. Clubhouse.**

MB had been to Lansdown Tennis Club to discuss the possibility of moving back there for the 2005/6 season. The initial meeting was very promising but subsequent meetings had brought back an expensive offer from LTC. They require CoBHC to pay £10 per head in membership at a total cost of £1300 per annum for the use of the showers alone. Food was also going to be £3 per head which would increase annual food costs by 50%.

JT asked if the club could use the school for showering/changing then come to Hare & Hounds for hospitality. TG told JT that the main issue for KWD was the showering and availability of the pavilion.

KN also said that a proper base is required for social activities in order for teams to bond.

MB would continue with negotiations but a bottom line will be needed from FVG.

MB &  
FVG

### **12. Officers**

The AGM is now set for 19<sup>th</sup> May and nominations for officers are required before that date.

#### Men's teams:

JK is interested in the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captaincy.

MHo has agreed to take over the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI from PE although DB has also stated his interest in the role.

CG will continue with the 3rds

AI is currently uncertain as 4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain.

NR is very happy to continue with the 5<sup>th</sup> XI.

#### Ladies's teams:

NM is not sure about continuing with the Ladies 1st XI and will poll her players. SP will not be continuing as Vice Captain.

JC is thinking about stepping down as 2nd XI Captain and is looking for a suitable replacement.

PB is definitely stepping down as Captain of the 3rd XI with Sue Mullet potentially interested in taking over. PB said that she may still keep coming to meetings to share the responsibilities.

It is hoped to set up a more formal 4th XI next season and Annette Pettit and Ellie Gardner are both interested in being Captain.

HB has had no luck yet in finding a replacement for the Mixed XI.

Candidates are needed by end April

#### Other Officers:

JT agreed to stay on as Umpire Coordinator.

KN will carry on as Ladies Fixture Secretary.

MC is stepping down as Fixture Secretary and a replacement would be needed to book the pitches.

TG wishes to step away from organising the men's non league fixtures. JT considering taking over.

FVG & MB are carrying on.

AH is stepping down as kit manager with MB taking over any responsibilities.

JK would like to step down as Social Secretary and is looking for a replacement.

MB had asked TG to consider becoming President of the Club since BT was stepping down. TG agreed to this primarily figurehead role.

GO is happy to carry on as head coach.

### **13. AGM Date and Arrangements**

The AGM is now set for Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>. MB was asked to book a venue, hopefully the pavilion from 7.30pm. A brief Committee meeting would be held immediately prior to the AGM at 6pm.

MB

FVG had mailed TG to say that the club finances were looking a lot healthier and TG, FVG and MB would meet before the AGM to discuss the season's outcome and make any recommendations to the Committee regarding next season's subscriptions.

MB, TG  
& FVG

### **14. Any Other Business**

PB had been discussing membership with MB in respect of the Ladies' 3rds goalkeeper, Claire Tregunna, and it was thought that goal keepers may be entitled to a subscription discount. TG said that no discount was available but financial assistance with kit purchase was possible on written request by the player.

SP said that her team had been fined for late results and had paid the fine on behalf of the club. MB asked her to speak to FVG for reimbursement.

SP

MB had suggested to TG that the club put BT's name forward to the membership at the AGM as a life member as recognition of his service to the club over the years. All agreed that this was a good idea.

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

No meeting was agreed due to the forthcoming AGM. Any committee matters between now and 19 May could be dealt with by email.

The meeting was closed at 20:50.