



# Committee Meeting

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004

### The Hare and Hounds

### Beckford Suite

### Minutes

Present: Tim Graham (TG), Nick Rose (NR), Gordon Opie (GO), Mark Blackham (MB), Natasha Miller (NM), Chris Gibbs (CG), Patrick Holmes (PH), Hannah Browster (HB), Kelly Nolan (KN), Phil Edmonds (PE), Michelle Hares (MHa), Jackie Cole (JC), Natasha Miller (NM), Glen Wright (GW).

Apologies: Allan Irons (AI), Dudley Bartlett (DB).

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> September, '04 were accepted as a true record.

#### 3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. Team Reports

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI - PH - The team is almost there. The team narrowly lost at the weekend conceding three short corners. After next week the team should be where we want it to be.

Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI - PE - The team could do better, drawing at the weekend, losing a 2-0 lead. The team is still settling down after a lot of changes to personnel.

Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI - CG - Pre season was not a good indicator of what is to come over the season. After losing 5-0 at the weekend it looks like the team will be fighting relegation again.

Men's 4<sup>th</sup> XI - AI - The team is as he would like. The Captain has told his team what he wants but they are not yet doing it.

Men's 5<sup>th</sup> XI - NR - The team has made a promising start with a draw. The team has good spirit and a lot of the players are attending training.

Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI - NM - Results not going the way they would like but new players coming in need to settle into the team. The spirit remains positive and optimistic.

Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> XI - JC - The team has lost the first two games but players are still getting used to each other after losing some players to 1sts and new players arriving. JC commented that the coaching they are receiving from James Kellock, Hugh Salter and GW is excellent. The team are aiming for a middle to top finish.

Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI - PB - The players are enjoying playing. The team won 11-0 against Chippenham 5ths.

Mixed XI - HB - The squad has swelled in number but getting a balance of players is difficult. Alistair Laurence is keen to play regularly in goal. The team has lost 2 matches and won 1. At a recent tournament the mixed team had won 3, draw 2 and lost 1.

#### 5. Selection

TG - Due to new members there are now approximately 30 players capable of playing men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI hockey. This is not the case with the ladies. This situation is good but is causing selection problems. The new selection policy would help choose between border line players.

NR - agreed that selection is now more organised and that this is better for the club.

GO requested that anyone unhappy with selection should contact him and he will give feedback on the reasons. However, once the decision is made, the committee must support that. GO voiced his desire to select teams for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI after Wednesday training, announcing the teams actually at the training session. He believes that this will make selection easier and possibly make the players more focused at training. Selection should still take place on Monday but the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squads will be provisional pending the training session. The teams will not be released to paper. All at the meeting agreed to give it a try. Captains will have to speak to those that can't come to training to tell them which team they are in despite most members having access to the internet. PE and PH to decide the best method to announce

the teams.

The Ladies are happy to stay as is.

TG – commented that he is happy with the way selection is going and number of Captains/Coaches attending

PH & PE

## **6. Coaching.**

### **a) Junior**

NM now has nearly 45 juniors attending the Tuesday session and needs to increase number of assistants on her rota. The same applies for Sunday which is more complicated given that there are tournaments to take into account.

Space is limited on Tuesday because the pitch is being shared. The session is having to be in the form of a Game first then skills. This is not ideal.

More balls are needed. NR/HB to speak to SP and get the 36 balls that were purchased by MB for the juniors.

NR & HB

GO told the committee that the green grit bin had been provided at the pitch by KWD but it needs a combination lock. PH to source one.

PH

### **b) Adult**

GO told the committee that the commitment to training from players in the men's 1<sup>st</sup> squad was excellent. Availability of some key players has been a problem but this is improving as players come back from University and holidays. There is still a problem with the attendance of 2<sup>nd</sup> XI players but this is not the case this week due to the number of 1<sup>st</sup> XI players coming down. The problem now only really applies to two players. The core will be there every week or every second week. This improved turnout will enable GO to do more specific coaching.

GO commented that he had been down to the pitch on Tuesday and was really impressed. He believes that as a club we have moved on enormously and we are constantly improving.

CG asked which day should his players attend since some of his players are fringe 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and will be upset at being sent to Tuesday sessions. GO said that he is happy for them to come to Wednesday as long as they step out for 10-20 minutes while the 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's do specific routines. GO will bring it back to committee if there is a problem.

MHa said that if any team wants to have a specific session for their team they should ask her or SP, giving a week or so notice. This applies to all teams. PB is keen on this.

PH said that he feels that the 3rds shouldn't be used to make up the numbers on Wednesdays half way through the season.

GW – Thursday sessions are going really well and all of the ladies are pleased. James Kellock and Hugh Salter are doing really well. Due to the slight shift in times for the Thursday session GW is taking the ladies on a 30 minute fitness session before the coaching.

MHa commented that Monday fitness is really good and thanked GO.

## **7. Umpiring**

TG – PH is now a qualified Level 1 umpire. Congratulations from the committee. Two members from the last batch of six members on the course are now qualified. The others still need to be assessed.

James Thompson is doing a great job but is doing it by requesting volunteers and not dictating who will umpire which game. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> teams do not necessarily need a L1 umpire. The system is working much better but James did 3 matches this week. All the members were asked to support JT by asking if anyone knows anyone interested in becoming an umpire.

All

## **8. Finance and Membership Arrangements.**

TG had spoken to FVG and he had said that we now have a positive balance. All of last season's debts have been paid off but we need to be careful. We need to make certain we get subscriptions in before the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

MHa has given standing orders out to all Captains. She asks that if a player has a problem paying that they should see her or FVG so that some arrangement can be made.

## **9. Social Events.**

TG told the committee that PE had offered to run a quiz on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

On 27<sup>th</sup> November, CG and JC have planned an Hawaiian beach party. CG to liaise with Jane Vine.

CG

TG also told the committee that Mark Cox had offered to arrange the Christmas dinner. Initial arrangements of a pig roast and DJ were already in place. Mark is investigating the use of the LTC.

## **10. AOB.**

NM asked why the pool changing wasn't open on Saturday. DB had sent an e-mail to Jane Vine. GO to

provide a number for the caretaker. (07834 423325).

TG – An incident had occurred in last weeks Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> XI match. Kat Hart had been physically taken out and sworn at by a Frome player. Mel Carosi had sent a report to TG who checked with JK, GW and Kat's mother who were all spectating. All agreed that the matter should be taken further; therefore a letter had been sent by TG. Copy given to MB for the file.

MB informed the Chairman of an incident where members from the ladies Jaspers team were rude to the bar staff at the H&H. The landlady at the H&H do not want them at the bar again.

TG requested that all unnecessary e-mails be cut out and any matters left to committee meetings where possible.

All

JC asked that anyone wanting to contact her urgently should call her as she does not always check e-mail.

CG asked about the new strip that had been seen about the club.

TG went on to tell the committee that PH had managed to get sponsorship for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for a new set of shirts. These would be owned by the club. TG and PH hopes that this doesn't cause problems with the rest of the club since 1sts will be wearing a different kit to the rest of club, although the colours are the same. The new shorts and socks are available for any members to buy from JMS. PH advised that they are cheaper to buy in batch. The shorts are £18 or £20. and the socks £6.

MB asked if all Captains could return any strip that they hold so that more full sets can be made.

All  
Captains

GW asked if the committee would consider giving him a reduction in membership fees based on the number of meetings and coaching that he attends. HB said that this is a fair point since GW has worked really hard for 2 seasons.

PH – There a lot of members that do work for club for nothing and they deserve something back.

NM – There are a lot of others that could qualify for this and it would cost the club a great deal of money.

GO – Agreed that it is worth the committee looking at individual cases, potentially giving a token reduction. He suggested that the club produce a proforma /questionnaire for coaches to complete.

MHa – offered to study who is eligible, consult with TG and bring back information to the committee next month.

MHa

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

The next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 7pm at the Hare and Hounds Beckford Suite.

The meeting was closed at 20.10.