

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE HORNSEY CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 1987

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Present: N Barrett, R Rookes, N Stevens, M Miley, Sue Cunliffe  
D Blakemore, A Nicholson, A Hibbert, W Flasjner,  
A Delaney, H Matthews *S. Dawson*

Apologies: P Boizot, M Bennett, A Latter

1. Minutes of the last meeting

Sue Cunliffe pointed out that item 3(c) should refer to "tennis courts", not "floodlights". With this amendment, the minutes were accepted.

2. Matters Arising

a) Men's training

A Delaney wanted fitness training for the top teams to be separate from Club training. The committee felt that Tuesday training was a Club session for all members including the first teams, although there was of course no objection to extra training if he wished.

It was noted that skills training starts on Thursday 27 August at the Arsenal - by invitation of A Delaney only.

b) Ladies' Training

The ladies will also be training at Arsenal on Wednesday.

c) Training on the Tennis Courts

There are no plans for floodlights in the near future due to technical difficulties.

Regarding the use, the Hornsey Committee representatives were asked to point out that there would be no conflict with the tennis section as we wished to train only when it is too dark for tennis (by using the car-park light) and when the grass pitches are unfit. Furthermore, it was pointed out that Hornsey Club minutes at the time the pitch was laid stressed the multi-use nature of the surface.

d) Training Levy

A Nicholson has practice balls and will obtain cones. A discussion ensued whether the training levy should be raised only on those who trained or on the whole club. With the chairman's casting vote (5-4), the former was decided.

e) Trials

Both Highgate Wood pitches have been booked for 12 and 19 September. The ladies are providing teas on 12 September: the men are not.

f) Selection

We have so far failed to find a serviceable typewriter.

g) Fixtures and Fixture Card

The 4th XI game with Mid-Surrey has been accepted and the conflicting game with Barnet will have to be dropped. Fixture cards should be ready by 19 September. The linen-backed cards had been prohibitively expensive (about twice the price) but D Blakemore will investigate other designs for next season.

A Delaney and P Boizot had still to discuss the President's Day.

h) Equipment

- i) A. Nicholson is still collecting information on track suits and sweaters but would feel happier if he had a better idea of demand. Furthermore, if we were to seek sponsorship, it would seem better to delay for a short while in order to incorporate the sponsor's logo on the tracksuit.
- ii) A Nicholson will prepare a "shopping list" for each captain to take around his team.
- iii) A Nicholson will arrange with Mark Allen for a supply of shirts and socks to be kept securely at the club.

i) Teas

R Rookes had not yet contacted Phyllis but will do so with a view to teas commencing on 3 October.

j) Match Secretary/Pitches

- i) The committee thanked S Dawson for accepting the role of match secretary, and noted his proviso that work commitments may force him to withdraw.
- ii) Haggerstone had been informed of their irregular goals although it was not known if they had been repaired. Mark Allen was about to repair the goals at the Hornsey Club.
- iii) Steve Dawson stated that mole draining of the Pavilion pitch would not be worthwhile.

k) Ladies' Umpire

No umpire had been found. W Flasjner had obtained support from other clubs and will raise the difficulties at the Middlesex LHA meeting on 4 October.

l) Social Events

- i) N Stevens reported that the majority seemed to support the same format for the Dinner & Dance.
- ii) N Stevens was organising a barbecue for 19 September, followed later by a disco. He will arrange food and payment would be collected at the time.
- iii) A Committee dinner will take place at Borscht n'Tears, Beauchamp Place, at 8.30 on Wednesday 30 September. Please confirm to N Barrett in advance.

m) Developments

- i) Astro Pitch. It appears that no subsidy from the Sports Council would be available for at least 2 years. It was understood that there were a number of technical difficulties concerning the ground itself and that the idea of £140,000 was probably too optimistic. S Dawson has some knowledge of this field and P Boizot will be asked to talk to him before embarking on any major developments.
  - ii) Coach. Regrettably no response had been received to the advertisement in Hockey Digest. Another advert is being placed in a similar Australian magazine.
  - iii) Sponsorship. N Barrett had not yet contacted the HA for guidelines. He will raise in particular the question of advertising on shirts.  
  
D McCarthy was moving to Australia so A Nicholson and A Dent will meet shortly to discuss ideas and then talk to P Boizot on a commercial footing.
  - iv) A Deloney is contacting the Hampstead & Highgate Express and LAM magazine for press release.
- n) D Teale had apparently already left the area. N Barrett will try to trace him.

3) HNC Accounts

N Barrett explained that 3 accounts were held.

- i) "No 2 Account" (formerly the "Drainage Fund") contained outstanding loans from those members who had loaned money to the original fund. At the last AGM an appeal had gone out to all members asking those who had had loans to come forward, but with little response.
- ii) "Woodpecker Fund", which provides an annual trophy.
- iii) Boizot fund, to sponsor foreign tours in case of success in European Club competitions.

R Rookes will contact S Purnell to change the signatory to the accounts.

#### 4. Any Other Business

- i) Rule Changes. It was suggested that these should be listed in the first bulletin during the season.
- ii) The pre-season bulletin to all members was noted but the committee felt that an extra thrust was needed to remind members of the games on 12 and 19 September and the barbecue and disco of 19 September. N Stevens will arrange.
- iii) More headed notepaper was required. A Nicholson will arrange art-work and M Miley the printing. Only a gross will be ordered in case of sponsorship.

NEXT MEETING was set for Monday 12 October 1987 at 7.30pm.