

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE HORNSEY CLUB ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 1987

Present: P Boizot, N Borrett, R Rookes, A Nicholson, D Blakemore,
M Bennett, S Dawson, Sue Cunliffe, D Sammons, A Latter,
W Flasjner, N Stevens.

Apologies: A Delaney, M Miley

Add. c.c. M. Blanning
P. Vann
C. Cunliffe

1. Minutes of the last meeting

S Dawson had been omitted from the list of those present.
With this amendment, the minutes were accepted.

2. Matters arising

a) Men's Training

The HA London Development Officer, Mr Brum van Asselt, had agreed to train the 1st XI at the Arsenal on Thursdays, provided that the numbers were limited to 1st team squad members only.

Whilst supporting this move, the committee felt that many players who wanted coaching would now miss out. Captains were asked to poll their sides to ascertain if there was sufficient interest to organise another skills coaching evening. Captains should revert to the secretary who will take the necessary steps.

b) Training levy

A Nicholson had not received any money and A Delaney is asked hereby to ensure collection. A Nicholson was concerned that the cones were not kept securely and feared that some were missing. A Nicholson will ask M Allen to find some secure locker to keep them, and if any cones are missing, a notice will be put in the bulletin.

c) Trials Day

The committee expressed their thanks to J McCabe and L Flack for organising the day.

d) Selection & Bulletin

The structure of the team sheet was good. Since M Miley was having difficulty getting to the club on Monday evenings, the selection committee will investigate ways of getting the teams to her. Taxi or fax (Kettner's no: 01 434 1214) were thought acceptable.

e) Teas

Phyllis Egan had been horrified at the state of the kitchen. This will be raised at the next Hornsey Club Committee.

f) Ladies' Umpire

Middlesex LHA agreed to find umpires for our league games this season. The ladies will nominated 3 for umpire's training for next season.

g) Social Events

The committee thanked N Borrett for organising the excellent committee dinner.

P Boizot felt that a more formal dinner would be welcomed by many. The committee supported any initiative in this direction and P Boizot will ask a veteran's player to organise it.

h) Astro Pitch

P Boizot reported that he had obtained a survey report (which was passed to S Dawson for review) for the large school pitch and that a number of developments in astro turf technology could result in cheaper surfaces. S Elgar and H Smith had volunteered to do a business forecast, to see if we could operate a pitch on a commercially sound basis.

The committee felt that we should continue pursuing the dual aims of permission to us the site and the right type of surface.

i) Pavilion Pitch

Unless effective drainage can be found, the pitch is worthless. P Boizot had been advised to contact White Horse Contractors, Abingdon, whose sophisticated drainage technique has been successful elsewhere. Provisionally, White House had estimated the cost at £6-8,000, which S Dawson felt was probably good value. P Boizot offered to pay for the survey himself, for which the committee were grateful, and he will pass a copy of the survey report to S Dawson.

j) Sponsorship

A Nicholson and A Dent had some thoughts which they wished to put to P Boizot (for commercial guidance) after N Borrett had received the promised information pack from the HA.

k) D Teale seems to have disappeared.

3. Agenda

a) Membership

R Rookes reported that there was a large pool of men whom we could not reasonably offer games on a regular basis.

Provided that the Hornsey Club had no objection, it was agreed to write to them offering them social membership status (£10 per year) with the possibility of games later in the season. (NB: The Hornsey Club advice that they have no objection provided that some kind of appropriate playing subscription is levied on those who do have games).

b) Haggerston

The goals were too small and the backboards were not high enough.

S Dawon had spoken to the authorities who had promised to replace the "practice goals" with the "international goals" this week. However, the council doubted that they could provide the additional 6" of backboard. D Blakemore is due to play at Haggerston this weekend and will see if it is possible to attach additional timber to the current boards.

c) Presidents Day

Due to the unprecedented amount of rainfall, the pitches could not be guaranteed and it was agreed to postpone this event.

d) Statement from the Club Captain

N Borrett advised that he had accepted a job in the north of England and would be leaving the club at the end of December. The Committee thanked him for all the work he had done since joining the club in 1971.

4. Any Other Business

Fixtures

D Blakemore stated that the National League would come into operation next season, and the London League would lose 8 teams. Therefore we would lose 8 first team fixtures, and he did not know if there were any plans within the London League to fill those gaps. He will speak to the London League rep, Mr H Watson.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7 December 1987 at 7.30 pm,
at the Hornsey Club.