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HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB.....CIRCULAR FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE HORNSEY AND HOCKEY COMMITTEES.

DEEP TROUBLE

Having bullied and threatened I have had great success in getting the £37.00 (sub + levy) from the hockey members. However I now find I don't have the pitches to allow them to play hockey. The position is as follows:-

- Grass Scoreboard pitch.....out for most of the season to allow the grass to knit and the pitch to settle.
- Grass Pavilion pitch.....Actually got one match played,now utterly waterlogged and almost certainly unfit for the remainder of the season.
- Creighton North shale pitches.....Unfit for three weeks,utterly waterlogged with the clay under soil having come to the surface. Council unable to spend the£60,000 needed...unfit for the season.
- Highgate Wood small pitch.....fit but this pitch is for schoolboys and only the very lower teams can really play on it,much to my embarassment with oppositions.
- Corams Fields.....(half an hour from club)..rubber all weather pitch not cheap. Paid up until Christmas.

With three or four teams at home each Saturday you can imagine the utter dilemma I face. With members having paid subs I cannot cancel two or three matches each week(I don't intend to do so) with the result of lost bar revenue and Hampstead becoming a three team club.(or four) with further loss in revenue to the club.

REMEDY

1. Use Corams Fields until the end of the season meaning an amount of £156 to be paid.
2. Pray that Haringey Council will agree to my request to mark the Football pitch at Highgate Wood for hockey.
3. When we have four home matches doubling up at Corams,paying for the extra time, floodlights and groundsmans overtime.(approx £15.00 per match extra)

This would cover the playing dilemma but then the problem becomes one of finance. I cannot ask the members to pay a further levy(our sub of £27.00 is the third highest of the 26 London League Clubs,plus the fact that we have already got from them the Hornsoy Club levy. Added to this we shall be asking for money in fund raising means to pay back the£4000+ loans for the drainage.

SUGGESTED FINANCIAL SOLUTION

1. The £156.00 for Corams be paid by the Hornsey Club.
2. Where extra matches are played at Corams the cost to come out of match fees and a very small extra levy from members playing there.

Already we pay a great number of expenses(postage,affiliations,entry fees etc) from match fees. If you agreed on the above very little would come back to the club from this source. I wouldn't want anyone to feel that because of the small amount shown on the balance sheet at the AGM meant we were not paying (our match fee at present works out at 93p per match).

I have adressed this letter to both Committees as a problem of one section is a problem for all,we are foremost members of the Hornsey Club.

THE MESS IN THE CAR PARK

Can I suggest before there are any accusations with nothing being done that I organise a massive working party to move all the soil back(lorry must go or be buried).If anyone is an expert landscape gardener.....joke...Seriously I don't know what has gone wrong,or whos' to blame but I am suggesting something that can be done quickly and effectively.

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