

Extraordinary General Meeting of Hampstead Hockey Club
Held at Paddington Sports Club on 15 August, 1988

Present:

D. Blakemore, D. Harper, G. Evans, W. Flajsner, C. Greenhalgh,
R. Sykes, K. Roberts, A. Alibhai, W. Higgins, S. Hatfield,
D. Kohn, C. Atkinson, S. Tomlinson, D. Newmann, C. Meller,
N. Wyatt, A. Nicholson, A. Latter, D. Latter, K. Demeza,
M. Bennett, James, C. Fillingham, P. Ring, A. Dunford,
G. Cavanagh, J. McCabe, S. Smith, Sue Cunliffe, P. Boizot,
M.S. Brown, S. Elgar, R. Francis, N. Barker, A.H. Smith,
P. Stoughton-Harris, R. Tippen, M. Crossley, J. Edgeworth,
D. Stone, N. Openshaw, S. Openshaw, Stuart Cunliffe, S. Dawson,
T. Cartmell, H. Thomas, K. Gallen, N. Coleman, R. Chapman,
D. Rookes, P. Marshall, K. Pullar, S. Wough, D.I. Smith,
K. Fleming, D. Fleming, S. Laird, R. Havers, H. Matthews,
J. Watson, R. Rookes, J. Grierson. (62)

Apologies for Absence:

A. Elliott, J. Atkinson, L. Flack, H. Watson, O. Milford,
G. Mayers, D. Kilbourne, C. Carter-Jonas, C. Soames-Charlton,
S. Purnell, H. Moriarty, R. Shaw, I. Burnley, M. Hick, N. Stevens,
C. Elliott, M. Miley, G. Tomkinson, R. Jameson. (19)

- most of whom had provided written evidence of their views.

1. The President Peter Boizot opened the meeting and handed Chairmanship to Richard Chapman.
2. R. Chapman outlined the background in respect of the requirements of HHC and the plans for Paddington Recreation Ground. The Committee had produced a report which set out the options available (copy attached to Minutes). At the request of the meeting, P. Boizot read through the report, and questions were asked during the reading.

Page 1 A. Alibhai questioned the 'preferential use of the pitches'. Westminster Council were keen to have us there and had offered us first choice of times.

Page 2 The need for good teas at Paddington Sports Club was stressed.

N. Openshaw pointed out that by block-booking the pitches, there were not really two options for social facilities.

K. Roberts asked why it was not planned that we would be full members of Paddington Sports Club. It had not been discussed with Paddington SC. P. Boizot pointed out that we had no worries on pitch or house maintenance.

D. Latter was concerned about security of tenure.

S. Brown felt that other avenues of astro development had not been exhausted, and that Hornsey Cricket Club would be permitted to play with an astro outfield. R. Chapman agreed that there was space in the Crouch End playing fields are, and recalled the AGM where astro development did not appear to be viable financially.

R. Sykes said that, since all games were to be played at Paddington, all that was at stake was where to drink.

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Before voting, the meeting asked Mr. Peter Stoughton-Harris, as Chairman of the Hornsey Club, to comment. Although the Hornsey Club was unhappy about our possible leaving, they would probably remain solvent. He proposed a compromise solution which could give HHC security and yet compensate the Hornsey Club for our abrupt departure. He proposed that HHC players become 'special members' of the Hornsey Club for one year, renewable at HHC's option, for the price of £20 per member. This would enable HHC to return to Hornsey at the end of the season, if necessary. This proposal was termed 'Option C'. N. Coleman said that leaving the Hornsey Club for new premises on a year's trial basis without security of tenure was unreasonable. We needed astros but security was important 'in case it fails'.

4. R. Chapman proposed to move to a vote. In view of the fact that there were now three options available, C. Meller proposed the Single Transferable Vote system, which was accepted.

The meeting could vote for one of the three options, the lowest would be dropped and the next vote would be final.

The voting was:

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| Option A (stay at Hornsey) | 3 |
| Option B (move to Paddington SC) | 15 |
| Option C (compromise) | 37 |

and in the second vote:

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| Option B | 15 |
| Option C | 42 |

The compromise solution, Option C, was adopted.

S. Elgar and R. Francis were tellers.

18 Proxy Votes had opinions but were not counted because

- a) Option C was not available to proxy voters
- b) numerically they could not have affected the outcome.

5. C. Fillingham proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for the work involved in negotiating and preparing the reports for the meeting.

R.W. Rookes
General Secretary

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