

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of the Committee meeting held on Monday 13 March 1989

Present: R.Chapman, D.Blakemore, N.Stevens, M.Hick, M.Bennett,
T.Carr, G.Carr, J.Taylor, R.Rookes

Apologies: P.Boizot, C.Meller, D.Rookes

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed
2. Matters arising
 - M.Hick stated that he had only received 6 1st XI shirts at the end of last season. S.Purnell to buy some more.
 - S.Purnell had not accounted for the STG1000 float.
3. Westminster

The committee discussed a meeting held on 9 February.
The committee agreed to recommend the change of the club name to Hampstead & Westminster HC.
Friday was not a suitable day for adult training.
J.Taylor will provisionally book another astro pitch for adult training which could then be cancelled if agreement is reached with Westminster.
The key problem was how to pay for the coach in the mid-week afternoon session. A meeting would be sought with Nessa Finlay, Sports Development Officer at Westminster council, at the earliest opportunity.
4. Paddington

Further to a meeting with the Sports Club and R.Chapman and R.Rookes, the latter would chase Paddington for news of their views on our continued stay at Paddington and their view of cost. The committee was keen not to pay more than we do already and would support a move to an outside public house if necessary. P.Boizot is requested to speak to the owners of the Carlton Tavern to see if they are still interested.
5. Hornsey

It was agreed to recommend to the AGM that we sever our ties with the Hornsey Club.
6. Selection Policy

Selection was a problem for the men's section but not for the ladies'. It was felt necessary to introduce more fluidity into team selection but this could give rise to organisational problems.
It was agreed to set up a selection panel consisting of the club coach, 1st XI captain and 3 or 4 experienced players who will be expected to watch all sides in the club and to select teams. Ultimately, in case of dispute, the club captain would have the final word. R.Chapman will talk to Messrs Waugh, Watson, Fletcher, Stanyard and H.Roberts to see if they are interested in taking this role. With the exception of the 1st XI captain, no captains would be appointed until the beginning of the season. It was felt that the Monday night session should be limited to the production of team sheets since the questions of selection should have been clarified by the selection panel beforehand.

The captains, when they have been appointed, and 1 or 2 members of the selection panel should appear on Monday nights to organise the team sheets.

7. London League Play-offs

Sunday 16 April at Paddington. Both pitches were booked from 10am to 6pm with the floodlit pitch booked up to 9pm. M.Bennett agreed to liaise with the London League on the requirements in terms of food and drink. R.Rookes had already obtained support from Paddington SC although he still had to talk to Linda Armstrong on teas and Dominic on the bar. J.Taylor will check with Westminster on rubbish collection and the possibilities of temporary stands and a marquee. R.Chapman would ask if the colts would like to act as ball-boys. Raffle?

8. Next season

Dates for the pitches were already known and would be circulated later. We would need a 'new' constitution and R.Rookes offered to speak to Derek Stone to see if he was willing to draft one.

The Middlesex League did not appear too keen to accept a Hampstead side playing in the 2nd XI league and R.Rookes will ring the East League to see if they might be interested.

New candidates were sought for the roles of General Secretary and Equipment Officer and it was also felt that an accountant would be necessary as well as a Treasurer. Nick & Sally Openshaw were known to be interested in the role of General Secretary and Hilary Matthews would be approached as Accountant.

9. Awards

The committee agreed to leave the award of the Woodpecker trophy to the discretion of the General Secretary.

There was also a new award of the mounted whistles of the former vice president John Sankey who passed away recently. Colin Greenhalgh wished them to be called Sankey's Siffleurs and to be awarded for some extraordinary commitment to the club. It was unanimously agreed to award them this year to Charles Fillingham who has turned out to umpire the 3rd XI all season despite suffering a back injury which may have terminated his playing career.

10. Slough HC

The worries occasioned by the manner of Slough's play in previous seasons was regrettably repeated, particularly in the 3rd XI game and to a lesser extent in the 4th XI game. Hampstead would not condone hockey based on physical intimidation and blatant bias by 'their' umpire. It was agreed to write to Slough informing them of our decision to abandon fixtures with them for an unspecified number of seasons and informing them why. This letter would be copied to the administrators of the Pizza Express London League. It was understood that similar action has been taken in previous seasons by Maidenhead, Blackheath, Tulse Hill and Wimbledon.

11. Any Other Business

-J.Taylor was organising a tournament for Easter 1990 for 6/8 teams and asked if it could be held under the club's name. Agreed, since it would give us valuable practice for the major tournament we wish to hold in 1994.

-Are the colts insured?

-Subscriptions. Without the treasurer it was difficult to set a level but it was expected to charge STG50 per person (men and ladies) and STG5 per match. No discounts for married couples, and the 'usual' reductions for students. A firm decision was deferred.

-Club Doctor. Ali Alibhai asked if he could be appointed club doctor which would be mutually beneficial and would not involve the club in any costs. Agreed.

Next meeting: none arranged before the AGM although a small ad hoc meeting may be arranged to agree details on subscriptions and selection.