

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE HORNSEY CLUB ON TUESDAY 9 JUNE 1987

Present: P. Boizot, N. Borrett, R. Rookes, M. Blanning,
N. Stevens, A. Latter, M. Bennett, M. Miley,
A. Delaney, D. Blakemore, S. Cunliffe, C. Elliot.

Apologies: W. Flajsner, A. Nicholson, A. Hibbert, P. McIlwaine

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

were accepted with the correction that D. Blakemore was present.

2. Matters Arising

Club Officers & Captains

N. Stevens is Social Secretary and 3rd XI Captain

A. Dunford is Bulletin Secretary

The position of Match Secretary is still vacant (see item 9)

Hon Life Member

The Hornsey Club Committee has agreed that N. Coleman should be accorded some suitable honorary status as a Life Member or Vice President. The Hornsey Club Committee will revert.

Fixtures

Bedfordshire Eagles had made no response to the cancellation of the fixture.

3. Training/Trials/Selection

a) Training

will take place every Tuesday and Thursday commencing 4 August for men. Tuesday training will be, fundamentally, fitness training organised by a committee of A. Delaney, S. Waugh and S. Brunton. Thursday training will be at Arsenal (to be booked by A. Delaney) at 9.30 and will (initially at least) be for the top 20-25 players. A. Delaney to contact the relevant players.

b) Ladies Training

will commence on Tuesday at 7.30 at the Club for fitness and then at Arsenal at 9.30 for skills. S. Cunliffe will arrange with W. Flajsner the commencement date, the booking of Arsenal, and the early notification to selected players.

c) Training on the Tennis Courts

S. Cunliffe will check whether the floodlights can be used for hockey training, and when (Tuesdays are obviously preferable).

d) A. Delaney and W. Flajsner will collect a once-only payment of £1 from each player at training to pay for practice balls and cones, which A. Nicholson will be asked to provide.

e) Trials

The ladies will have trials matches on 12 September at Highgate Wood in time for their first games on 19 September.

The men will have a training session for old and new members on 12 September, also at Highgate Wood, and inter-club trials games on 19 September.

J. McCabe and L. Flack have agreed to organise the training day.

R. Rookes will ensure that the pitches are booked.

f) Selection

will take place fortnightly commencing Monday, 21 September. The information system will work as follows:

- i) A. Dunford, Bulletin Secretary, will collate match reports and bulletin material in advance and bring (typed) to the Selection Meeting
- ii) the captains will print (or preferably type) their teams on a prepared sheet which will be delivered to P. Boizot's office (together with the bulletin) on Tuesday morning.
- iii) P. Boizot's secretary will photocopy and post copies to all members, using P. Boizot's facilities of envelopes, stamps and sticky address labels, but for which the club is financially liable to P. Boizot's company.

M. Miley and L. Flack will be asked if they could obtain a good electric typewriter. (nb: L. Flack advises that he is no longer in a position to do so).

4. Indoor Hockey

S. Cunliffe and C. Atkinson are willing to manage the Crystal Palace/Watford teams respectively. Members with an interest in playing will be asked in the first bulletin to contact these two captains.

R. Rookes reported that at the Middlesex HA AGM it was alleged that Hampstead owed £105 for indoor fees incurred at the Harlington League, which we have left. Since no invoice was traced within the Club, R. Rookes will contact the Middlesex Treasurer for details.

5. Fixtures & Fixture Card

- a) Gore Court have invited us again for their 1988 tournament which we intend to accept.
- b) Mid-Surrey are entering the 4th XI League this year. Since the block fixture clashes, D. Blakemore will try to find a suitable Sunday to play the fixture.
- c) A President's Day has been set for 18 October. A Veteran's match and a 1st XI match will be arranged by P. Boizot and A. Delaney.
- d) Fixture cards have been arranged at a cost of £288 for 400 copies, the cost being defrayed by 6 pages of advertising, for which the Committee was grateful (at £40 a page). The printers allegedly need one month after approval of the proofs and we could not yet give approval until a Match Secretary was found.
- e) D. Blakemore was asked to find out the possibility of reverting to the old linen covered fixture card. However, it was felt that the overriding need, for this season at least, was to have the cards available by 12 September.

6. Equipment

A. Nicholson reported by letter that he was grateful for the help provided by P. Boizot to alleviate cash-flow problems, and that he still had some stock to sell. He also advised that he would order more shirts in July to be available for the beginning of the season and the Committee agreed to make funds available to do so if required.

A. Nicholson also asked if there was any interest in club tracksuits. The Committee will ask him to investigate styles and cost of tracksuits and sweaters and report at the next meeting.

It was also felt that a small supply of shirts could be kept at the club for sale.

7. London League/HA/Fees

D. Blakemore will correct the London League's error by informing them that H. Watson is our Representative. HA/Middlesex HA and Umpire's Fees were sent direct to P. McIlwaine. Disquiet was expressed at the late payment of some fees last year and it would be

appreciated if P. McIlwaine could pay them a little faster in order to avoid more embarrassment.

S. Cunliffe will sort out the fees for the Ladies Section.

8. Teas

No-one on the Committee was sure if Phyllis would make the teas again next season, but we thought that she would. P. Stoughton-Harris will be asked to contact her. R. Rookes was asked to write, thanking her for her excellent teas last year.

9. Match Secretary/Pitches

i) The continued absence of a Match Secretary was worrying. The following will be approached directly:

Leon Flack	(by A. Delaney)
John Pike	(by M. Blanning)
Steve Dawson	(by N. Stevens)

The three would then discuss what reactions they received.

ii) The Men's 1st and 2nd XI's will play all home games on Astro.

iii) At Haggerston Park the backboards were not the regulation 18" high. R. Rookes will write asking them to correct this and also asking that a key to the changing rooms be made more easily available.

iv) The metal goals at the Hornsey Club were in order but the wooden ones needed attention. M. Allen (through the Hornsey Committee) will be asked to repair or replace them.

v) N. Stevens will ask Steve Dawson if, in his professional capacity, he can comment on the possibility of mole drainage on the Pavilion pitch.

10. Ladies' Umpires

The Ladies' 1st XI will be banned from the League if they cannot provide a 'C' grade umpire. The trainee umpire must umpire 6 games (men's or ladies') and do an examination. The Middlesex LHA are willing to help us push candidates through.

Hilary Burns was willing to do this but it was felt that since she was one of the better players, more than one person should pursue the training. N. Borrett was willing to put posters in North London Poly if the Ladies' section could provide them.

R. Rookes said that there were plenty of summer games which the ladies could umpire for practice.

S. Cunliffe will discuss with W. Flajsner.

11. Social Events

- i) N. Stevens will discuss whether some new format for the Dinner & Dance was required.
- ii) It was felt that a social event very early in the season would encourage new members in particular. N. Stevens will investigate the possibility of, say, a barbecue on 12 or 19 September, bearing in mind that it may clash with cricket on the availability of the clubhouse.
- iii) N. Borrett and P. Boizot will discuss the possibility of an early season Committee dinner.

12. Developments

- i) Astro pitch: P. Boizot has discussed informally with John Cavanagh of Haringey Education Department and P. Lake and John Cadman of 'Sportilan', who produce synthetic grass. The Education Dept. thought that no money would be available from the Council. 'Sportilan' thought that they could lay a pitch by October for a total cost of about £140,000 including lights and fencing. P. Boizot would arrange for Sportilan to inspect the current Highgate Wood pitch, solely as a feasibility study. It was agreed to authorise P. Boizot and N. Borrett to move quickly, if necessary, if any positive outcome looked likely for further development.
- ii) An advert was being placed in Hockey Digest (June issue) for a high-quality coach. Formal contact with applicants will be established by A. Delaney, P. Boizot and N. Borrett.
- iii) Sponsorship: N. Borrett would contact the HA for any guidelines/restrictions. It was agreed that R. Rookes would approach club members with advertising experience to advise on how we should tackle the question. The names of A. Nicholson, A. Dent and D. McCarthy were put forward.
- iv) Good players were always sought. A. Delaney reported that a 'grapevine' tended to introduce new players in the London area. However, it was felt that the grapevine should be supported by specific targetting of University 1st XI players, although it was probably too late to achieve much before this season began. A. Delaney will also contact the Hampstead & Highgate Express with a view to a press release.

13. Any Other Business

- i) A. Delaney asked that K. Gallen be his Vice-Captain next season. All concurred.
- ii) D. Teale was leaving the area and in view of his enormous contribution to the club in the past, N. Borrett would write to thank him, and would also arrange some suitable engraved memento.

NEXT MEETING was set for Wednesday, 26 August 1987 at 7.30 pm

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