

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Committee Meeting, Monday, January 16, 1989

Venue: ~~TBA~~ - somewhere in East Finchley

chez Chapman, 39 Vivian Way N2. 8pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2. Matters Arising

3. Teas

4. Additional Teams

5. Paddington Sports Club

6. Date for AGM

7. Next Season

8. Any Other Business

* CAPTAINS
Remember that, as
agreed, you are
notified but not
expected to attend.
Please ring Richard or
me if you intend to
come.

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HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of the Committee Meeting
held on Monday, January 16, 1989

Present: R. Chapman, P. Boizot, C. Meller, R. Tippen,
S. Taylor, D. Blakemore, M. Miley, G. Carr, T. Carr,
R. Rookes.

Apologies: C. Elliott

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
2. Matters Arising:
 - a) Kit. Delivery of the track-suits was delayed owing to supply problems. S. Purnell had changed our sock supplier.
 - b) Sponsorship.
 - it was noted that a number of 1st XI shirts had gone missing. M. Hick is to be reminded that he should collect 1st XI and change shirts from departing players, i.e., they are club property, not free gifts.
 - M. Miley to investigate sew-on Peroni/Hampstead badges.
 - Re. P. Boizot's gift of £1,000 - he had paid for change shirts and some of the expenses for the trip to Isca in the National Cup. We should check how much he has paid.
 - S. Purnell to account for the £1,000 float given to him at the start of the season.
 - No income has been received from T. Cartmell's project.
 - M. Bennett had not contacted Morrants yet re advertising in The Bobbler, or other financial contributions.
 - Westminster Council does not approve of advertising boards around the pitch. S. Taylor to check if there is any objection to nylon/cloth advertising which can be removed after our matches.
 - Publicity Officer - deferred. R. Rookes to write an article for Westminster Council's 'Sportscene' magazine.

- c) Social Events. The Christmas Cocktail Evening and Pantomime had been a great success. HHC reported a small profit and it was noted that Paddington SC had probably made considerably more. Dinner/Dance has been booked for Saturday, March 18 at Alexandra Palace.
 - d) Westminster Council. S. Taylor said that the reduced hire cost appeared to consist of the absence of VAT on some bookings. It was questioned whether or not this was valid - to be investigated.
 - e) Training Dates. Dates for the rest of the season to be advertised in The Bobbler.
 - f) Westminster Council. Are unhappy about the condition of the new pitch. It may have to be relaid over the summer.
 - g) Budget. Is going more or less as expected. Subscriptions had been overestimated and nett match fees per team are less than expected. However, pitches were cheaper than expected. R. Tippen and C. Meller were collaborating to check on all unpaid subscriptions.
3. Teas. The position is unsatisfactory. We are not getting value for money. We understand that Paddington SC is also dissatisfied. R. Rookes to inform Paddington SC Chairman of our dissatisfaction. P. Boizot thought that he had talked the tea lady into providing sandwiches etc. at £1.00 per head - it turns out that she does not yet accept this.
4. Additional Teams. Next season we shall run a Super-Vets team. C. Elliott and others who wish to have a say in the fixture list should contact D. Blakemore as soon as possible. R. Rookes has spoken to Middlesex HA about the possibility of our entering a team in the Middlesex League. A formal application by us would be considered at their League Management Meeting in mid-February. The committee approved an application from us to propose an additional team situated at 4th/5th XI level (name to be devised).
5. Paddington Sports Club. R. Rookes to write to them as a step to establishing a longer-term relationship.
6. AGM. A date would be arranged on April 18 or 19, if suitable with Paddington SC.

7. Next Season.

- An auditor/accountant will be sought, especially for advise on VAT.
- The relationship with Hornsey. Any final decision should be made at the AGM. R. Rookes to check on the status of drainage fund loans.
- Start times. D. Blakemore wants to put start times in the fixture card. S. Taylor to work them out.

R. Rookes had written to Westminster Council (at their request) with our provisional requirements for next season (copy letter attached). The Council were due to meet on January 17 to sort out our position.

It was decided that, since the whole pitch should be available, only one night's training would really be required. If a second night were offered, it could be used for 'odd' matches.

- Colts. Camden Council had been pressing us to arrange something for their colts. In view of the Westminster relationship the committee felt that it might not be appropriate. The letters would be passed to J. Atkinson (of the Sports Council).
- P. Boizot suggested that we should be inviting top European sides to London to play HHC on non-League dates. G. Carr would float the idea to London Hockey Development Officer Brian von Assilt (sp?!) for his opinion, and other opinions to be sought through personal contacts.

8. Any Other Business.

- a) Umpires. MHUA had been complaining of poor liaison with HHC. The problem had now appeared to have been solved: 2nd XI captain J. Pike had established contact. S. Taylor thought it made more sense if he liaised with umpires for men's 1st and 2nd XIs. The committee felt this should be introduced next season.
- b) Discipline. S. Waugh had received a red card in a 3rd XI game for dissent, and had been given the compulsory 16 day ban. Whilst accepting the ban the player and his captain had asked that representations be made concerning the poor quality of the badged umpire concerned. The committee agreed that it helped no-one if umpires were held to be above reasonable criticism. R. Rookes to speak to MHA Chairman L. Connor to seek advice on how such a move may be undertaken diplomatically. R. Rookes to write to S. Waugh informing him of 16 day ban.

- c) 6th XI. There had been a complaint that not all players in the pool were getting a fair share of games. This is to be brought to the attention of the 6th XI captain, D. Harper. The club had been running an extra internal game to soak up numbers recently and would also consider fixtures with other clubs.
- d) Selection. G. Carr felt that selection was too static. He suggested an elected selection panel of experienced members, not necessarily captains, to spot misplaced talent and to enforce more movement between teams. The committee agreed that a panel should be elected at the AGM for next season, and to examine if it could be introduced in some other format this year.
- e) The London League playoffs for 2nd/3rd/4th XIs was planned for April 16. P. Boizot would check if a venue had been arranged and S. Taylor would check if Westminster would be willing to let us stage them at Paddington.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 13. Venue TBA.

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Dear Sirs,

Paddington Recreation Ground

We wish to advise you of our requirements for the 1989-90 season for the two artificial surfaces.

- Saturdays Commencing 16 September, 1989, three slots on each pitch from 11.30 - 16.00 hours, to 17 April, 1990.
- Sundays Commencing 8 October 1989, one slot at 11.30 (11.00?).
- Training Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1900 to 2100 hours, commencing 15 August 1989.
- Colts We need to fix a slot for colts training. This should be on Sunday mornings and we would suggest the slot before the regular one, although we can be flexible with you on this. In any event, we will want to publicise the training sessions in Westminster schools. Will you be able to help in this regard? We can even provide teaching in school-time, but the coaches concerned may require compensation.

You will see that we are already planning to run extra sides next year to cope with increased interest, which has arisen largely as a result of our move to Paddington. We would like to say how much we are enjoying playing at the Reo. and we are pleased with the facilities and the helpfulness of all concerned.

Somewhat belatedly, we enclose six copies of this year's fixture card and copies of our Club magazine.

Yours faithfully,



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General Secretary

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