



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Wednesday 2nd April 2014, 7pm
at: The Red Bull, Barton Road, Cambridge

MINUTES

Resolutions are shown underlined.

CLUB COMMITTEE

1. Quorum

1.1. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

2. Finances

2.1. Club is currently showing £6,000 profit for this year, with all expected bills in.

However, the Abbey have not charged us for winter Pay & Play (they have had disruption with staff changes) - approx 15 weeks @ £45=£675. The Leys only charged us for the second half of the season (9 games + 11 training sessions = £2,035).

The true picture is a profit of around £3,300. For the first time in 4 years, both Men's and Ladies' sections have shown a profit. Men's profit was down on last year due to cost of adding new 5th team. Ladies' came into profit due to lots of new members. Pay and Play has not been as profitable as last year but is still in the black (£200 rather than £1,200).

Paid members are 70 men (+2 on last year) and 44 ladies (+14).

End of season bank balance is around £13,000. At the end of 2009/10 it was <£6,000.

2.2. Recommendation is to hold match fees and subs at current level, for 2014/15 particularly if the club is considering increasing spending on training and kit (see below).

3. Club kit and equipment

Captains will chase players to recover missing team shirts. Captains and Training Co-ordinator will notify Neil of any required equipment, who will place a single order with our supplier. Kylie has a load of training balls which can be donated to the club.

A goalie kit will be required for the new L3 team. Other keeping kit can be updated or replaced as required by keepers, who can reclaim the cost from the club.

We will order 6 new match balls for each team in white and orange. Training balls will be ordered in yellow or pink.

4. Pitches

Long Road Sixth Form College have confirmed they are building a new astroturf hockey pitch with floodlights. John, Neil and Cath have been in contact with Long Road, via Simon Fairhall of Living Sport, and LR have confirmed that Cambridge South is the preferred community club partner for the pitch. Work will start shortly and LR hope to have it completed ready for the new term in September.

It was agreed that the club should adopt Long Road as a new home pitch and seek to relocate all home fixtures and training there. All committee members felt that having a single home venue would allow South teams to watch and support other club teams, would increase contact between teams and therefore club spirit, would offer improved playing times, allow more training, and would give a clear home identity to the club.

5. Alliance with Cantabrigian RUFC

Cantabs are situated on the corner of Sedley Taylor Road and Long Road, opposite Long Road Sixth Form College and the intended new club home pitch. They are open to a proposal for South to share use of their club house on Saturdays for post-match hospitality. John, Cath and Neil are meeting with the Cantabs committee to discuss plans and work out details but would offer prospect of a home venue close to the new pitch.

We have a good relationship with The Red Bull, which has provided excellent teas (although The Burleigh Arms less so) but agreed that use of a club house would be good and should be investigated if details regarding timetabling, cost etc. can be agreed.

6. Club playing colours

South is currently one of only two clubs in the East Region which has separate playing colours for the Men's and Ladies' sections (Alford are the other), which is a historical situation dating back to before the merger of the Men's and Ladies' clubs.

With the club's current strong financial position and the prospect of a new home venue allowing increased contact between teams on Saturdays, it was agreed that a joint identity reflected in new, unified playing colours would be good. Neil, Loopy and Alice were appointed as a Kit Committee to produce a proposal for new playing kit to be voted on at the AGM.

7. 2013/14 Committee

We have candidates for most committee positions but some crucial posts have no name against them at the moment: Treasurer; Men's Social Secretary, L3 captains, M4 captain, Mixed captains (although Neil is interested if a suitable Ladies' Mixed Captain is declared). Committee members to consider candidates who could be approached for these roles.

8. Training

A new floodlit pitch at Long Road will allow some much-anticipated flexibility in training arrangements. There was general support for a move to 90 minute sessions on 2 evenings, with 2 coaches for both sessions, i.e. an increase from the current 2 hours of coached training on a single night to 3 hours split across 2 nights.

Training would need to be split by team so everyone had a regular training night. Agreed that one advantage of this arrangement is that it will also allow player-coaches to coach e.g. beginners sessions without forgoing their own training time.

Jack will keep Colin and David informed on developments with Long Road and look to organise player-coaches (there is a club mailing list for members with a coaching qualification).

9. Club web site

Graham is travelling the world next year but is taking a laptop and intends to continue to maintain and develop the club site! Rob B has offered to provide local Cambridge assistance.

10. Summer tournaments

We are entering a team at Ely again and are also interested in the Saffron Walden Bailey Cup (one day mixed 6-a-side).

11. Mixed team

We will elect Mixed captains at the AGM to try and revive this - Neil is keen to do this from the Men's side. Cath will consider candidates for Ladies' captain. Suggestion was made about trying to organise games vs. college teams. Jack has contact details for Anglia Ruskin.

12. Club AGM

Will be held before the end of June. Venue TBD.

MEN'S PLAYING COMMITTEE

I. Promotion of Men's 4th XI to Div 5NW

It looks likely that the M4s will be offered promotion. Issue is that Div 5NW is significantly stronger than 6NW(S), it involves greater distances to away games and many M4 players are not keen on lots of travelling, and the M3s may need to promote many of the M4s stronger players. Joe's view was that, these challenges notwithstanding, we should

accept promotion if offered as it will aid development within the club. Agreed we would do this.

LADIES' PLAYING COMMITTEE

I. Proposal to form a 3rd XI

- I.1. It was unanimously agreed to enter the 3rd XI as a league team for next season.
- I.2. Discussed whether the team should enter the EWL, which would put them in the same division as the L2s, or join the 5 Counties League, which has a lower entry level. 5CL is predominantly formed of teams in Beds, Herts and Bucks and would involve a great deal more travelling though. Overall, it was felt that tougher fixtures were preferable to longer journeys and so the L3s should be entered in the EWL.
- I.3. Neil will contact the league about entering the L3s in the EWL for next season.