

# Minutes of Minis/Junior Section Committee Meeting 7 June 2010

## Present

Dave Bowen, Paul Cox, Gary Flemming, Mark Smy, Mick Hawkins, Rachel Strong, Amanda Kember, Richard Rees, Tracy Alexander, Andy Mallard, Claire West, Jody Faro.

**Apologies:** Neil Cocksedge

## Junior Chairman's Note

It is vitally important given our commitment to use Pitchero as our new website that we set an example, as committee members, to firstly register ourselves and secondly, we encourage the parents in each of our age groups to also join. Please use the link below and send to your groups to reinforce.

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/stivesrugbyfootballclub/?action=signup>

## Club Chairman's Input

Jody was very positive about the formation of this committee and wants us all to start with a clean slate and take a whole Club approach for the future and welcomed any new ideas that the Junior Committee had. Communication is crucial and stressed the fact that responsibility is shared and if we have any problems we should email him:

- 1<sup>st</sup> team are keen to play a visible role with the Mini and Junior section. Coaches should identify Sundays during the next season when teams would like players to come and help with training.
- Paddy Hill was identified as a man to contact if teams wanted photographs taken when he is available. The papers really like using his work and it may increase our chances of coverage in the local press. Any match reports need to be submitted on Monday morning.
- the Club wants to encourage social member participation by gleaned information about parents' hobbies and skills that could be utilised by the Club in the future.
- The Club wants to develop a uniform corporate image to use in all its advertising, working towards being in place for August ready for the new season – [DB currently working on some samples](#)

## OBJECTIVES

### 1 Player recruitment

Poster for sending via Parentmail from all schools locally.

[DB email last year's flyer to MS for sending to Guy Rodgers.](#) DB will send to all schools.

DB: Need to get these done in next 2 weeks ready for printing and giving out/sending out.

Posters for placing in village halls/leisure centres/RAF bases: People to cover areas are as follows.

Bluntisham – Gary Fleming  
Chatteris – Tracy  
Colne- Andy  
Needingworth/Holywell- Rachel  
Ramsey- Tina  
St Ives – Amanda  
Somersham- Claire  
Godmanchester/Huntingdon - Mark  
Swavesey/Over/Fen Drayton- Mick  
Willingham/Haddenham- Richard

Claire has space in the Village Scene magazine in Somersham for a notice about Junior registration day.

**General ideas:**

Poppy Day Senior/Mini/Junior Tournament – [Richard to investigate](#)  
Rotary Club funding – [Amanda to investigate](#)  
Star Radio – [Amanda to investigate](#)  
Holiday rugby taster sessions  
St Ives Carnival Float – [Dave to check progress with Emma](#)

**2 Volunteer Recruitment**

We need to let people know how they can volunteer and who to approach. As a club we need to make new people feel welcome and at ease. To this end:

- On registration day someone from each age group in addition to the coaches will be on hand possibly in a club shirt/wearing a badge to 'meet and greet' new parents and put them at ease. It was felt that this 'meet and greet' role could continue throughout the season to make new parents feel at ease.
- Laminated 'Club' signs for each age group so new parents know where to go.

**CHALLENGES**

The question of why the 7s/8s are so far away from other mini age groups was raised. It was felt that having them all close together would generate a feeling of community among the new parents and could encourage volunteering once parents felt part of the club.

Fixtures Secretary – [Tracy will discuss this with John McManus on Saturday](#)

Club Volunteer Coordinator – Claire West will take on this role

Fees will be increasing to 1<sup>st</sup> Child - £40 (to include 1 parental social membership), 2<sup>nd</sup> Child - £20, subsequent children – Free. Dave to email parents with this information [DB](#)

## **FUN DAY**

New kit supplier will be there. All kit will be purchased online. A sample kit will be available for perusal. The club will have a permanent sizing kit and parents will order kit themselves.

Help needed with setting out bin bags and gazebos needed from 10-10.30 on Saturday

Amanda has donated an adult and child ticket for the Samoa trip to the raffle and Richard has donated a bottle of scotch

Aiming for the food to be served at 4pm with presentations at 5pm. [Committee to usher people to the food to speed things up.](#)

Paul to email parents telling them about the kit, asking for help and reminding them about the event - [PC](#)

## **SEAL OF APPROVAL**

The Club needs a First Aider and a Welfare Officer for each age group.

1<sup>st</sup> Aid: U7s – Mick  
U8s – Mark

Welfare: U7s – [Mick to approach parents in September](#)  
[\(Pending confirmation in red\)](#) U8s – Mark  
U9s – Rachel  
U10s- Nigel  
U11s- [Mark Pawson](#) (suggested - to be asked) – [Paul Cox to check](#)  
U12s- [Wendy Fleming](#) (suggested – to be asked) – [Gary to check](#)  
U13s – no team  
U14s- John McManus will be approaches  
U15s/U16s – no team

[Nigel West to contact volunteers re courses](#)

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Twickenham Trip:** Paul to contact Coachways to investigate cost of coach. So far 30 tickets have been requested - [PC](#)
- Suggestion was made to place an external Cabinet for News, Posters, etc on the side wall by the club (in view of parents) – referred to the Senior Committee for discussion – [Mark Smy](#)

- Richard told the meeting that he works for catering services and is prepared to supply the club at cost for certain items
- It was felt that parents need to be made aware that they are expected to be present during training sessions and matches
- From September a medical and contact form for players will be kept with the coach of each age group. Dave will produce a form for use at registration day  
DB

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 7pm at the Rugby Club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2130.