

Mancunians RL Committee Meeting
Tuesday 4th August 2009
Broughton Park Club House

Attendees:

Richard Adams (Secretary)
Lee Gibson (Treasurer)
Stefan Hopewell (Chairman)
Mark Davies (Vice-Chairman)
Tom Haworth (Member)
Dave Rushton (Member)
Stephen Howson (Member)
John Price (Member)

Apologies:

Craig Howson (Member)

<u>Meeting Notes (DRAFT ONLY – YET TO BE SIGNED OFF)</u>	<u>Action On</u>
<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>No minutes of last meeting written up. Committee remembers no real issues outstanding. Stefan suggested that minutes be written up and issued with 7 days of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Richard suggested that level of fees and subs seemed reasonable for the standard of facilities available.</p> <p>Assets - Current cash position is around £780, plus approximately £46 from the previous Saturday. The club is owed £55 in subs.</p> <p>Liabilities - £380 owing for socks and shorts. Plus, due to supplier issues, around £170 is owed to members. This may yet be given back in merchandise or cash.</p> <p>There will be a surplus at the end of the year of around £300. Turnover was approximately £5,500.</p> <p>Richard said figures were approximate due to the large number of transactions and the small amounts of cash involved. Stefan congratulated Richard and Lee on their control and management of the club finances.</p> <p>Lee reported that the bank is still yet to issue cheque books as another three have been lost. Cheque books should hopefully be available for next season. Online banking cannot be used for payments due to the nature of a club account. However it can be set up to view statements online. Lee will arrange this.</p>	<p>LG</p>

Formality of roles, meetings and minutes

Stefan recommended more formality in committee meetings and responsibilities, particularly after the AGM. The RFL club role guidelines were suggested. Richard said that Seb Rowe had forwarded some different guidelines where there roles were very different. Committee agreed to have a brief look at both sets of guidelines before the next meeting. Stefan will collect comments before the next meeting. Tom suggested that RFL guidelines directly relate to the Club Mark standards and there was broad agreement that the RFL roles should ultimately be adopted. Roles to be agreed at the AGM.

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Huyton Game and Season Review

Stephen Howson and Tom Haworth fed back on the team performance and the opposition. A wide-ranging discussion followed covering the standard of players, club and team philosophy, player recruitment, the season to date and suggestions for the future. Tom gave feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of the team and the issues the coach faces. Tom is looking forward to a vision set by the committee that he can use to manage coaching and performance.

Future Structure – Vision Meeting

Stefan proposed a new management structure for the club with a committee of five and a series of sub-groups dedicated to areas such as Finance, Governance, Marketing, Coaching and Community work. There was a discussion about the structure and broad agreement that it was a good approach. The general consensus was to avoid overly-bureaucratic procedures but to control the club's finances and operations.

It was agreed that the responsibilities for each 'department' will be worked out over the coming weeks. Proposals for each will be discussed at the next meeting. The new structure will be proposed at the AGM.

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The legal status of the club was mentioned. Deinniol Owens has been asked to look into the pros and cons of various forms such as limited company, co-operative and charity.

Stefan also proposed that the club needs a new vision in order to take the club in the right direction. It was felt that a new vision would help with dictating performance expectations and coaching style as well as off-the-field activities. Committee agreed to discuss this at a separate meeting. John Price will facilitate.

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Lionhearts Event – Council Funding

The Lionhearts event was not included in the Treasurer's report as the money is intended for RL community development projects. There is £3,800 remaining from the £5,000 granted. A new plan needs to be submitted to the council to request we can spend the money on other projects.

Marketing Ideas

Not discussed.

Off season plans, presentation evening

An end-of-season dinner was discussed. Committee agreed to try to book Broughton Park clubhouse for 5th September and a meal for players and partners, target cost of £20-£25 per head.

Prizes will be awarded for categories such as Player of the Year (Manc of Steel, voted for by players) , Coach's Player of the Year, Most Improved Player, Young Player, Top Try Scorer, Club Man and Sicknote of the Year.

CCC Update

The UK arm of kit supplier Canterbury is in administration. It is not known what the future of the company will be.

AOB

Dave Rushton was congratulated on achieving the league's player of the month award.

Next Meeting

1st September, 7.30pm, Broughton Park.