

## Committee Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008 – BHC

**Present: R. Moulam, D. Tyler, T. Sawyer, T. Sawyer, M. McCleod, M. Riley, C.Stead, M. Logan, V. Mason.**

- **River Festival** – We cannot leave any vehicles in the sports village. We have a permit for Prebend car park. We can set up on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Rob can borrow Dave's van to transport equipment on Saturday morning. We have a tent in the sports village, Dave will also be distributing football leaflets and in the case of inclement weather will use a corner of the tent – a donation may be given to the club for this. Trish and Tony to produce BHC leaflets to be given out over the weekend, 500 to be made. A strip of astro to be laid, competitions for adults and juniors to hit a lightweight hockey ball through holes. Cash prize of half the takings each day for highest goal scorers. We need junior and adult sticks, Matt to provide. Charging £1 for 10 balls. Volunteers will be dressed in new polo shirts and shorts.
- **Training** - New training plan for training this season. Ladies Tuesday and Men Wednesday. Ladies training from 7-9pm on one pitch. Also from 8-9pm Men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> on ½ pitch. Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will train together. All other Men's teams will train on Wednesday from 7-9pm. Rob to confirm with Dave the dates we will not be training for Xmas, Easter etc otherwise we will be charged hire fees. We should give him 28 days notice. Juniors will continue to train Sundays from 9.30 – 11am. First training sessions will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- **Trials Day** – 6<sup>th</sup> September from 10-12am for the ladies. Men have decided to play friendly matches for trials and these will be on the same date but will be in Milton Keynes. Time TBC.
- **Pitch Opening Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – Also Club day. There will be a mixed tournament with we hope up to about 20 teams entering. All summer league teams will be invited. Plan is for 10-12pm juniors, Midday opening ceremony, then from 1pm (ish) mixed tournament. All this will be on the leaflet Trish is producing to advertise. ? Samuel Whitbread performing the ceremony – TBC.
- **Knockout Competitions Entered** – Men's Cup, Ladies Cup, Girls U18, Boys U18? U15, Mixed, Vets.
- **Registration** – The week after the River Festival membership forms and sub forms will be posted to existing members. Postage costs to be sponsored by DHL. Direct Debit facility will not be offered unless requested. Post dated cheques or payment in two instalments (Sept and Jan) to be encouraged. Help with subs is available for young players. Goal Keepers who play in their own kit may have their annual subs waived at the discretion of their captain and Trish.

- **Coaches** – Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> – Martin, Ladies Squad – Duncan, Men's 1<sup>st</sup> – Manjit, juniors – Matt and his usual team. Men's squad coach as yet unfilled. Pete Dennis is willing to coach the U13 but not available every week. An extra person needed to help him. We still need a coach for the older squad. Young Leadership courses are active but we need to encourage them to come down and help out on a Sunday morning. Grants are available for funding for the courses through Biddenham Upper. Photographer will attend the tournaments and then photographs can be sold. Junior tournament dates to be given to Rob asap. Tournaments for U13 & U15 available, to wait until subscriptions are in to see how many players we have eligible to play. Matt needs numbers asap.
- **Committee Positions** – Some still vacant. Umpire Liaison needs filling asap. Rob to approach Dan Haydon. We need to compile a list of umpires available to the club to help this position.
- **Club Socials** – To be better organised and well advertised to all players. Dates arranged: Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, and Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. End of season do to be 28<sup>th</sup> March or 4<sup>th</sup> April. To arrange a sit down meal again, awards to be given out as this year before the food. Dress will be black tie. Venue? Rugby Club? Ath, Caroline will book, maximum £40/head including disco. October social to be included on leaflets.
- **100 Club** – Still needs to be drawn. To be drawn at the River Festival and winnings publicised. 2 draws to be done to bring it up to date. Club will be relaunched at next meeting. To be passed to Dave to manage. Paying in books to be passed onto Dave, all statements will be delivered to Rob's home address.
- **Engraving the Cups** – Cups still need to be engraved. Small plaques or medals to be given to winners next year, which means the actual cups, do not leave the club. This will ensure none are lost. Cups will be engraved before the ceremony and will be handed back after the ceremony and stored at the club. Clubs 1<sup>st</sup> certificate and other pictures waiting to be hung at the club will be hung before the official opening.