

# **Hykeham Tigers JFC – Committee Meeting**

**Sunday 6th November 2011 – Lincoln Green**

## **Attendees :**

Martin Wagstaff (Chairman) Mike Moore (Secretary)  
Sue Williams (Treasurer)

Nigel Arnold (U14)	Lee Mullins (U10)
Paul Lockwood (U16)	Mark Williams (U15)
Steve Lamming (U11)	Jonny Wilson (U13)
Simon Tuffs (U9)	Mark Sugden (U8)
Tim Churchill (U6)	

## **Apologies:**

Matt Moore (U10)  
Andy Farrar (Seniors)

**Meeting Commenced 20:05**

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

These were previously circulated and accepted as a true reflection of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 but only after a long discussion caused by the one outstanding items, the purchasing of new Jackets or hoodies.

Costs were discussed in details, leading to a general debate on club finances and overheads, relating to kit, pitches, Manor Leas, members fees, sponsorship income and general club expenses.

The outcome being that as a club we need to be more cost aware and there is a need to reduce overheads. This will be raised again once budgets and numbers have been put together for the next financial year.

**Action >>> Mike, Martin and Sue to create and agree on next year's budgets.**

## **Correspondence:**

The Secretary read out complaints emailed from parents regarding a child in the U10 age group, all-relating to zero tolerance and respect of team mate issues.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that letters and final warnings be sent to both player and parents.

Mark W – raised complaints received from two parents (U7) and (U8), plus an U8 coach regarding lack of organisation and structure of training pitch allocation (particularly on Wed evenings).

One parent had complained that the younger players were getting pushed off the area they had by older teams, and forced to train off pitch in a less light area.

**Action >>> Mike to formulate a training plan, allocating all teams times and pitches for training.**

## **Treasurers Report:**

The treasurer reported that it was an improving financial picture with outstanding (overdue) debts from members falling to £833.

The bank balance now stands at £4,069.00 but we are still awaiting outstanding invoices from Manor Leas and Insurance payments fall due within the next few weeks.

## **Club Development:**

The secretary reported that due to a change in FA policy, all managers and coaches now need to undertake the safe guarding children FA workshop, (previously only a requirement for coaches who were FA qualified.).

As the cost for the club could be quite significant (£20 per coach / manager), it was suggested that someone from the FA was approached to see if the course could be run within the club on a couple of specified dates.

It was also suggested that it may be also beneficial to run an internal club first aid course, but it was thought that a standard St Johns first aid course, would not meet FA requirements.

**Action >>> Mike/Martin to investigate further with the FA and advise dates / costs etc.**

## **Outstanding Actions:**

No previous outstanding items to report.

## **Any Other Business:**

Girls Team – It was confirmed that Nick Twine was no longer with Hykeham Tigers and as such the Girls team needed restructuring.

Tim is assisting Kayleigh with training while Mike is currently caretaker manager.

Martin advised that a couple of people had already declared an interest in running the team, and these people would be approached and the situation discussed further with them.

It was also raised that to keep our Club chartered standard status, we need to start actively bring in more girls and preparing for new girls teams. Tim advised that he was happy to coordinate this, and suggested that due to the limited number of players, that we base this on combining two age groups, thereby introducing a new girls team every two years.

**Action >>> Mike/Martin to liase with interested individuals and set-up new structure for running the existing girls team.**

**Action >>> Tim to actively start recruiting more girls to train with existing girls team, but with an aim of starting a younger girls side next season.**

Football for all fund – Mike informed the committee that we have received a donation of £2,000 from the Longdales Trust. This money is to be used to fund a hardship pot, assisting those members that may from time to time struggle to pay fees.

**Action >>> Mike / Martin to formulate a set of rules / criteria to be used to help determine when somebody qualifies for assistance from the fund.**

Skellingthorpe Road – Mark W raised issues and concerns with the current set-up at the Skellingthorpe road pitches, particularly concerning the 12:30 kick-off's.

There are two main problems, the main (and most serious one), being the lack, or lack of control on parking. There is already very limited parking so during the 12 noon – 12:30 change over time, parking is none existent as the 10:45 matches are still in play

(particularly mens teams), that take up all the parking, therefore there is literally NO parking available for the 12:30 kick-off teams.

This is exasperated by no organisation, or proper marking out of 'parking / none parking' areas, thus making it a 'free for all', and what limited parking that is available is not fully utilised.

The major concern, with many children around, and cars making difficult manoeuvres all over the place, just to try and get in and out of gaps, is that it is an accident just waiting to happen. The other problem, (with Yellow line marking on Skellingthorpe Road), is the distant away you can need to go to find a car parking spot (Ashby Avenue), therefore making it hard to set-up pitches, and organise children in time for the scheduled start of the match.

The second issue is nets and goal pegs, as each team that plays on Skellingthorpe road use their own pegs, clips and ties. Therefore nets are put up and taken down up to 3 times a day.. Ie. The 10:45 matches take the nets down, take their pegs and clips, (usually from a none Tigers team), and the next team on the pitch have to put them back up again.

With men's teams matches, not finishing until gone 12:20 (can be later if stoppages etc occur), there is simply not ample time (apart from the comical silly situation of nets up and down all the time), to get the nets up and your team ready for a 12:30 start.

**Action >>> Mike to write a letter of complaint to the council, outlining issues and asking what can be done.**

**Action >>> Paul L is to approach the council (internally), to see if clips can permanently be fixed to the nets, so once up for the first match they can remain up until the last match of the day, (just needing re-pegging).**

Bowling – Mike advised that the Xmas Bowling party had been organised for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Washingborough. Cost is £5.50 to include, bowling shoe hire and a buffet.

**Action >>> Managers and Coaches need to sell tickets and enter as purchases on the website by November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Xmas Raffle – A Christmas raffle is again to take place; to be drawn on 5<sup>th</sup> Dec at the Bowling, to raise much needed funds. It was agreed that 1<sup>st</sup> prize should be £100 High Street voucher.

**Action >>> Mike to arrange for tickets to be printed and distributed to managers and coaches ASAP.**

**Action >>> ALL, Raffle Prizes needed. – SELL TICKETS!!**

Lincolnshire Echo – Mark W advised the committee that we had applied for and been selected to take part in the Weekly Lincolnshire Echo's £20,000 give-away to local organisations.

Basically to promote the new weekly format of the Echo, they are giving away £20,000 to up to 200 local organisations. The amount of the pot that each organisation gets is entirely dependant upon the number of tokens that they collect from the Echo. The tokens / vouchers will be printed in the Echo each week, (for four weeks), commencing Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action >>> Mike to advertise / promote within the Club.**

**Action >>>> All to Inform all children / parents, to start collecting as many vouchers as possible.**

**Meeting Closed 22:03**

Mark Williams – Minute Taker

09<sup>th</sup> November 2011