ST NEOTS HOCKEY CLUB

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY 16 JULY 2007

Committee members present:
Sean Sanderson (Chair), John Brierley, Gay Jackson, Kieran Williams, Liana Griffiths, David Griffiths, Julie Lewis, Barry Harness

Also in attendance: Bev Allgood

Apologies:
Billy Wood, Elan Anish, Alan Martin, Liz Owen, Phil Gillett, Charlie Gilham, John Percival, Fiona Humphrey

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Matters Arising

1. Rules on under 13s

   Barry advised that under 13s will only be allowed to play if they are 13 on or before 1st January of the season. It will be each team captain's responsibility to make sure players are the correct age.

   John Brierley will contact the Club insurers to see if St Neots Hockey Club are covered for junior (under 13) players.

   Liana has paperwork from the Five Counties League which states the same decisions re under 13s. There will be a further Five Counties committee meeting in September for captains which Liana will attend.

   Action: John

2. Training

   (a) Sean suggested that training should be split into four – half the pitch for first teams in separate quarters and the other half everyone else.

   Barry suggested team specific weeks when it would be expected that a certain team would turn up at least one week in a month.

   John suggested keeping a register for training.

   Phil not present at the meeting – to discuss at next meeting whether he has had a chance to speak to Terry.

   (b) Barry and Kieron both felt that the summer training arranged for youngsters had been a success with improvement being seen in most players. Barry suggested they hold a few more sessions pre-season for youngsters only. Sean suggested bringing an England/higher level player to come and chat to them for motivation.

(c) Training will restart on Thursday 30 August. Wombles will restart on Sunday 30 September.

Action: Billy

(d) John Brierley suggested a Club Day to be held at the beginning of the season, possible date Sunday 9 September. This would be an opportunity for all players (men, ladies, youngsters) to play together in a mixed tournament.

Action: Team captains, Billy

3. Wombles newsletter still to be discussed with Worzel.

Action: John

Club members newsletter also to be written and distributed.

Action: Barry/Steve Moore

4. Selection still has not been sorted out. A date must be set. Teams should be sorted out before the season starts. The club day will be a good way to sort out player ability.

Action: Team captains, Sean

Treasurer's report

A few non-payers from last season still to be chased up.

League Matters

Barry reported that according to Rules 5.1 and 5.2 regarding umpires, each team must have two umpires.

Barry will produce a monthly list by e-mail/website and the captains will need to confirm with the allocated umpires each week.

Action: Barry

Umpiring

See above

Any other business

1. Barry stated that the goals are dangerous and will need replacing before the season starts and that the pitch has folds and lumps in it which makes it unsafe to play on, especially with regard to league matches. There also seems to be a discrepancy in how much St Neots pays for pitch hire, etc. and how much St Ives pay, in spite of all the local leisure centres being part of the same group contracted by the council.

A letter needs to be sent to the St Neots Leisure Centre regarding these issues.

Action: Gay

2. Barry stated that there is a cut off date for fixture lists and start times to be posted on the East website. Barry and John to advise Billy re men's league.

Action: Barry/John

3. Sean suggested that the Club should consider payment for umpires. Other clubs in the area pay umpires £5 per game. It was suggested that St Neots come in line with other clubs as this would act as an incentive for those players who have done the umpiring course.

Date of next meeting

Monday 13 August, bar area at St Neots Leisure Centre, at 7.30.