

Minutes of 'Seniors' Committee Meeting.
Monday 2nd August 2010

Present: Tony Glasscoe (TG), Paul Huddleston (PH), Bob Kearney (BK), Marie Kearney (MK), Mick Holt (MH), Paul Wilby (PW), Dale Huddleston (DH),

Apologies: Dave Anderson (DA)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read through and agreed with a couple of items carried forward for further discussion this meeting.

2. Pitches:

The working party of **TG MH MK & BK** gathered on 24th July at 10.00am to prepare Barr Lane pitch, Respect line and Goal-posts for the new season. Due to time restrictions the goalposts were not painted - **PW** agreed to help complete this task during the coming week.

As per last minutes **MH** has been in contact with Parish council regarding schedules for cutting grass at Barr Lane, and looking at other outlets for the provision of pitch maintenance. It was agreed at the meeting that there may be a need for extra cutting schedules and following on from initial training the issue of balls getting lost in gardens/hedges & fields the provision of trimming the hedges and/or some form of netting or fencing.

Action: TG & MH are to meet with Roger Pearson to discuss the issues above.

The issue of boot cleaning facilities was discussed regarding prices and what form these should take; either portable or fixed units. The idea of a water hose was also suggested as a cleaning method.

Action: TG to speak with Parish Council to discuss what they will be happy with.

Due to the issue of the plastic pegs snapping **MH** to price up the cost of metal pegs for the goal nets and to speak to Nic Whittam about some new goal nets he has stored.

September 14th no home game is planned for either First team or Reserves, therefore **TG** to speak with Declan Mellet regarding getting Barr Lane harrowed.

3. Training:

DA has stated that it is his intention to stand down as Seniors coach at the start of the season. **TG** to speak with Peter Day to ascertain if he would be able to help with the coaching/ training. An advert is to be placed on the website to see if anybody would like to help with midweek training and match days.

Training has continued with a varied structure that has included All-inclusive training, Individual team and individual training goals as discussed with special emphasis placed on the fitness element.

Following the last meeting **TG** has been in contact TFL at Rugby with regard to the availability of a full-sized pitch for future training and we are awaiting further information from Rugby before finalising.

4. Team Selection & Youth Integration:

PH & BK continue policy started last year regarding team selection in that the First team pick the strongest available squad with the remaining players then available for Reserve team selection.

Current First team squad size is currently slightly below expectations but does have enough to allow a choice in squad selection subject to availability.

Reserves squad lost several of last years' more experienced players. On paper squad numbers are adequate to fulfil requirements and allow movement up to First team squad, however there is a big gap in the level of experience of playing at open-age football.

A number of Youth players have expressed an interest in playing 'Seniors' football and have signed Alliance registration forms. During the next couple of weeks these players hopefully will all be given the opportunity to join the Reserve squad at one of the up and coming friendlies.

Action: MK to email TG a list of all registered players, and the expected squad they will be with. MK to also email MH with all Youth players who have currently signed Alliance registration forms.

5. Subs:

Collection of subs is to begin as soon as possible so that all players have paid the first instalment by August 31st. A letter will be sent out to all players explaining the subs policy and listing the amount outstanding from last season as agreed by the 'Seniors' committee together with the amount owed for the first instalment this season.

Action: MK to email TG all information regarding subs payments from last season.

Any player who has an issue with the subs will be advised of their options and given the opportunity to discuss further with **TG** possible payment plans if required.

6. AOB:

All insurance documents have now been received by **MK** from BCFA to cover 2 x 'Seniors' teams and also the Youth team. Copies of the documents passed to **TG, PH** and **MH**. Payment is to be arranged with Rucky Griffiths before 1st October.

Sponsorship and fundraising issues are to be investigated at a later date once all team matters have been settled.

Coventry Alliance League meeting is on 10th August 2010 at Keresley Social Club, **MK & BK** are attending.

BK has sent the entry forms for cup competitions this season: Bedworth Nursing Cup, CET Cup & Foleshill Charity Cup for Brinklow First team. Major Boyd Carpenter & Coventry Benevolent Fund, Stockton Charity for Brinklow Reserves. Copies of entries passed to **PH** for information.

Facebook: A Seniors Facebook page has now been set up by **DH** and currently has 43 members with feedback being very positive.

As part of the process to raise the profile of the 'Seniors' section **DH** suggested the possibility of player profiles on the website. Together with the match reports and updates on the integration of new players from the Youth it is hoped to encourage more people to look at the website.

Action: DH to liaise with PW regarding the player profiles.

All items for addition to the agenda for the next meeting are to be sent to **MK** by 20th August.

Date of next meeting: Sunday 22nd August 2010 at The Raven. Timing TBC