

Minutes of the Meeting of Hethersett Athletic FC held at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, on Monday 23rd March, 2015

Apologies

Apologies were received from Sue Buffin, Matthew Lemmon, Steve Raven and Gavin Bromley

Those present included two guests from Freethorpe FC who are considering joining Hethersett Athletic.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Matters Arising

None

Secretary's Report

Mel Perkins (MP) reported on an insurance claim for a player breaking an arm in training. MP is beginning to look towards next season with forms already coming in.

The youth league is holding a referees' course in June. The league will finance this with the only proviso that those taking part should referee 10 youth league games in the next two years

Treasurer's Report

Tim Hudson-Church (TH) updated members on the current financial situation. Pitch rentals have been taken out of team balances. Bank accounts have all been moved to Nat West. A few teams will need to cut their costs for the coming season.

Fundraising Discussion

The group will be meeting in the near future.

Team Reports

The Sunday first team needs a replacement kit and has the funds to cover this. MP pointed out that he needed to be informed for insurance purposes about teams taking part in summer tournaments and entries had to be self financing.

The Under-7s have played their first competitive game.

Marlborough Old Boys Update

A meeting is being held at Park Farm on April 2nd between officials of Hethersett Athletic, representatives from Marlborough and the two leagues involved. This meeting will discuss the integration of Marlborough into Hethersett Athletic. This will include name conventions. Marlborough have been crowned champions of their league.

League Entries and Team Interviews 2015/2016

Team interviews need to take place after Easter at the end of April and/or beginning of May. There was a discussion on financial models and other factors to be discussed at the interviews.

Pitch Planning 2015/2016 Season

MP updated members. Little Melton have agreed to proposals to use them as a youth pitch. Michael Lemmon is sourcing topsoil to erase the dip in the existing far pitch at the Memorial Field in order to turn it into adult size. MP urged the dismantling of goals as soon as possible to allow re-seeding and other work to take place. It looks as if there will be an early end to the season with all fixtures complete by the end of April. There was a discussion on replacement goalposts, possibly with a 50% grant from Sport England. Two sets of new goalposts would cost the club approximately £1,000. New goalposts would be round rather than square.

MP also updated members on the extension to the Memorial Playing Field pavilion. Builders have been contacted and quotes for the work are awaited.

Club Development

The club has another chance to apply for a junior kit from MacDonalds. This will be discussed by the teams at the youngest end of the age spectrum.

The Chairman spoke of sponsorship from Tesco's.

The club still has some hours available from our mentor

Any Other Business

Entries for the annual Lee Thompson shield should be sent to Peter Steward before the next meeting.

The special game featuring former Hethersett players in memory of Lee will take place at Mulbarton on May 3rd.

The Tour of Britain cycle race will be going through Hethersett on September 12th and could give the club an opportunity to promote itself.

The Norfolk finals of the village games are coming up in July and football will once again be featured.

Ely Trophies to be invited along to the next meeting.

Under-19s start the defence of their League Cup Trophy on Sunday.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Park Farm Hotel on THURSDAY 23rd April at 7.30 p.m with Ely Trophies setting up earlier.

Website Discussion

Kevin Harvey presented examples of a proposed new web site to include news, photos and be a promotional tool for the club. Peter Steward will turn the existing site into a statistics area.

Guests

After the main meeting, club officials met with representatives from Freethorpe FC. Wayne had an informal chat with the 2 people from Freethorpe. They are ideally looking to manage and coach an adult team. At this time we cant meet that need; however they were informed we would keep them in mind if any other opportunities became available.