

HAWTHORNE RANGERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
AGM
Community Room, Litherland Town Hall, 12th July 2007

Attendees: EJB, IJB, ELB, JS, NH, LP, JS, WB, AB

Apologies: AD

Minutes:

The meeting was opened at 6:20pm with EJB in the Chair.

EJB notified the meeting that, having received valid nominations for the said roles in accordance with the Constitution, the following were elected:

Chairman – Eddy J Bernard, proposed by Eddie L Bernard and seconded by Irene J Bernard
Secretary – Irene J Bernard, proposed by Eddy J Bernard and seconded by Eddy J Bernard
Treasurer – Eddie L Bernard, proposed by Irene J Bernard and seconded by Eddy J Bernard

EJB then passed the Chair to ELB to continue the meeting.

ELB announced that there were no nominations for the Club's General Committee, so no one is elected. The General Committee remains with three members, the elected Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and three vacant seats. ELB then reminded those present that it is possible for any member of the Club to get involved with the management of it if they so desire.

ELB then called on the Treasurer to report on the Annual Account, a copy of which was forwarded to all present. ELB commented that the large surplus this year was largely due to money that was donated to the Club anyway, and was not in any way due to poor budgeting. ELB thanked all for their support for the club over the year, as it was clear that the Club couldn't be run without the continuous financial backing from its membership. ELB stated that the surplus of this year was unlikely next year due to the prospect of fewer subscriptions in future due to fewer players, and rising costs from the league. ELB finally asked for the meeting to approve the Account, and it was passed with no objections.

IJB invited all once again to do as much as they can to help out fundraising by visiting the Club's Easyfundraising website. IJB explained that a lot of funds could be raised with no cost to the members if they used the site.

ELB then invited the Manager of the U13s to give a report to the meeting of the progress of the team over the last year, and what the prospects are. EJB reported on the disappointing season, but the potential that there could be a better future. EJB noted the changes to the squad and the venue for next season. JS raised questions as to the players in the future squad. JS also emphasised the need for fitness training in the pre-season, which EJB agreed with. WB shared some experiences from his position as coach of Lockwoods. EJB stated that help would be appreciated with the team next year, and ELB and IJB confirmed that the Club would be prepared to fund coach training of anyone interested.

ELB then raised the issue of subscriptions from the membership, noting the past difficulties in securing the necessary funds which keep the Club running. NH suggested that some thought may be given to other ways of collecting funds, perhaps on a different basis, or with extra rewards for those who pay up consistently and on time. JS said that it might be worthwhile sending letters home to the parents of those who do not pay up, as they may be unaware that no payment is being received. IJB reminded everyone that subscriptions for the Club are low compared to others, and that it is our intention to keep them low. AB confirmed that other clubs pay larger amounts per week, and that the current rate of £2/week is very generous. The Committee confirmed that they would keep this under review and all ideas are appreciated. JS then reminded the meeting that it is important to continue to make exceptions for those who cannot afford it, and ELB confirmed that that would continue to be the case, stating that hundreds of pounds of subscriptions were written off last year for that very purpose.

ELB then moved on to the Amendments to the Rules, as detailed on the Agenda. ELB explained to the meeting the nature of the changes and that they are important to the Club's ambition of seeking FA Charter Standard. The following changes were approved unanimously:

I) *In section 7, subsection (b), remove “The Codes themselves must be approved by a meeting of the Club’s membership.”*

II) *In section 7, delete subsection (c)*

III) *In section 13, paragraph 3, replace “10” with “7”*

IV) *In section 13, paragraph 4, replace “10” with “7”*

V) *In section 7, with respect to Amendment II above, insert new subsection (c)*

“The Club will also abide by The Football Association's Child Protection Policies and Procedures. The Committee will produce a Child Protection Policy in line with current FA best practice.”

VI) *In section 13, after paragraph 5, insert*

“Should more nominations be received than the number of places available on the Committee, or the individual Club Official posts, then an election shall be held at the AGM. A simple majority over the other candidates shall be sufficient to be deemed to be elected”

ELB then moved on to the final item on the agenda. ELB again stated that Charter Standard should be the goal of the Club over the coming season, and asked for the support of the membership, particularly with respect to the requirement for a Club Welfare Officer. ELB and EJB explained the responsibilities of the role and what training it required. Expressions of interest were received from LP and JS. ELB thanked them for this and said he would pass on any details he could find if they were still interested when the new season begins. EJB explained the benefits of Charter Standard, and there were no objections to working towards it.

IJB explained the pressures of running the Club, and invited others to help on a more formal basis, suggesting a senior fund raiser would be a great addition to the Club.

ELB thanked all for attending.

The Committee would like to place on the record their thanks to all for their support for the Club over the previous season. The Committee are indebted to them for their help; the Club could not be run without it.

There being no further business, the meeting was ended at 7:00pm

I certify that this is a true account of events

*Irene J Bernard
Club Secretary
12/07/07*

[EDITED: by IJB 23/07/08 – as approved by 2008 AGM to correct an error]

Profit & Loss Account - Hawthorne Rangers JFC

Season 2006/2007 01/06/06 - 31/05/07

Income	£	Notes	Notes
Registration fees	£175.00	1	1 <i>Registration income:</i> 17 year registrations @ £10
Subs	£918.00		1 half-season registration @ £5
Donations	£315.00	2	
Fundraising	£119.14	3	2 <i>Donations:</i> £315 received from Pennington Athletic JFC
Grants	£400.00		
Sponsorship	£200.00	4	3 <i>Fundraising income includes:</i> £65 raffle sales £54.14 Easyfundraising Q1
Total	£2,127.14		
Expenditure			
Affiliation	£37.45	5	4 <i>Sponsorship:</i> £200 from Howdens
League registration	£120.00		5 <i>Affiliation costs comprise:</i> £16.45 fee £21 public liability insurance
Training facilities	£341.00	6	6 <i>Training facility costs:</i> £165 for 10 weeks at Litherland Sports Hall £176 for 11 weeks at St Wilfrid's Sports Hall
Referee fees	£208.00		
Equipment purchase	£712.94	7	
Website	£85.96	8	7 <i>Equipment costs:</i> Shirts, socks, jackets, shorts, balls, etc.
Fines	£8.00		
Stationery	£19.02	9	8 <i>Website costs:</i> £6.09 domain name registration £79.87 hosting fee for two years
Fundraising costs	£40.00	10	
Rewards	£81.00	11	
Total	£1,653.37		9 <i>Stationery costs:</i> £2.99 paper £16.03 printer cartridges
Surplus / (Deficit) for the season	£473.77		10 <i>Fundraising costs:</i> £40 for the BLNJFL raffle tickets
Of which To reserves	£424.76		
In hand	£49.01		11 <i>Rewards</i> £45 selection boxes £16 easter eggs £20 gift voucher
Signed	ELB (Treasurer)		Dated 12/07/2007