

SUMMERTOWN STARS AFC. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 2008

Present

Julian Dark, Alex Sternberg, Roger (Mariella's husband), Steve Cromack, Paul Harvey, Richard Morgan, Viv Addy, Tim Pears, Mike Ward, Paul Chamberlain, Jes Wright, Colin Ely, Paul Lyon (Guest), Jim White, Jonathan Finnerty, Nick King, Peter Robbins

April 1st 2008 at OUP HQ, Walton Street, 7.30pm

1. Q&A with Paul Lyon of the Oxford Mail Boys League

Paul Lyon gave informative overview of life as a fixtures secretary at the OMBL and the challenges that lie therein.

Match cards – referee scoring. 4 or less marks requires a report. Be realistic. Make additional report regarding linesmen

Pm kickoffs /flexibilities for Summertown relatively unique situation of having large numbers of private school children.

PL => Saturday afternoons or try and agree Sunday morning.

TP - Too many games for younger agegroups. Older agegroups seem to be playing less games!

PL – some managers want more games; supplementary cup not obligatory; less league games for older groups due to County Cup games

JF – managers telephone numbers to be introduced into Club Handbook

PL - raise at OMBL AGM. JF to provide rule change suggestion to Steve Simmonds.

JW – Possibility that Club may introduce one adult team in conjunction with OUP.

PL – perhaps consider the OFA's U21s adult league

2. News of FA coaching initiative

The FA are looking to change their coaching badges to become much more age-specific. They are anxious to road test these changes using club-wide, season-long analysis. To that end, local FAs in six regions have been asked to approach a club within their area. The OFA is one and have approached Summertown Stars.

Coaches will be given a day-long top-up course to add to their level one certificate. This will give them ideas for coaching sessions specifically designed for 5-11 year olds. Then during the season the FA will provide on-the-spot coaching assistance, involving their regional coaches. Plus two students from the HNVQ football course at the Cherwell College will be assigned to each group in the club in the 7-11 age band. The manager of each group can use this assistance how they wish - from getting them to run sessions to just gathering up the cones afterwards. In addition, our coaches will be given the chance to take the new banded 5-11 coaching certificate, which will be the equivalent of a third of the new Level Three award.

This is a great opportunity the FA are gifting us here, the chance for individuals to improve their coaching skills, plus to have serious, ongoing and consistent help and support in their sessions. The FA have stressed that no-one is being examined here: it is their systems that are under scrutiny.

3. 5-a-side. Progress and tasks.

Managers must assist more and please ensure their own teams are registered as soon as possible. Paul Harvey is coordinating help required for this event.

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4. Holland: Steve Cromack to update

Dutch tour for the U12s and U14s now no longer happening. A date mix up caused by Noad changing the competition from the beginning (which has the bank holiday) to the end of half term. Commitments from parents previously available now no longer available in sufficient numbers for the new dating

Steve Cromack to put one visiting side together for the Holland leg and the Carterton leg for the weekend of the 4th and 5th May. JW to assist with accommodation for 28 Dutch boys.

5. Cutteslowe Park drainage report

Report attached. Highlights:-

- French drains across the entire top section running either side of the pavilion (£11k)
- Drainage system not considered possible for the 7 a side pitches whose water table would require pumping into the brook at the bottom. Recommend plough, reseed, sand, fertiliser (£24k). Big cost here is the tonnage of sand required (2 applications)
- Three 11 a side pitches and One ¾ pitch viable for drainage using a sand grooving system (£217k). Big cost here is the 4 x 8mm applications of sand.
- The furthestmost pitch space at the end of the lower pavilion section is the most well drained area and would require no drainage works. Just fertiliser and weed control applications. We should consider having the council mark out this space. The one downside is the walking distance from the Pavilion. Costs yet to be quoted.
- The upper section just about the junior ¾ sized pitch is well drained and will be marked out for 2 seven a side pitches. No cost.
- Full report available on the Website (News Section)

6. New Secretary

Nick King was voted in unanimously as the Club's new Secretary. JF to oversee the necessary hand over.

7. New officers needed

Other positions required to be filled – which need to come from the younger agegroups as committee positions still skew more towards those who have served for a considerable period of time and are now managing/assisting with older team groups.

Fixtures Secretary (*now filled – Mike Ward to be proposed at next meeting*)
Cutteslowe Park Pitch and Pavilion Tsar
Events committee No 2.