

**LRAFC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2015 at The Unity Building**

Present:

Chris Kingsford (President)  
Paul McGuckin (Chairman)  
Nigel Power (Honorary Secretary)  
Pete Howat (Honorary Treasurer, by text)  
Mike Bagley (House Secretary)  
Tom Fair (Ground)  
James Gendall (1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain)  
Peter Harthan (4<sup>th</sup> XI Captain)  
Charles Shepherd (Membership Secretary)  
Jordan Mornington (Fixtures and Referees by text)

Apologies:

Andrew Cassidy (IT Secretary)  
Cillian Sweeney (3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captain)

**1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

**2. Matters arising**

There were none which were not dealt with in the main body of the minutes.

**3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, the 3 Wise Men and Teams Generally, Past President's Forum**

Last weekend and this weekend, there are insufficient numbers for a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI to be fielded. The consensus was that the situation should be regarded as fluid. Nonetheless, it was thought that we should cancel the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI fixtures for the rest of the season although it should be possible to arrange new fixtures at short notice when there was an early indication of surplus numbers. As to next season, the matter should be kept under close scrutiny. The emphasis is on the Captains to get early indications of numbers early in the week.

There had been positive meetings between the Chairman and the 3 Wise Men and the Past Presidents' Forum (insofar as there is a difference) who felt better informed. The Chairman had agreed to create a Committee Members Manual which it was very much hoped would provide help in the future. Its present iteration is to be circulated shortly. The IT Secretary was asked to set up a "Committee" section to the website which would house minutes, the manual etc. and would required a separate style of website membership beyond the present Member and Editor facilities. Access would be for the committee and the Past Presidents.

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In the absence of any communication or payment from Tom Fairclough for quite some time, he was expelled, owing more than 2 years' subscriptions.

#### **5. Lesley's Christmas Fund**

Money was still arriving and it was hoped to have a final figure at the next meeting.

#### **6. Ground**

The Groundsman had been disappointed that the schoolboys fixture had been played at Christmas but there was little option; in any event it was thought that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI pitch would have a rest of at least a month.

#### **7. House & The Tunnel**

The boiler has been almost completely serviced. Andy Tyrer will be doing the electricity survey etc. James Gendall undertook anew to prepare some working documents for the tunnel. The urinals had not been flushing for 3 years, which may explain the difficulty in recruiting a cleaner to deal with them. They are back on.

#### **8. London Tour**

Numbers were thought to be healthy, albeit for one less team than usual.

#### **9. The Tennis Club**

A response from Sefton in respect of an enquiry made by the Honorary Secretary thus:

"Thank you for your e-mail, If you wish to purchase the land, and require some advice prior to doing this, you would have to submit an application which is called a Pre-Application, the fee for this would be £138.00, or £198.00 if you require a meeting with the Planning Officer. Attached is a copy of the Pre-Application Form and Scale of Charges. The timescale for a Pre-Application is a 21-day response." Stephen Lewis had offered to submit the form and attend any meeting.

The possibility of using the Tennis Club building as a changing room and turning the 2<sup>nd</sup> team pitch into a 4G pitch was mooted and warmly approved, given that public use would very much help funding. The possibility of moving the clubhouse to the rear position and selling the front for housing was also thought to be welcome.

#### **10. The Survey**

40 replies had been received in the first week, which was thought to be encouraging. Captains were asked to add the link to all of their mailshots.

#### **11. The Next Chairman**

The Chairman had one or two ideas which he would report upon in due course.

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**12. Any Other Business**

- Simon Gorton was to apply to become a member shortly.
- Mike Bagley thanked Jerry Hopkins and Howats for their help in organising a very successful Schoolboys Fixture.
- The Membership Secretary was encouraged in his efforts to pursue new fixtures, which would be prioritised as a club rather than 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture.
- It was thought that the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI should remain in the Northern Corinthian Cup; the first game was on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015, for which the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had no fixture at present.
- As to whether “School” should be removed from the application form, further consultation with the 3 Wise Men would be undertaken.
- It was disappointing to hear that not one playing member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI took a drink with Crewe Corinthians when they most recently played there.

**13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 5.45pm at the Unity Building**