

BEACON HILL ROVERS FC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

Date & Venue: 29 June 2011, Wickham Bishops Sports Ground. 8.30 PM.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Nick Smith, Barry Mays, Gavin Glead, Chris Yabsley, Richie Phillibrown, Will Carter, Charlie Montrose, James Lewis, Nick Phillips, Dave Pollock, Mark Yabsley.
- 2. Review & Acceptance of 2009-2010 Minutes and Accounts:** Acceptance of minutes and accounts proposed by Stuart Harwood and seconded by David Park, unanimously approved.
- 3. Chairman's Report:** Another interesting season, with a number of highs - and lows. The Club has continued to develop, as have many of the people involved and its good to see more people keen to get involved and show interest in the running of the Club. Various areas of the club have developed - and will continue to do so - the teams, the facilities, the committee etc. The current committee recognises the need to focus on the highest level of football that the club plays at, and the last 10 years or so of work that has been put in, now allows us to do that. We now regularly get four Men's teams out on a Saturday afternoon - only a few years ago it was two. This is down to the hard work of all those involved.

We have a fantastic base to work from with the youth teams gradually filtering into the adult sides. This will strengthen the adult sides and hopefully bring success. Specific emphasis will be placed on the 1st team but not at the expense of anything else that the club does, and with the support of the other adult teams, youth development - many of last season's under 16's played for the Men's teams last season. The 3rd team is seen as a "stepping stone" for the younger and newer players, the Reserves team players should be fighting for a place in the 1st team, who should be in a position to play some good football, get results and progress up the football ladder.

- 4. Secretary's Report:** Just a quick run through of the on field experiences of the teams last season. The 1st team finished in 8th place in the Mid Essex Premier Division, and next season will be their 13th consecutive season in that division, making them one of the most consistent sides at that level. They also won the Tiptree Cup, a competition they also won a few years ago. The Reserves finished 3rd in Mid Essex Division 3 which I am reliably informed is their highest ever finish. They missed promotion by one place, were League Cup semi finalists and lost out in the Tiptree Cup final. The 3rd team finished 7th in Mid Essex Division 4, which was above midway. However due to a League re-structure, rather bizarrely they have been placed in Division 5 for next season.

The Veterans missed out on Runners Up spot - and Promotion back to the Essex Veterans Premier Division in the final 5 minutes of their final league game. 2-1 up, needing only a draw, they lost 3-2.....They also lost out in the Tiptree Cup Final. The Ladies maintained their position in the Premier Division of the Essex County Womens League and also retained the trophy they have now won for the last three seasons on tour in Amsterdam , without conceding a goal. The Soccability side took part in 6 tournaments across Essex and will be looking to do the at least the same next year.

The Youths - much of this is now non competitive so it is not really appropriate to comment on on field "successes". Suffice to say our youth section expanded once again - and will grow again next year - with 10 separate youth sides including 2 all girl sides, so we must be doing things right.

Next season we will have 7 adult teams, including a new Sunday morning side and 10 youth teams, 17 in total. They will play in 6 different leagues and enter at least 37 different competitions, plus of course the non-competitive youth games. Plenty of scope to win things....no pressure !!! As always we will be looking to progress next year. In particular we will be hoping to push on with the 1st team with a view to making progress up the football pyramid.

- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Accounts were distributed and are available for scrutiny. The highlights are a big increase in both income and expenditure. The surplus for the season was just over £3,000, and Club funds now stand at approaching £7,000. That is quite an achievement, as it is not too long since we were really struggling for finance and the 1st team had to dig in their own pockets to buy a kit to play in!

On the income side match fees were up mainly due to there being more teams. The proposal is to keep match fees unchanged. Fundraising was similar to the previous season and is an area we are looking to improve. Bonus Ball income is down, primarily because the Club won one of the Bonus Ball prizes last season, but not this season! There are currently 4 balls available to anyone interested. Grants - we applied for and received a substantial Grass Roots Football grant - and this is something we will be looking to continue as and when possible.

Expenditure is mostly similar to the previous year. Kit and equipment was up primarily using the Grant money. Fines - these are mostly Club fines which can be avoided and is an area we need to improve. The 2011 End of Season Presentation Night costs are not in the accounts as this fell after the end of the accounting period - so will be in next year's accounts. The evening is likely to show a deficit of around £300 - again this is something that needs looking at.

Peter Mickelsen proposed that the accounts be accepted and this was seconded by Nick Smith.

- 6. Election Of Officers:** - The following officers were elected unanimously :-

Chairman	-	Steve Ewers	-	Proposed by Rachel Harwood, Seconded by Peter Mickelsen.
Vice Chairman	-	David Park	-	Proposed by Rob Hill, Seconded by Stuart Harwood.
Secretary	-	Steve Carter	-	Proposed by Stuart Harwood, Seconded by Kevin Peear.
Treasurer	-	Mick Carabine	-	Proposed by Nick Smith, Seconded by Peter Mickelsen.
Coaching & Development	-	Merfyn Roberts	-	Proposed by Richard Chapman, Seconded by Jon Yabsley.
Community Coach	-	Peter Mickelsen	-	Proposed by David Park, Seconded by Rachel Harwood.
1 st Team Manager	-	Steve Carter	-	Proposed by Jamie Blagden, Seconded by Jon Yabsley.
2 nd Team Manager	-	Richie Phillibrown	-	Proposed by Toby Legg, Seconded by Kevin Watson.
3 rd Team manager	-	Rob Hill	-	Proposed by Jordan Crozier, Seconded by Nick Smith.
Veterans Manager	-	Vacant		
Ladies Manager	-	Stuart Harwood	-	Proposed by Merfyn Roberts, Seconded by David Park.
Sunday Manager	-	Wayne Purser	-	Proposed by Stuart Harwood, Seconded by Jon Yabsley.
Under 17's Manager	-	Nick Smith	-	Proposed by Steve Ewers, Seconded by Mick Carabine.
Under 13's Manager	-	Kevin Peear	-	Proposed by Nick Smith, Seconded by Rachel Harwood.
Under 13's Girls Manager	-	Anita Wilson	-	Proposed by Rachel Harwood, Seconded by Merfyn Roberts.
Under 12's Girls Manager	-	Rachel Harwood	-	Proposed by Kevin Lee, Seconded by Justine Dallard.
Under 11s Manager	-	Richard Chapman	-	Proposed by Stuart Harwood, Seconded by Rachel Harwood.
Under 9's Manager	-	Dan Rapson	-	Proposed by David Park, Seconded by Richard Chapman.
Under 7's Manager	-	Gordon Henrici	-	Proposed by Nick Smith, Seconded by Steve Ewers.
Social Secretary	-	Nikki Smith	-	Proposed by Nick Smith, Seconded by Steve Ewers.
Player Representatives-		Rob Smith, Justine Dallard & Toby Legg	-	Proposed by Jordan Crozier, Seconded by Jamie Blagden.

- 7. Proposals:** The Constitution governs the way that the Club is run and can only be amended by approval at the AGM . There are two proposals, the first relates to the participation (events, teams, coaching etc) in the Club and its development and is proposed by David Park and seconded by Rob Hill. The second relates to the focus on youth player development and is proposed by Merfyn Roberts and seconded by Richard Chapman. Both proposals were unanimously carried.
- 8. Any other business:** Dave Heward raised issues about how the adult teams would progress, in particular relating to training - times, days, location, co-ordination etc - this is something we are looking at seriously - clearly there are difficulties with regard to hiring floodlit training facilities, coordinating training etc - but we will get there - and as quickly as poss. Pete Mickelsen mentioned that 2011/12 will be the club's 90th season and this should be recognised and celebrated in some way - a job for the Social secretary!!! Rob Smith re-iterated the concerns over adult coaching - whether Merfyn would continue to oversee this - if not how would it work. We are looking at this as a matter of some urgency and are aware of the need and desire to get things in place quickly.