

BAE SYSTEMS

ROCHESTER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

**NOTICE OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING**

**A MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WILL BE HELD ON**

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2009

AT

**THE BAE SYSTEMS SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB,
HOO, ROCHESTER, KENT**

AT

18.00 HOURS

AGENDA

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BAE SYSTEMS ROCHESTER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE SPORTS CLUB, HOO ON
MONDAY 20TH JULY 2009

PRESENT

Mr Andrew Frost	Secretary
Mr Dave Peachey	Treasurer
Mr Dave Cave	BAE Property Services
Mr Paul Carey	BAE
Mr Terry Oxenham	BP
Mrs Bev Drummond	Co-opted
Mr Phil Goodier	Co-opted
Mrs Chris Lavin	Co-opted
Mr Dave Roots	Co-opted
Mrs Jean Sheaves	Co-opted
Mr Stuart Blake	Co-opted

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Steve Lowe	Work
Mr Gary Bucklen	Work
Mr Mark Bottle	Work
Mr Raysham Cheema	Work

MEETING STARTED AT 18.05

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

Proposer:	Mr Dave Roots
Seconder:	Mr Phil Goodier

MATTERS ARISING

Planning

Mr Andy Frost introduced Mr Dave Cave from BAE SYSTEMS Property Services. Mr Frost explained how the Club had been struggling for the last 3 or 4 years and had survived through loans from the company and large bookings such as Kent Police last summer. Mr Frost noted that things were now worse than in previous years and that the Club had to make it into October and that the income from the Bar and catering was not offsetting the expenditure. He also noted that the Club's future had been hinged in getting the planning permission and that this was now a no go. Mr Cave noted that the council felt that the redevelopment of the Club did not outweigh the building of houses to the east of Bells Lane and the only way forward would be to take it through the local plan which could take a few years and mean that the Club would close. He also added that the Council had been approached regarding funding the Club as one of their leisure services but that they weren't interested.

It was asked if there would be any further applications submitted, Mr Cave replied that there would not be as the first had been denied and the second was going to be denied before it was withdrawn.

It was asked why the Council were denying the planning application. Mr Cave replied that the Council saw the land as open countryside and they would not allow any building on it, even though it had been explained that the future of the Club depended on it. It was also noted that the orchards further down Bells Lane were also part of the countryside. Mr Cave replied that he was under the impression that the Council viewed this as a mistake.

It was asked if Sport England would be of any help. Mr Cave replied that Sport England had already removed their objection when it was explained to them that the Club would close without the sale of the land.

It was asked what would happen should the Club not have the funds to continue and had to close. Mr Cave replied that knitting would happen and that the land would still be owned by BAE SYSTEMS. It was also asked if any future functions would be compensated. Mr Cave replied that the Committee would be liable and obliged to find new venues for any functions.

It was noted that there were rumours of the council taking over the Club and selling the pool to Hoo School. Mr Cave replied that the Council were thinking of that then changed their minds due to financial reasons.

Mr Cave noted that there was a need to manage the cash flow and that the Club was at its overdraft limit and had no security to get a loan. Mr Frost added that he was paying bills on time instead of early as he had been doing, which, although it created more work, meant that the Club's cash stretched further and added that the success of the Fun Day was vital to the future of the Club. Mr Frost also noted that he was looking at ways to make more money as well as looking at further cutbacks to increase profit. Mr Cave added that plans would have to be made in the event of a shutdown.

Mr Frost informed the Committee that he had met with the Communications team at BAE with the view to helping with the Club. It was also noted that Malcolm Howard, the former treasurer, had predicted that the Club would close in 2002, showing the success that the Club had seen. Mr Frost also added that the number of staff on the books had reduced from 60 to 41 in the last year and also suggested that committee members could cover door staff when they had paid holiday to ease wage bills and that he was already utilising salaried staff more to cover areas of the Club.

It was asked if BAE would sell the Club if they were approached, Mr Cave replied that they would although companies were no longer interested in having a social club for their employees.

B Fest

Mr Andy Frost informed the committee 820 tickets had now been sold for the B Fest, compared to 70 this time last year. There had been increased sales through Thamesport, Norec and BAE with Eon supposedly coming in for some tickets. Mr Frost added that he was aware of members waiting till the last minute to get their tickets and added that there was a good chance that the event would sell out at this rate. He added that tickets would be first come first served and that Committee members would only get free tickets for themselves, partners would only get free tickets if they were helping and Committee members families would not be getting tickets as in previous years as the club could no longer afford it.

Mr Frost went on to note that the advertising for the B Fest was well under way with banners and flyers up around the Club, a full page advert in the Peninsula Times and one about to go in the village voices. There would also be advertising going ahead via the KM group with adverts in the papers, online and on KMFm, as well as plugs on the breakfast show and a ticket giveaway in the week running up to it.

Mr Frost noted that the security would have to be beefed up, and had been to the Dartford festival and noted what was needed. It was added that there would be a need for agency staff on the day and fencing. It was noted that there would be three bars and that with 2 bars and 4 stations in each at Dartford, they made £17k on bar sales alone.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Andy Frost went round the table and asked if the Committee members had any points they wished to bring up.

Pool Rooms Signs

It was noted that some of the signs in the pool room would need updating. Mr Frost said that he would get that done.

Cricket Signs

It was noted that cricket signs were required again to warn people about the balls and covering the Club from reproach. Mr Frost added that he would do this.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19.45 HOURS.

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH AUGUST AT 18.00 HOURS.**