



**NOTICE OF THE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING**

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

MONDAY 17TH MARCH

AT

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

AT

18.00 HOURS

AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2 READ AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 3 MATTERS ARISING
- 4 TREASURERS REPORT
- 5 CORRESPONDENCE
- 6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BAE SYSTEMS ROCHESTER SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

MINUTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT THE SPORTS CLUB, HOO ON
MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2008

PRESENT

Mr Andrew Frost	Club Secretary
Mr Keith Jones	Vice Chairman
Mr Dave Peachey	Treasurer
Mr Paul Carey	BAE
Mr Terry Oxenham	BP
Mr Gary Bucklen	Co-opted
Mrs Bev Drummond	Co-opted
Mrs Chris Lavin	Co-opted
Mr Dave Roots	Co-opted
Mrs Jean Sheaves	Co-opted
Mr Phil Goodier	Co-opted
Mr Raysham Cheema	Co-opted
Mr Stuart Blake	Co-opted

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Steve Lowe	Work
Mr Mark Bottle	Work
Mr Dave Cave	Work

MEETING STARTED AT 18.10

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES

Proposer:	Mr Terry Oxenham
Seconder:	Mr Dave Roots

MATTERS ARISING

Plans

Mr Andy Frost informed the Committee that BAE Property Services, the Club's owners, were having a face to face meeting with members of Medway Council's Development Committee to stress to them the importance of the sale for the land to the East of Bell's Lane for the future of the Club. Mr Frost added that the current financial situation of the Club was not great and added that BAE will not help the Club any more financially and that the Club could either look to close or try and hang on until October, when there would be an influx of money through membership subscriptions. It was asked if BAE Property services would give the Club a closure plan, Mr Frost replied that he did not know. Mr Frost added that it was now important to get Club members to support the Club and the functions it put on and stressed to the Committee members that now was the time to inform members of the plight that the Club was facing and noted that it would be an idea to publish the minutes of each meeting to keep members informed better to the progress of the Club. It was noted that the minutes would have to be adopted first for the meeting, meaning that the minutes for the meeting could not be published until after the March meeting.

Mr Frost continued by noting that he had looked at ways of saving money and was currently working on changing the gas, electric and water accounts, 3 of the Clubs highest areas of expenditure and he had changed the running of the bar with the departure of Louise Mannion in order to save money on wages. It was asked if there would be any consideration of closing the pool as it was a drain on the Clubs finances. Mr Frost replied that he had considered this, however, any saving would be offset by stark decreases in income over the bar and catering, and the possibility of members requesting refunds through the closure.

Mr Frost also noted that extra income could be acquired through taking on new members but noted that there were problems with current members supporting Club functions. In particular, the Family Fun Show, planned for Saturday 23rd February, which was to cost £5 but to include the first 2 drinks free had not been a success, only selling 4 tickets. It was asked if the functions were not supported, was there any point in continuing to put them on. Mr Frost replied that he wanted to see the Club providing entertainment along with its other attractions.

It was asked what state the Club's finances were currently in. Mr Frost replied that the bank balance was currently £12-15k with about £6k owed in invoices although the next wage bill was expected to be about £11-12k. Mr Frost added that there would be continued income through the bar and catering but these takings were also decreasing, which appeared to be general trend for the country with about 10-15 pubs closing each week. Mr Frost also noted that March would prove to be a busy month with a large amount of income coming in and he would look to keep expenditure to a bare minimum. He also noted that while the Club was trying to move forward, it was BAE that was holding it back, with their reluctance to increase employees subscriptions a key point. Mr Frost also noted that the decision to keep the private members subscriptions, while proving a sound idea at the time, had cost the Club approx £20k. It was also noted that while some members considered the subscriptions to be high the cost, which equated to £1.80 per week and included swimming, allowed members to save money instead of paying approx £17 a time to use council pools. Mr Frost also noted that the £90-100k raised in membership subscriptions, did not match the estimate of £150k it would cost to run the pool for the year.

The subject of a Club AGM was brought up, Mr Frost replied that he had been waiting for the reply from the Council regarding the planning permission in January. Now that this had been denied he had been forced to wait until April until he had heard further from BAE.

It was noted with regard to increasing membership, that another bout of local advertising could take place as well as an open day to show potential members what the Club has to offer. Mr Frost also noted that the Club could look to change its licence in order to allow the hiring of the hall and use of the restaurant to non-members.

TREASURERS REPORT

Mr Dave Peachey informed the Committee that he would look to organise a summary of the accounts and send it out to the Committee members before the next meeting and added that there were still problems in catching up with the monthly account reports.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Entertainment

Mr Frost informed the Committee of the comments from entertainment that had taken place at the Club:

Family Fun Show: - Now moved to Friday 28th March and advertised as ticket only with no charge for tickets.

Mothers Day Carvery: - Sunday 2nd March – The first sitting now full with increased numbers required for the 2nd sitting to make it viable.

Good Friday: - Rough Justice in the lounge from 9.00pm

Easter Sunday: - Carvery in the restaurant from 12.30pm
Easter Family Disco in the hall from 7.00pm – no tickets required – free entry

Saturday 29th March: - Race Night

Monday 17th March: - Next Committee Meeting

Mr Keith Jones went round the table and asked Committee members if they had anything they wished to bring up.

Darts Open

It was asked if there would be a possibility of the Club holding a Darts Open, something which had proved successful in the past. Mr Frost noted that it was a good idea and asked the Committee if they could provide any information.

Angling Section

It was noted that the Clubs angling section wanted to break away from the Club. They had been self sufficient for many years with the Club only providing a rent free lake through a free membership given to the owners. The owners would be requesting rent of £1000 PA and their membership would be paid for by the Angling Section. This was agreed and it was asked if there was any idea what the section would be called. This was unknown, however, there was a strong possibility that it would be called Rose Court Angling Club, after the lake that was used.

Big Screen Sport

It was noted that there had been some problems recently with the rules relating to big screen sport. Mr Frost replied that it had always been the Clubs policy to not show sport in the bar if it was on big screen as there had been complaints in the past and added that if it was being shown in the lounge as well, he had not been aware and would ensure that it did not happen in future. It was also asked about the Club's policy of only showing the home team for European football matches to save confusion as recently an away teams game had been shown instead. Mr Frost replied that he would speak to the bar staff to ensure that this did not happen again.

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

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF THE
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