



Minutes of the AGM of the UK Seahawks Booster Club held on 15th March 2009 at Travellers Rest, Kenton.

Present: Mark Storr(Chairman), Paula A'Bear(Secretary), Andy Steele(Committee Member), Chris A'Bear(Web Admin), Nigel Browne, Tony Gibbs, Phil Hansen and Matt Cheesman(Committee Member).

Apologies: Dave Bailey(Membership Secretary), Dean Galiano and Andy Robinson(Treasurer).

Thanks for making the effort to come along to Kenton.

Minutes of the previous meeting

I Spelt Phil's name wrong – apologies. After this was corrected the minutes were read and agreed that they were an accurate record.

It was agreed to put actions on these minutes so people knew what jobs they had to do.

Election of Committee

President – Chris A'Bear
Secretary – Paula A'Bear
Treasurer – Andy Robinson
Membership Secretary – Dave Bailey
Forum Administrator – Mark Storr
Web Administrator – Chris A'Bear
Social Rep – Andy Steele
Committee Members – Matt Cheesman

President's Report – Mark Storr

We had a very slow year without many chances to meet. BBQ got cancelled. General lack of interest.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Robinson

We have a total of £942.49 in our bank account – this is mainly from subs.

Outgoings:

Room Hire AGM 2008 £15

Donation Charity £400
Secretary's Expenses £32

Income:
T-Shirts Profit £114

To be paid imminently
Chapter Fees £77 (\$100+\$5 paypal fee)

Membership Report – Dave Bailey

We have 105 members on our latest spreadsheet. Subs are coming in slowly and in drips and drabs. There are still plenty of people who still need to pay. Dave is happy to carry on doing the subs etc

Secretary's Report – Paula A'Bear

I send out a newsletter every month although I did not do one for February (no excuse). Nobody sends me anything for the newsletter, I have to trawl the forum for stuff to add, so some months it can be really short.

I send 31 birthday cards to children of members and try to include stuff (tattoos, stickers, pin badges) with these but I am running low. I will e-mail US to see if they can send anything.

I had 16 entries for our competition this year which is an improvement on last year. Again I need prizes, committee happy that I spend some money when next in the USA for prizes.

Any Other Business

Do we want to stay as a Booster Club?

This was discussed as we felt we were existing but not thriving. Unanimous vote for YES!

Subscriptions and Benefits

This will stay at: £12 individual £15 Family

This was discussed at length as some people are very lax at sending in subs. Some people don't even know that we are a Booster club and that they should send in subs. We have had a lax attitude so far with regards collecting and renewing members' subscriptions. After extensive discussion it has now been decided that a more rigid approach will be adopted. You are either a member or you're not. Paula to write a letter to every member asking for subs by 1st May. If you have **not** paid by then, you will be able to **only** view the forum but not be able to post. Only members of the Booster Club will be able to post. Any new people looking and logging in on the forum will have a set period to join the Booster club. There will also be a post on the forum informing those who aren't members.

So from 1st May onwards benefits will be:

- 15% of any purchase at Team Sport shop (opposite the Pro Shop)
- Certain discounts at the Pro Shop
- Monthly newsletter
- Exclusive access to the Booster Club area prior to a game at Qwest

- A chance of being selected to go onto field during warm-up
- Access and POST on the UK Seahawkers forum
- Attend meets during the year

Actions:

Dave to make sure the spreadsheet is up-to-date monthly with those members who HAVE paid as this is now key to who has access to our forum.

Mark – to use monthly spreadsheet to update forum user permissions.

Paula to draft a letter, sends to committee for comment.

Letter to be sent out to our members by 2nd April, for the 1st May deadline.

Survey

We had 13 responses to our survey that went out to **ALL** members and was also placed on the forum. A lot of the answers were positive but without any commitment.

Logo

We decided we needed a UK Booster Club logo. Several suggestions were noted.

Paula has a friend who is a graphic designer who may be able to help.

Action:

Chris to e-mail US to attain a better resolution Booster Club logo

Paula to speak to friend and get some draft images for consideration.

Social Rep

Rather than try and recruit regional representatives for social events, we have elected Andy Steele to coordinate events across the country (where possible). Initial ideas included golf day, ten pin bowling, BBQ, sea fishing and attendance at BritBowl weekend. Also looking into the possibility of utilising Gamepass at appropriate venues. The logistics of this still need to be worked and hopefully something can get sorted. Watch this space.

Charity to support

This was discussed but nothing agreed on. This will be addressed in due course.