



Item:	Notes:
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>All apologies were read and noted in the attendees register</p>
2.	<p><b>LAST MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>LH</b> read the minutes and asked if they were a true representation of the last committee meeting. <b>ALL</b> agreed that they should be taken as read.</p>
3.	<p><b>ACTIONS FROM LAST AGM</b></p> <p>NONE</p>
4.	<p><b>CHAIRMANS REPORT</b></p> <p><b>LH</b> opened the meeting with the following statement:  The club as a whole has had a very good year, with every side competing well in their separate divisions and league. As a community club, we have grown in stature and this is being recognised around the town and within the council. The Juniors are now the mainstay of the club and <b>LH</b> thanked the junior committee for all their efforts in their continued growth. The pitches this season have been an asset to the club and a special mention must be made to <b>SE</b> who's valiant efforts week in and week out ensure that every team can have the best facilities that we could offer. As a club financially we are in the best position that we have been in for many years and this is down to all those that have organised events and helped in the fund raising efforts, especially <b>BO</b>. So this coming year <b>LH</b> wanted to see the continued camaraderie and communications between all sections, with the same amount of effort that was shown in developing the club both in its stature and financial status as Q3/Q4 of the previous season.</p>
5.	<p><b>PITCHES</b></p> <p><b>SE</b> was asked to comment on the Pitches and followed with this statement:  The main pitch this year has weathered very well as the early finish to the season meant that we were able to get 60 Tons of Sand onto it, this accompanied with seed and weed killer have meant that we are now in a great position already. The main pitch goal mouths and centre spot have been re-turfed instead of seeded this season as <b>SE</b> thought that we needed more substantial growth early on. The club had purchased a set of Gang Mowers from the Norgren and after some servicing and adjustments, these will be a great asset to the club and will save us in the long term with pitch mowing not only on the main pitch but also the back pitches. The back pitches are being prepared and we are hoping to get 2 full size pitches at the top of the field with a full size mini pitch at the bottom. <b>SE</b> asked those present for their advice as he stated that there would be some undulation on the top pitches if we were to put two side by side?</p> <p><b>LH</b> asked <b>SE</b> for a budget for the coming season so the club could ensure that the correct funds were made available? <b>SE</b> stated that there would be no-need to put sand on the pitch in the coming year as with mowing and verti-draining it will be an excellent surface.</p> <p><b>SE</b> put forward for a new pump house to be built on the far side of the pitches to house the generator and a surface pump (as the original pump had now failed). This would allow us to drill pipes into the pitch at 3 separate points and create a pull up sprinkler system for water. This would need some manual labour and <b>SE</b> asked for help in the near future to get this done.</p>

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**AN** went through the current state of the accounts at both year end and season end.

**Deposit Account: £ 5189.00 (true value)**

**Savings Account: £ 147.60**

**AN** stated that this year had been financially a very good year and this was down to the efforts of a number of people who ran events and generated funds for the club. **NH**, **BO** especially were mentioned for their efforts on the senior big ticket events and **MAG Café** was singled out for their efforts in generating funds on a Saturday morning. A special mention to the Junior section as a whole who with their 24 hour marathon earlier in the year made close to £3000.

## **7. TEAM ISSUES**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team:**

**MM** opened by saying that he had gone to the Grass Roots show at the NEC the previous weekend and came back with a free expansion to the club shop, with a self working PUMA based merchandise shop (all with SEFC logo on). This will be looked into by the committee at the next meeting

### **Reserves:**

**AR** asked what cups the team had been entered for this coming season as he may use the Nursing Cup as a warm up for the start of the season.

### **Veterans:**

**Teeth** stated that he would stand for manager again for one more season and he was still on the lookout for eligible players to sign on as new blood was always required.

### **COLTS:**

**SE** thanked his players for their efforts during the season and the fact that many progressed to playing for the 1<sup>st</sup> team was a credit to them.

### **SUNDAY:**

**NH** stated that there would be 2 teams in the coming season playing under the banner of the Shipston Excelsior banner, however they were still to be called Stour Excelsior as they already have enough kit to get the team going and **NH** was to raise the affiliation fees from monies on the bank account.

### **Junior Section**

**LH** thanked **GF** and his committee for their efforts and stated that there will be 4 of the subcommittee joining the main committee next season, the Chairman, Secretary, treasurer and Child Welfare Officer. However, these people have yet to be voted in as the Junior section will be holding their AGM very shortly. There will be 9 sides competing next season ranging from U6/U7's through to U17's (this is a new side that will lead through to the COLTS). All Managers have been appointed and have passed their Level 1 FA Coaching badge and have valid 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certificates. As a club they only had one single incident to deal with last season and that was with parents, this was adequately resolved by the committee and the welfare officer.

Club subscriptions for the coming season have been set at £35 one-off payment, this will generate circa £3000 at the start of the season.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Position	Name	Elected by	2nd
President	Tony Lowes	LH	TC
Vice Presidents	Ron Edmunds	TL	LH
	Steve Edwards	TL	LH
	Howard Oakley	TL	LH
	Doug Hill	TL	LH
	Evo (Czech)	TL	LH
	John Hince	TL	LH
	Gary Farr	TL	LH
	Alan Howe	TL	LH
	Ian Sandiford	TL	LH
	Ralph Buckland	TL	LH
	Jason Spencer	TL	LH
	Dave Smith	TL	LH
	Guy Loverage	TL	LH
	Bruno (France)	RS	TL
Chairman	Les Hardiman	AN	TL
Vice Chair	Neil Harper	LH	TC
Treasurer	Denise Lobb	AN	NH
Secretary	Andy Nabbs	LH	TC
1 <sup>st</sup> Manager	Mark Moss	TC	TL
1 <sup>st</sup> Asst	Ben Vincent	MM	EW
Res Manager	Andy Righton	TC	KP
Res Asst	Nick Coe	AW	TC
Colt Manager	Steve Edwards	LH	WR
Colt Asst	Roy Sheehan	SE	WR
Vets Manager	Teeth Cartwright	AN	MM
Vets Asst	Roy Sheehan	TC	LH
Sunday A	Pav	NH	EW
Sunday B	Shredder	TC	BH
Chairman Jnr	Gary Freary	LH	AN
Secretary Jnr	TBA	TBA	TBA
Treasurer Jnr	TBA	TBA	TBA
Club Welfare	Mark Willis	TBA	TBA
Plyr Rep Snr	Will Ragg	LH	KP
Plyr Rep Jnr	James Coe	AN	LH

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Open floor with people being asked to raise anything that they would like to be minuted.*

**RS** asked for the communication lines to remain clear and open in the coming season and the use of as much media or webspace to inform not only players but the community what was going at the club.

**LH** brought up the selection of players and the communication between each of the Saturday sides. Although this had worked well with **SE/MM/AR** discussing players as and when required, it was felt that each side had a nucleus of the same players and some did not want to further their standards. **Teeth** suggested that players should be picked on the ability to play in a particular position and not by names only as this had worked in the past when he and Dicky Dunsbee had run the 2 sides on a Saturday.

**SE** had been asked by the main Sport Club committee to respect the Club House and the Facilities.

**MM** re-iterated the need for more publicity as this works for other sections. **LH** pointed out that if someone wanted to write match reports like the Juniors do and then send them on to the relevant tabloid press (observer / journal / advertiser) then they would happily print them. Alex Welsby from the COLTS put himself forward as he was studying for a journalism course and would happily take any articles and work them into clear English.

**MM** stated that he was looking to arrange a pre-season game with Oxford United at London Road as a season opener. This has to be set in stone and the dates that they were looking for was the 19<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> July; however this would clash with the Cricket if played in the afternoon. It was suggested that an 11am kick off be scheduled and a letter be drafted to the committee of the Cricket club. **LH asked SE** if the pitch would be ready and marked out for the game. **SE** was confident that it would be.

**Teeth** put himself forward as the debt collector to ensure that all subscriptions and fines would be paid in time next season as we were pretty shocking this year. He will run a book and collect of people weekly. Teeth proposed that people paying their subscriptions before the 30<sup>th</sup> Sept would pay £30, after which it increased to £35. If after the end of November they had not paid, then they would not be picked by ANY manager. This was generally agreed as an amendment to the rules.

**NH** stated that the Cricket section were actively chasing this years subscriptions before people play, this information will be forwarded to Teeth once people had paid.

**BH** a message from Bob O'Malley asking whether the meetings may be moved next season to another day that will suit as Thursdays were tricky for him. **LH** asked the floor and moved dates to the Wednesday's at 8pm.

**BO** in a statement read by **NH** stated that he was happy to stand as fundraising chairman, however he could not commit as much time in the coming season and looked for support from the main body of the players for help. KP+BH+CF+BV+Junior Contingent will act as committee for coming season.

**AN** proposed a change in the Insurance policies for the coming year and to take an affiliated FA company offering a specific player / officials package. This was put to the floor and was agreed in principle, however LH stated that all players if they were worried should take out their own insurance to cover them in the event of injury and loss of earnings.

**AN** new matchday forms were shown to those present as it is imperative that each team keeps financial records for each game played and this is recorded in the accounts. It was agreed that these forms would be converted into duplicate books for each side ,and that a float will be issued to each side at the start of the season. Forms will need to be sent during the following week after each game to the Treasurer.

**AN** stated that all players owing monies to the club had been sent a letter or two over the past week, these will be chased by Teeth.

**LH** Asked all sides about the coming season and who was Incharge of registering the teams for each league. The VETS had already registered out of their own funds and would forward a copy of the registration to **AN** for reference. The Sunday side had re-registered and **NH** again stated that this also would come out of the remaining funds. **AN** had re-registered the 1<sup>st</sup> team / Reserves and COLTS for the BCFA and the 1<sup>st</sup>s for the Midland Combination. **SE** would be registering the COLTS and Reserves for the Stratford Alliance, at present they have not asked for any further cash.

**LH** outlined the importance of the Standard Charter and the fact that the club must have a constitution. This had been drafted and **CF** would be sent this to add to the website.

**LH** a number of possible club sponsors have approached the committee regarding next season, it was agreed that this will be discussed at the next full committee meeting.

**LH** addressed a few items that came up during last season and the fact that a number of players may be approached with the club funding the Matchday subscriptions. LH stated that the club as a community club could not sanction any payments from the central fund and those managers wishing to look at external player or team sponsorship, should approach LH and he would table this at the next available committee meeting. In principle, the club would back any player sponsorship deal on the grounds that the FA sanction this for development clubs and youth teams.

**LH** asked for all events to be 1<sup>st</sup> put in the club calendar earlier and 2<sup>nd</sup> notified to the committee so that they could get the relevant resources available (venue / funds etc..)

**LH** as we organise a TOUR every 2nd year, it comes around that we need to raise a sub-committee to look into this for 2009. A Tour manager will be required and he will choose his organising committee. Teeth put himself forward to collect cash (the enforcer). EW + NH + TL + WR will be the organising committee after relevant volunteers were asked for.

**RS** asked for the Hospital Cup to be organised earlier this year as some of the games could be used for pre-season friendlies. yet another sub committee was raised to look into this with LH + EW + RS + Tom (juniors) to work on this.

**LH** finally, the town Mayor had awarded the Sports & Social club a special award for their involvement with youth. LH was to be a party from the club to attend the next meeting at the Town Council to collect the award. We done to all those wh have contributed their time and effort to the club to make this happen.

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 20:00 at the Club