

Notes from Quinssa Committee Meeting 21 September 2005

5 committee members were present.

Item Subject

A Events

A.1 2 of the planned events are now booked:

- An evening with Mark Evans and Dean Richards on 6th October
- An evening with Andy Friend & John Kingston on 17th November. This Q&A session will be on the subject of coaching.

Others are planned but not yet booked

- A “meet the referee” session, probably in January 2006.
- A spring ball, in conjunction with Richard Langhorn Trust, to be held in late February 2006. Awaiting availability of dates from the club.
- An evening with the academy, towards the end of March 2006.
- An “end of season” party – depends on what the club may be doing.

In addition, Quinssa will try to organise some informal events during the season and after the end of the season, including a summer event.

B Finance

B.1 Bank account still healthy at around £6,900, with the only major commitment being £ 2,000 for the academy.

B.2 The targeted fund raising idea for the academy is being progressed.

C Merchandising

C.2 No real change since last time. Sales of merchandise progress.

D Membership

D.1 Over 400 fully paid up members now. Some renewals are expected from chase up letters.

D.2 PayPal is being used.

E Membership liaison

E.1 It was agreed that a “coaches” questionnaire will be distributed to all members shortly, prior to a fuller membership questionnaire.

E.2 A number of issues raised by members will be discussed with the club, including:

- Smoking
- Catering
- PA system
- Harlequins Rugby League
- Ground rules
- £150k loyalty income

It was noted that Quinssa had been instrumental in getting a “hog roast” stall in response to members’ requests.

F Liaison with club

- F.1 Quinssa has held a meeting with the club to discuss many issues and a regular dialogue will be maintained in order that members' views can be represented to the club.
- F.2 Quinssa encourages members to raise issues at the Quinssa stand on match days and will initiate a focussed questionnaire on a "topic of the day". In addition, CAW will be monitored to spot issues of interest to the fan base, even from non-members.

G Liaison with other clubs and supporters

- G.1 The Plymouth RFC Toy Appeal in aid of children at their local hospital will be promoted to members and other fans.

H Coaches / Travel

- H.1 Quinssa will run at least one coach to all 1st XV fixtures, where coach travel is practical.
- H.2 It was agreed that we are now in a position to drive down the cost of coach travel, taking account of the increased usage and the other revenues generated during the trips.
- H.3 Quinssa will, wherever possible, facilitate the purchase of "meal and match ticket" deals at away matches. This will enable Quins fans to be seated together in the away stadium and give food and drink revenues to the host club.
- H.3 Travel information to all grounds has been published on the Quinssa web site.

I Liaison with Richard Langhorn Trust

- I.1 This is ongoing and has already resulted in an agreement for the joint spring ball.

J Other matters

- J.1 The January committee meeting will be held as an open session for all Quinssa members to observe. This will be at 12:00 on 14th January 2005 at the Stoop

K Next meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 03 November 2005.