

Minutes of the Quinssa Committee meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at the  
Cabbage Patch, Twickenham

Attending: 7 Committee members

**Chairman's report:**

- Bam-Bams have arrived. To be sold for £2 each. They are not perishable. They cost £453.

**Membership:**

- current membership – latest number issued is 540. There was a surge from the flyers, Quinssa Stand etc. – 26 new members. It was decided that if anyone was still in the grey area, they should be given one more chance to renew for next season and then removed from mailings etc.
- ES to approach TC about flyers in with the season tickets.
- Discussion about using Paypal for renewals. it.

**Events:**

- PAD: ES – tables are almost arranged
- ES is liaising with Sporting Class at the club about including Quinssa in video on the night, including our logo and stats, etc.
- Club have approached about the Supporter's Player of the Year
- Guess the Weight competition – ES has done a chart to record guesses

**Treasurer's report**

- SC – we are in the best possible position financially – all the money is in and we are up to date.
- Need to have money for coaches at the beginning of next season and for bursaries.
- There was a £38 accountancy blip which has been sorted out.
- Calendar – decided to drop price to £5 from this week. They cost £7.60 each to print.
- Mighty Quins Day – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April – it would be very good opportunity to sell calendar and Bam-Bams, like last year, if we can have someone down there.
- Next year we could think about an online calendars, which people can order. The pictures would be on the website and we would not have to spend money on printing.
- Immortal Harlequin books – DF handing £60 from sales. DF – we've sold 35 book, need to sell 4 more to make a profit and there are 8 order to be collected at the Newcastle match. We need to send a cheque to the author as soon as possible. We've made about £100, we have 14 left

**Food at Quins:** SC – explained correspondence with Steve Axeby about meeting TC to discuss food, and complaints on CAW. Only one Quinssa member was interested and SC passed details to Steve, who wanted a joint CAW/Quinssa presence at meeting with TC. But SC made it clear it was not a Quinssa issue and that no official representative would be going. TC did not approach Quinssa, so we should not approach him – he needs to know Quinssa and CAW are not linked.

### **Coaches**

- The objective of the coach is to run a coach to every match where possible. We aim to break even on every coach. We make commercial decisions about a coach as they arise. e.g. there were 19 on the Bath coach, we could have had a smaller coach but it's better to have one with a toilet.

### **Other events**

- AGM
  - AHK - Amendments to the Constitution – do we want any, if so they should be agreed by the committee and discussed at the next meeting so we can draft motions and put them on the agenda for the
  - DF to book room and car park for the AGM
  - Do we want a guest at the AGM, eg Paul Turner or John Kingston, they might be leaving at the end of the season. WW will ask the club to send a representative
  - Notice of the meeting to be sent one month before, agenda and nomination forms, need to give 21 clear days notice - EJK & JH
- Balloon Race – 30<sup>th</sup> April - Barbara will send an email to everyone.
- Pub night – the last pub night did not go well, everyone seemed very anti-social and they did not read out the answers to the questions. Discussion about whether to send Suzi feedback – SC will draft something
- Website – improvements very good, Matthew's article got good feedback.
- WW – sometimes the newsletter seems very long, can we use links to the website to shorten it? Concern that new members may miss stuff if it is dropped from the newsletter. DF and SC to arrange links.
- DF - 3 calendars were sold on ebay. We got good feedback. ES – we can put them back on ebay at £5.
- Time capsule – we sent a membership card, a calendar and a mailing.
- The HOPA raffle made £300+.
- Shall we do another bursary – if there is someone who is definitely staying and ought to have it. DF to speak to Tony Russ SC need to announce before the Sale programme goes to print. We can afford to have less money in the account over the summer.

**Next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

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