

BYG Development

Hannah and I have recently had a very helpful meeting with David Hassard of the Essex Association of Boys Clubs. His role is to advise fledgling clubs such as ours and he is very happy to offer us his support, to the extent that he will come to our meeting on Saturday 22nd Nov.

I feel we would certainly benefit from affiliation to his association for a modest fee and then we could register with them to carry out the CRB checks, for example, £8 for the lot. We received good advice on Insurance and I am attaching a model constitution which we will need. A priority is to set up a Bank Account especially if we receive some grant funding (this may be decided by the end of the month). All of this needs a management committee and establishing this will form the meat of our Saturday meeting – see agenda below. Having looked at the advice I suggest the Management Committee should comprise of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Leader, two club members and two other elected volunteers, plus co-option of Hannah. We could then have a Members Committee which comprises of the Club Leader and equal numbers of members and volunteers.

At the meeting I propose that we ask David to talk briefly about our next moves in setting up a club and then follow the agenda below:

General meeting of BYG to be held in the John Lampon Hall, West Bergholt on Sat 22nd Nov at 10.00am

(Hannah to act as Chair for items 1 and 2)

1. Discussion of the proposed committee structure for the club.
2. Proposals from the floor and election of Management Committee
3. Notification of any other business not on the agenda
4. Discussion of proposed constitution for the club
5. Discussion of the role of Club Leader and proposals for appointment.
6. Approval of measures to set up a Bank Account and deal with Insurance
7. Approval for suggested affiliation to Essex Association of Boys Clubs and registration for CRB checks
8. Arrangements for members meeting on 28th Nov.
Views of members on following issues to be sought so that decisions/policies can be agreed at next Management Committee meeting:
 - Age range of club members
 - Membership fees
 - Club rules
 - Refreshment facilities
 - Christmas party
9. Training opportunities – Hannah
10. Date of next Management Committee meeting (early in December if possible)

Hope you will be able to be there for this decisive meeting.

Harry 14-11-08