

AGM EXECUTIVE REPORTS – SEASON 2006/7

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

As most of you know, I took over as Chairman of South Park Rangers FC, South Park Royals FC, South Park Rovers FC, South Park Rascals FC and Maidstone Raiders FC on 30 September 2006 and therefore, this is my first season as Chairman, taking over from the ever popular, Ron Tapp. What an act to follow!!!

All joking aside, Ron and Kristine have looked after this Club for as many years as I have been involved with SPR and at the moment, I feel I have an enormous act to follow. Ron is still involved with SPR both in an administrative capacity, looking after Club records and referees appointor as well as watching a few games.

The Season started off well with the Club celebrating its 35th anniversary at Oakwood House with a dinner and dance. Thanks to Tina for the excellent organisation.

At the end of 2006, we were told of the very sad news that one of the original founding members of SPR had died. John Page and his family were involved with SPR for a number of years and our condolences were sent to John's family as well as a Club presence at the funeral.

The presentation night at Ditton Community Centre on Friday 18 May 2007 was a huge success with over 350 people attending although I couldn't make it myself due to business commitments. However, I was getting regular text messages!! Guests of honour were Dylan Evans, South East Regional Development Officer from The FA as well as Tim Williams from Five Acre School.

The season ended with all teams having a much improved season in 2006/7 which I believe is due to our management teams having appropriately qualified and enthused personnel as well as support behind the scenes. Our Under 11's won the Consolation Cup, the under 9's finished runners up in Division 2 of the Invicta Primary League and the under 13's finished 3rd in Division 3 of the Maidstone Primary League. The Raiders under 16's won the Premier League of the inaugural Kent Junior Pan Disability Football League as well as Kent Cup (Champions Cup) winners. All other teams were much improved over last season.

My thanks for season 2006/7 must go to all volunteers involved with SPR but especially the Executive and someone you don't see but who looks after our website with dedication, Dave Usborne. Also to Jenny Page in her first season as Secretary, a daunting and time consuming task. Thanks Jenny for your hard work. I am immensely proud of the hard work that all Club Committee members, players and parents have put in to get us where we are now.

The Club have again been nominated for a Kent County FA award. This time we have won the Kent Charter Standard Community Club of the Year for 2007. It was only achieved thanks to you all and is another recognition for our hard work and endeavours.

Special thanks to Tony Parris, Terry Dunster, Chris Thomas and Tina Collins who are all standing down in their current roles. Thanks to all other outgoing members and a welcome to all incoming ones.

We have now forged links with several schools in and around the Maidstone area including Astor of Hever, Westborough, St Michaels, Bower Grove, Five Acre and Holy Family.

We undertake in curricula coaching sessions for these schools as well as setting up an after school club at Five Acre called Five Acre Raiders. Thanks to Malcolm Saunders, Tyke Harvey, John Harvey and Jim Littleboy for their efforts.

We are continuing to work in close partnership with our nearest semi-professional club, Maidstone United FC and we will see our relationship getting closer next season.

Fund raising and sponsorship as well as grants received this season have been excellent. Many thanks must go to all of you who helped and supported the events and of course, to our sponsors. Special thanks to Jude Ryan for the Fanfoo.

Thanks to all the committee, players, parent volunteers, referees, sponsors, parents and all involved with the club throughout this season.

On 23 June 2007, club members agreed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club to change our name to Maidstone Rangers FC, Maidstone Royals FC, Maidstone Rovers FC, Maidstone Rascals FC and Maidstone Raiders FC in order to give us an identity in Kent football. In fact, this coming season sees our first try at Kent Girls League football. If they are as half as successful as the Raiders in their first season, we have nothing to worry about.

I and the rest of the Executive Committee are committed to the development of Maidstone Rangers FC and its sister clubs over the coming 12 months for the benefit of all involved. We have a number of ideas and initiatives to develop the Club which will be rolled out during the season.

Good luck to all of you for the coming season and more importantly, please enjoy it!!

We are always looking for volunteers at Maidstone Rangers FC. If you are interested, please contact us via our website at www.southparkrangers.com if you wish to get involved.

MIKE LITTLEBOY
CLUB CHAIRMAN
8 JULY 2007

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This 35th anniversary year has been yet another fantastic season for SPR in terms of development and on the pitch has probably seen the most successful season in the club's history.

During this season the club has:-

- Continued to strengthen it's links with local schools, St.Michaels and Astor of Hever.
- continued to raise it's profile in the community
- won further FA community club awards and
- has expanded by providing football for 6 and 7 year old children via the 'Development Squad'.

On the pitch the success has been widespread but the U16 pan-disability team, the U9 Rangers and the U11 Rangers deserve special mention for their league and cup achievements.

In my role as Vice-Chairperson, I have supported the Chairperson by hosting meetings in his absence and have been involved in trying to develop our opportunities through our school/club link with Astor of Hever. Both of these roles I hope to develop further in the coming season whilst still maintaining my position as Team Manager for next season's U14's and in continuing in the role of club administrator in respect of the Maidstone Primary League.

The continued growth of the club has brought it's share of problems as some members of the Executive Committee have been forced to dedicate enormous amounts of their spare time to making sure things run smoothly and to ensuring standards are maintained. Those people have to be thanked again for their efforts and dedication and we can only hope that more volunteers come forward this season to share the burden of responsibility.

Finally, special thanks to Tina Collins (retiring Social Secretary) who has worked tirelessly over the last few years (often with little support) to ensure that social events have been a success.

PAUL EDWARDS
VICE-CHAIRMAN
8 JULY 2007

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The year started in a buoyant mood with lots of preparation for our 35th year and anniversary celebrations. Sunday Seniors had been to Chatham Town FC to win the cup and finished top of the League. The Club was also expanding with more teams than last season.

For me it was with apprehension as I had agreed to take on the role of secretary but hadn't taken minutes since college and was very rusty.

Getting to know the ropes was hard going but writing notes everywhere helped and eventually got to know everyone, and which league they were associated with. Most importantly which league was which?

Then the season started and no-one had told me that players actually got yellow and red cards! I was inundated with green bits of paper from KCFA with numerous names on them, with no team sheet I did not have a clue which manager to chase. I therefore ask that this season I have a list of players from each team AND if a player is carded during your game then when you are phoning/emailing in the score PLEASE email me the details so that when I receive the paperwork I know which player to track down.

I have enjoyed being secretary as this keeps me busy over the weekend and have appreciated how busy football club can get.

I would like to thank all those who have advised and helped me over the year
And wish all the managers and their teams' best wishes for the new season.

JENNY PAGE
CLUB SECRETARY
8 JULY 2007

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the rest of the committee for your loyal support this season. We have had yet another great season in the Club's developing history to the point we are now very close to a merger with Maidstone Utd.

This is the first time that I can recall that the Club being in the situation where we have Managers and players in place before the start of the new season.

Looking back on last season, we have managed to develop in all areas. We have more level two coaches today, we are working with many Primary Schools and two Special needs Schools and each team is now running with a Manager / Coach / Volunteer Parent and Social member in place.

Thanks go out to all the coaches and Managers and also the Executive who have stepped up to the line when needed and we have shown a great team spirit and we pulled together when we need to.

Special thanks goes to Dave Reid for his help in the setting up of the U7's squad, to Jim Littleboy and Malcolm Saunders for their involvement with the In School programs.

We also see the departure of Tony Parris. I would like to thank Tony for his loyalty and the Professional way he ran his teams over the past few years. On behalf of the Club Tony, we wish you all the very best in the Future.

We also have new blood coming into the Club to take the new teams.

We will have: - U7 / U8 / U9 / 3 x U10 / 2 x U11 / U12 / U14 / U15 – Main stream
We will have: - 2 x U11 Special needs / 2 x U16 Special needs / U17+ Young Adult
We will have: - U12 girls
We will have: - Sunday Seniors

Next season will see the Club take a new direction towards being more involved with a semi-professional club.

Finally I would like to wish everybody a good summer break and see you in the new season.

JOHN HARVEY
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
8 JULY 2007

HEAD OF FOOTBALL REPORT

This past season has seen the club go from strength to strength on and off the field and we are now the envy of many clubs not only in our local area but up and down the county and even as far a field as Soho square.

This is due to the hard work we as volunteers have put in and the recognition we have gained with recent national awards.

On the field of play we are now reaping the rewards with successes in cup competitions, tournaments and playing an overall better standard of football in our local leagues.

This been my first season in this role I have seen most of the teams we have play at one time or another and can only say that I have been impressed with the standard of coaching as a whole.

The main aspect of my role is to ensure that the players get the right education in a football sense and this coming season I have set four main objectives

1. To ensure all teams have fully qualified staff. Manager and assistant have got FA level one, are CRB checked and have attained their first aid certificate. Subject to executive committee sign off
2. All coaching sessions are structured and progressive with an element of fun.
3. To progress at-least three level one qualified coaches to level two standard.
4. Each coach will take control of a different age group during training to enhance their skills and experience.

With the partnership with Maidstone United fast developing it is now more important than ever that all coaches have confidence in their ability to step in and help coach either one of our own teams or a Maidstone United team when asked.

I am also keen to put a date in the diary before the season starts when we will have an in house development day which will consist of some basic drills used on the level two course to assist with additional idea's you can adopt during training.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for last season and wish you all every success for this coming season and hopefully we can win one or two cup competitions and gain promotion where possible

DAVE REID
HEAD OF FOOTBALL
8 JULY 2007

CLUB WELFARE OFFICERS REPORT

This season has seen South Park Rangers go on from strength to strength.

My aim for the season was to make sure that everyone involved within the club was CRB checked. Unfortunately, this was a bigger task than i thought. New members were joining the club every month. Whilst this is a good thing for SPR, i need to be kept advised of any new volunteers so they can be vetted.

All managers and volunteers should re-read the child protection procedures and the child protection policy as a refresher; both of these are available on the club website.

The FA are currently promoting football for all, this is about making sure that everyone has a chance to be involved in football regardless of ability, race , religion or background. It is also about making opportunities available.

As SPR is getting bigger as a club within the Maidstone area, we will be attracting better players from different clubs. Please could all managers keep in mind football for all, we realise that every manager wants his team to have all the best players in the area and win every trophy, but we need to keep in mind the welfare of the children within the club and as a charter standard club we need to be setting examples within the community.

I will be holding an in-house child protection workshop for parent volunteers and social committee members.

I have recently received a letter from the FA stating that all people with direct access to children must be CRB checked by the end of August or we will have our charter standard status suspended. This is not an option for the club and I will, over the next few weeks, make sure that at least all managers are checked. If you do receive a form, please make every effort to fill it in and return it as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all the managers for the hard work that they have put in during the season and also to all the volunteer parents who make our job so much easier being our eyes and ears.

Keep up the good work.

LAURA THOMAS
CLUB WELFARE OFFICER
8 JULY 2007

SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

As I am sure you are all aware I am resigning as social secretary but would like to thank you all for your support this season.

The Christmas Party was a great success and all the children seemed to have a good time despite the fire alarm going off in the middle of their entertainer.

I would like to thank Jude Ryan for organising the Fantasy Football and the FA Cup draw as this was again a great success.

Finally I would like to thank the social committee for all their hard work and support this season.

TINA COLLINS
SOCIAL SECRETARY
8 JULY 2007