

**Minutes of a meeting held at the Recreation Ground, Chesterfield, on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1924 at 7.30 pm, between the Committee representing the Debenture Holders of the Chesterfield Football Club Ltd, and the Directors of the Club.**

- Present** Mr A Swale (Chairman), Messrs EA Barker, JH Stephens, JE Salt, Peter Warner, C Toseland, JH Gregory, WH Urwin, T Hufton, A Adams, SW Swale, R Swale and the following Directors of the Club:  
Messrs. H Cropper, AE Mitchell, T White, G Turner, F Stokes, H Shentall, G Geeson, RL Weston and the Financial Secretary, Mr J Black.
- Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on April 28<sup>th</sup> 1924 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- It was proposed by Mr T Hufton, seconded by Mr Peter Warner, and agreed that the representatives of the Debenture Holders on the Board verify the present liabilities of the Club and the amount necessary to carry on to August 31<sup>st</sup> next, the total not to exceed £4,000.
- Debenture interest** It was proposed by Mr EA Barker, seconded by Mr R Swale, that the committee recommend the Directors to pay Debenture Interest for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1923 subject to the approval of a meeting of Debenture Holders.
- Bazaar** It was agreed that the Committee recommend to the Debenture Holders' and Share Holders' meetings that a towns effort to raise funds for the Club be organised, such effort to be a bazaar incorporating a shilling fund.
- Debenture Holders' meeting** It was agreed that a meeting of Debenture Holders be called on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1924 at 7.30 pm at the Station Hotel to receive the report of the Committee.  
*(Unsigned.)*

**Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at the Recreation Ground, on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1924, at 7.30 pm.**

- Present** Mr H Cropper (Chairman)  
Mr AE Mitchell  
Mr G Turner  
Mr G Geeson  
Mr T White  
Mr H Shentall  
Mr F Stokes  
Mr RL Weston  
Mr WH Atrill
- In Attendance** Mr H Parkes (Manager) and Mr J Black (Secretary).
- Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- Gate Receipts** The Statement of Gate Receipts was read and approved.

**Programmes**

The Statement of Programme Sales was read and approved.

**Bank A/c**

The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

|                        |               |                  |
|------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Ashington FC Ltd       | 20% gate      | 28.3.3           |
| J J Caffery            | Gate receipts | 152.4.8          |
| Derbys. Football Assn. | Gate receipts | 1.15.4           |
| Customs & Excise       | Tax           | 107.14.1         |
| H Parkes               | Wages         | 33.17.6          |
| H Parkes               | Petty Cash    | 19.4.7           |
|                        |               | <b>£342.19.5</b> |

**Players**

The Manager reported the following players had signed agreements at the terms stated:

|           |         |             |                                 |
|-----------|---------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Birch     | £5.10.0 | and £6.10.0 | to pay own travelling expenses. |
| Thompson  | £4.0.0  | and £6.0.0  |                                 |
| Whitfield | £4.0.0  | and £4.10.0 |                                 |
| Edwards   | £4.0.0  | and £5.10.0 |                                 |
| Saxby     | - - - - | £6.0.0      |                                 |
| Oxley     | - - - - | £1.10.0     | plus £1 per week in first team. |
| Mellor    | - - - - | £1.10.0     | plus £1 per week in first team. |

It was agreed that the following terms be offered:

Potts: £5.10.0 and £6.10.0 to live at Chesterfield and pay own expenses when going home at week ends; Fisher £4.0.0 and £6.0.0 to live at Castleford and pay own travelling expenses; Lane £4.0.0 and £6.0.0 to live at Chesterfield and that the Manager have power to negotiate with Crockford, terms not exceeding £6 per week during playing season.

**Hampson**

It was agreed that no alteration be made to the decision to give Hampson a free transfer.

**Tyler**

It was agreed that the Manager ask Tyler to play against Derby County and enquire his terms and also arrange if possible for Eggo and Evans of Sheffield United to be given a trial against Derby.

**Applications**

A number of applications from players were read and it was agreed that a quorum act with the Manager between meetings for the purpose of signing on players if necessary.

**H Cropper**  
**Chairman**  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1924**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at the Recreation Ground, on Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 1924, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present**

Mr H Cropper (Chairman)  
 Mr AE Mitchell  
 Mr WH Atrill  
 Mr H Shentall

Mr G Geeson  
Mr T White  
Mr RL Weston  
Mr F Stokes  
Mr G Turner

**In Attendance** Mr H Parkes (Manager) and Mr J Black (Secretary).

**Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Bank** The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be signed:

|                     |               |          |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|
| J J Caffery         | Gate receipts | 240.10.5 |
| Customs & Excise    | Tax           | 88.19.7  |
| E Hulton & Co. Ltd. | Advertising   | 2.8.0    |

**Players** The question of players for the coming season was discussed and it was agreed that Hutchinson be called over for a special examination by Dr Matthews and that no wages be paid to him pending the Doctor's Report. The Manager reported that Potts had signed the agreement at the terms fixed at the previous meeting, that Lane had signed at £5 and £6.10.0 to live in Chesterfield, and that Crockford had signed at £4.10.0 and £6.10.0, Tyler at £3 and £4 plus travelling expenses and Dennis at £4 and £5 plus travelling expenses.

**Fisher** It was agreed that the terms offered Fisher be £4 summer and £6 winter and that this offer be made to Fisher in writing.

**Whitworth & Wass** It was agreed that the Manager have power to fix up with Whitworth & Wass terms not to exceed £2 for Whitworth and £1.10/= for Wass for playing season only.

**Garratt** A letter was read from J Garratt respecting his transfer fee and it was agreed that his fee be reduced to £100.

**McIntyre** The Manager reported a telephone conversation with Grimsby re McIntyre and it was agreed that the Manager accept any offer he can get for this player.

**Thacker** The result of Thacker's interview with the Chairman and Vice-chairman was reported and it was agreed that Thacker's engagement be continued from week to week at £3 per week and subject to the usual week's notice of termination.

**Letters of Thanks** It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr CP Markham for his munificent offer to erect new dressing rooms and baths for the club and also that a letter of thanks be sent to Manchester United for their kindness in granting Dennis a free transfer.

**AE Mitchell**  
**Chairman**

**Minutes of a meeting of Debenture Holders of the Chesterfield Football Club held at the Station Hotel on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> 1924 at 7.30 pm.**

**Present**

WA Swale (Chairman), Messrs JW Lack, TR Smithson, AW Webb, JH Gregory, JE Salt, FW Mason, A Bradbury, AC Lowe (representing Messrs W Edmunds Ltd), F Stokes, WH Urton, T Hufton, T French, SW Swale, WH Atrill, R Swale, W Storer, R Holdsworth, J Julian, W Ellis, EA Barker, G Turner, A Adams, RO Rhodes, AE Mitchell, H Cropper, H Shentall, G Geeson, RL Weston, W Silcock, JH Stephens, TH Buddington, Peter Warner, J Humphries, A Ward, P Stanton, JW Damms, W Austin.

The report of the Special Committee of Debenture Holders was read to the meeting by the Chairman and after discussion it was agreed that the recommendation of the Committee “that Debenture Interest be paid for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 1923 providing the subsidiary Guarantee to the Directors of the Club is signed for a total sum of £4,000” be confirmed.

It was agreed that when the Statutory Bond is signed to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors of the Club, that steps be taken to raise funds by a bazaar.

It was agreed that the Mayor be asked to call a Town’s Meeting re the bazaar and the question of raising funds for the Club and that the present Committee of Debenture Holders continue to act for this purpose.

*(Unsigned)*

**Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at the Recreation Ground, on Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 1924, at 7.30 pm.****Present**

Mr AE Mitchell (Chairman)  
Mr F Stokes  
Mr G Geeson  
Mr T White  
Mr RL Weston  
Mr H Shentall  
Mr H Cropper  
Mr WH Atrill

**In Attendance**

Mr H Parkes (Manager) and Mr J Black (Secretary).

**Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Bank**

The following cheques drawn since the last meeting were confirmed.

|                 |              |                  |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| H Parkes        | Wages        | 92.17.6          |
| Bradford FC Ltd | Compensation | 46-9-4           |
|                 |              | <b>£139.6.10</b> |

The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be signed:

|          |            |                 |
|----------|------------|-----------------|
| H Parkes | Wages      | 56.5.0          |
| H Parkes | Petty Cash | 24.7.0          |
|          |            | <b>£80.12.0</b> |

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| <b>Wages</b>          | It was agreed that players' wages be forwarded by cheque and the players be informed that in future wages would be paid by cheque fortnightly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Fisher</b>         | A letter was read from Fisher re terms and it was agreed that his terms be £4 and £6.6.0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Hutchinson</b>     | <p>The Manager reported that Hutchinson had been examined by Dr Matthews who reported as follows:</p> <p>May 18<sup>th</sup> 1924<br/>Gentlemen,</p> <p>I examined Hutchinson on Friday last May 16<sup>th</sup> and beg to report as under: The circumference of the right thigh is one inch less than that of the left, but it must be borne in mind that this leg has been rested for some time, and also as he is a left wing player, there is a tendency to hyper development of the left thigh. I did not find any evidence of permanent weakness in the leg, nor am I of opinion that the injury will greatly interfere with his efficiency in the future, but it is not possible to guarantee complete recovery from an injury of this nature, until further time has elapsed and there has been more stringent tests under playing conditions. Were this man up for examination as a recruit for the army, he would undoubtedly pass in A1.</p> <p>Yours faithfully,<br/>(signed) John P. Matthews MB.</p> <p>The Manager reported that Hutchinson stated at the medical examination, in the presence of himself and Dr Matthews, that he was perfectly willing to have a clause inserted in his agreement to the effect that if the effects of the injury reoccurred he should be subject to 14 days notice under the inefficiency clause in the usual way.</p> |
| <b>Linesmen</b>       | It was agreed to nominate as League Linesmen, Messrs Clayton, Hemsley and Dixon Taylor.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Bank Guarantee</b> | It was agreed that the new guarantee to the Bank for £4,000 should be deposited at the Bank, satisfactory evidence being produced that the present guarantee for £1,000 has been cancelled, and that the cash loans of the Directors be repaid.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Players</b>        | <p>It was agreed that the Manager go to Hull and fix up with Rumney at £5 and £6 with a reduction of transfer if possible, but the transfer fee not to exceed £100, and that the Manager on his return, negotiate with Walker, terms not to exceed 50/= per week during the playing season.</p> <p>The question of remaining positions in the team was discussed and it was agreed the Manager should advertise immediately for a wing half-back and a centre half-back.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Motor Mower</b>    | It was agreed that a motor mower for the ground be purchased, Mr Atrill to negotiate for the purchase of an Atco machine, price not to exceed £88.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**AE Mitchell**  
**Chairman**  
**May 27<sup>th</sup> 1924**

**Minutes of a Meeting of Directors held at the Recreation Ground, on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 1924, at 7.30 pm.**

**Present** Mr AE Mitchell (Chairman)

Mr F Stokes

Mr G Turner

Mr G Geeson

Mr T White

Mr RL Weston

Mr H Shentall

Mr H Cropper

Mr WH Atrill

**In Attendance** Mr H Parkes (Manager) and Mr J Black (Secretary).

**Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**Bank** The Statement of the Bank Account was reported and it was agreed the following cheques be drawn:

|                   |                  |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Directors' loans  |                  | 436.10.0         |
| H Parkes          | Wages            | 12.17.4          |
| J Rumney          | Wages            | 19.17.8          |
| J Black           | Petty cash       | 5.6.10           |
| Hull City FC      | Transfer fee     | 75.0.0           |
| H Parkes          | Travelling exps. | 15.0.0           |
| Chas. H. Pugh Ltd | Motor mower      | 85.10.0          |
|                   |                  | <b>£650.1.10</b> |

**Players** The Manager reported that he had signed on J Rumney at £5 and £6.10.0 plus signing-on bonus of £10 and had agreed to a transfer fee of £75, and this action was confirmed. Mr Cropper reported that Walker of Wirksworth had been signed on at 55/= playing season only, with a signing-on bonus of £5.

**Fisher** The Manager reported that Fisher had signed on at the terms fixed at the previous meeting.

Letters were read from players in answer to the advert for halfback and after discussion it was agreed that Bedford of Northampton be signed on terms not to exceed £4 and £6, that the Manager write Broadbent for terms and also write McCulloch asking him to hold out with a view to a reduction of his transfer fee. It was agreed that if the fee is reduced, McCulloch to be signed on, the terms stated in his letter to be the maximum.

**Evans** The question of Evans was discussed and it was agreed that the manager should go to Sheffield United with a view to a reduction of the transfer fee.

**Mason** the Manager was instructed to make immediate enquiries re Mason.

**FA Meeting** It was agreed that the Chairman, Mr Cropper, and the Manager attend this meeting in London on June 2<sup>nd</sup> next.

**Allotment of shares** An application form for shares from Col. BM Humble-Burkitt was read and the Secretary reported that the amount due on application was received. It was agreed that a share certificate for 100 shares numbered 4394 – 4493 inclusive be issued to Colonel Humble-Burkitt and that the Common Seal of the Company be affixed thereto.

**AE Mitchell**  
**Chairman**  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1924.**