

Kelvedon and Feering Cricket Club

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PRESIDENT: ARTHUR SAVILL

6th August 2011

Dear Member,

Re: Community Amateur Sports Club Status (CASC)

As you are aware the club has been trying to obtain CASC status for the past 18 months. The reason for obtaining this status is twofold.

Firstly, it will enable us to be able to apply for grants which will facilitate the clubhouse development and secondly, many sports clubs have recently had their 80% discretionary rate relief withdrawn by their local authorities if they do not have CASC status. Were this to happen to KFCC it would cause serious financial difficulties, it is therefore imperative that we achieve CASC status for the club.

The stumbling block, which has slightly clouded our application, was the recent conversion of the club to a Company limited by Guarantee. The reason for the conversion was to protect the interest of the members as the club grows to just £1 liability, rather than the committee having a potentially crippling personal liability which the "old" club structure implied.

We have now had a meeting with a gentleman from the HMRC and he has indicated that we need to formally dissolve the old unincorporated club and pass the assets to the new Company Limited by Guarantee. Unfortunately, the only way we can legally do this is to call a General meeting at which there will be a proposal to dissolve the existing club. This will then be followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting just over three weeks later at which we will receive the motion to dissolve the old club and pass the assets to the new club. This means that all the current club assets, including the land on which the main pitch is situated, will pass to the company.

Once we have gone through this procedure he has indicated that it will remove the stumbling block to obtain CASC status and it should go through fairly quickly.

This is all necessary to ensure the long term future of the club and although it all seems a bit bureaucratic it has to be done correctly. I hope you can now appreciate the need for what your committee is proposing and will make every effort to support us in getting this through the two meetings as seamlessly as possible.

It is essential that all members are given the opportunity to vote on this important matter. Therefore we ask that you return the attached form to indicate if you are intending to attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend please indicate your voting preference on the form which needs to be returned to our secretary Paul Lees (email: paul.lees@talktalk.net), at least 1 week before the meeting on Friday 2nd September 2011.

Kind regards

Chris Leftwich
Chairman