

How the Club is structured

– Richmond & Kew Football Club



When the football club moved to the Richmond area in 1996, the committee, at that time, decided to create a company Kew and Ham Sports Association Limited (“KHSA”) which is limited by guarantee not for profit company. This was primarily to protect the members of the football club who are all de facto members of KHSA and each member provides a guarantee to KHSA of £1, if the company goes into default. So as a consequence of this we have 2 entities that have a primary interest in the running of the football club, and it is worthwhile to understand how this is split.

- 1) KHSA – as of July 2020, there are 3 directors, Stuart Whitwell, Craig Evans and Dominic Roberts (Old Blues).
- 2) Richmond and Kew Football Club (“RKFC”) – this is a private company. As of July 2020, there are 4 committee members, Stuart Whitwell, Craig Evans, James Burrows and John Kane.

KHSA provides a sweeping user agreement to RKFC to enable it to exclusively run and manage all the football facilities at the club that is the entire grounds, pitches and 3G training pitches. No rental or user fee is paid for this, but the club is responsible for all costs of maintaining and running the grounds and pays all coaching and other staff costs and other directly football related costs such as referees fees, league affiliation fees and players insurance etc. RKFC generates income through:

- i) Subscription income from its members;
- ii) Rental income from Old Blues FC (senior section);
- iii) Income from baseball rental in the summer;
- iv) Sponsorship of teams; and
- v) Club organised events such as Fun Day, Quiz Nights etc.

RKFC looks to break even each season and to keep our subscription costs as low as possible for our members. We do have a few paid roles such as café / bar staff, administration etc but none of the committee members are remunerated for the roles that they hold.

KHSA is therefore left with running the club facility (paying rent, rates, utilities, waste, bar and cafe supplies, security, utilities, fire compliance, property insurance and capital costs) and pays all other costs including debts related to the 3G and floodlights on the 3G. KHSA generates income through:

- i) Renting the facility to Katey’s House nursery during the week;
- ii) Café and bar profits; and
- iii) Hosting non-RKFC organised events, such as parties, half marathons etc.

KHSA breaks even at an operating level, as it is a non-profit organisation and reports to the Football Foundation every year on how we use the facility, at what capacity and for whose benefit and provide explanation as to how we are protecting and maintaining the assets of the club which they have provided under various very large grants over the last 15 years (exceeding £1.2 million cumulatively). KHSA directors do not get paid for their roles as directors.