NON-PLAYING MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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1. Payment Online via website

Progress has been made in simplifying online joining as a Social or Associate member. Prospective members can now join online and make their payment via Stripe which allows them to use cards/direct debit/bank transfer and various other options. This has been tested and payments are going through as they should. For those committee members who have not seen the new Join Us page, they can access it at https://www.cambuslangrugby.club/25join/

2. Membership Software

Attempts to introduce an automated membership software system have had to be abandoned. There is simply no software programme in operation that would cope with our system where members pay different amounts at different times for the same membership. To automate the system effectively, we would have to enforce the membership categories agreed by committee – and everybody would have to pay the correct amount. That is one for the future.

3. Decisions Required

While lump sum payments are now functional, I have held off making the payment by instalment option via Stripe available to allow the committee to make a decision on charges. It's worthwhile absorbing the fees on the lump sum payments (1.5% + 20p per transaction), but for the instalment option for Associate membership, my feeling is that monthly charge via Stripe should be £9 instead of the £8. It's common practice to make a surcharge for paying over the year, but I'm happy to go with either option approved by committee.

4. Playing Membership

Is It any advantage to set up payment links for playing members in the same way as they are now available for social/associates? This might encourage more players to pay their dues as they could do it more simply. Happy to include such links if John McLaughlin and the committee think this would be worthwhile.

5. Family Membership

This is another area where a committee decision is required. The Junior Section administer this category and there are currently 46 paying family memberships. I feel discussions are required to determine exactly what the family membership fee consists of – and how any funds received should be divided, or should it remain in the Junior Section revenues?