

Brian Lee is new chairman

BRIAN Lee, who managed Wycombe Wanderers during their golden days of the early 1970s, will become the new chairman when the club becomes a company in the New Year, writes MICHAEL KNOX

Mr Lee, 43, was elected after a vote at a special meeting of the new board on Monday night and succeeds Mr Reg Williams, who has

held the post for just over four years.

When Mr Williams took over as chairman following the death of the much respected Mr Jack Smethurst in 1975, two leading members of the then committee resigned in protest.

During the past four years Mr Lee has held the unofficial position of vice-chairman with special responsibility for the playing side. Now he takes over the top job at a crucial stage in the club's history.

"I'll do what I can to help the club as it enters the 1980s," was

his comment after being elected and he will not confine himself to off-the-field activities.

As chairman he will assume responsibility for the team manager and for the playing staff. In this he is highly qualified, having led Wycombe through their most successful period in their history.

Articulate

In just over eight years as manager he took the Blues to four Isthmian League championships, to the semi-finals of the Amateur Cup and to uncharted territory in the F. A. Cup.

He will be best remembered nationally for Wycombe's ex-



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Moore spies

BOBBY Moore, the new Oxford City manager came to Loakes Park on Tuesday night to spy on Wycombe Wanderers, who play his side twice over the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Wycombe travel to the White House ground on Boxing Day to face a club rejuvenated by the arrival of Moore and of chairman Tony Rosser, who has promised to inject £30,000 into the club.

Oxford then come to Loakes Park on New Year's Day. In between, the Blues have fixed up a home Berger Isthmian league match against Barking on Saturday, December 29.

The Blues are without a fixture tomorrow (Saturday) because of the holiday. They have signed Ian Powles of Hambleton on Isthmian League forms, but Powles will still be able to play for his Wycombe League club when not required by Wycombe.

citing F. A. Cup run in 1974/75, which culminated in those two memorable matches with Middlesbrough.

During that run he came across as an articulate and persuasive speaker. Because of pressure of work — he is director of Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre — he resigned from the managership in 1976.

But he remained a figure of considerable influence and when the Isthmian League were looking for someone to manage their representative side last season, it was him they turned to.

In addition to Mr Lee, there are five other members of the board, who were appointed by the club's existing committee.

The members are: **Mr Bill Cleere**, the existing fixture secretary, who will be responsible for all social activities. In addition he will chair a special management committee to handle the day to day running of the club. This committee would be appointed by the board.

Current treasurer **Mr Gerald Cox** will be financial director; secretary **Mr John Goldsworthy** would be responsible for the general administration; **Mr Peter Swinburn** will be commercial director responsible for promotions and fund raising.

The other member is the former chairman **Mr Reg Williams**, who will look after the grounds and playing spectating facilities.

Principal aims

All these positions will come up for election at an annual meeting attended by shareholders. The price of each share has not yet been determined but no person may be allowed to hold more than one.

In a prepared statement the club lay down four principal aims of the company.

1. To provide and promote as good as possible standard of football to the benefit of the town.

2. To be financially viable.

3. To aim for success at the present level of football and in the current league, but to be aware of the need for progression or change and to prepare for such eventualities.

4. To maintain a development policy within the Company of both the playing and social areas.

Mr Lee said that the main reasons for the club becoming a company were financial. It would enable them to own the Loakes Park ground, which would act as collateral should the club wish to raise large sums of money.