

Clubhouse plans are shelved

WYCOMBE Wanderers have temporarily shelved plans to build a big new clubhouse next to their Loakes Park ground.

This was made quite clear by chairman Mr Reg Williams at the club's annual meeting held at the ground on Thursday evening.

Mr Williams told members that at present the club did

not have the finances to pay for such a scheme, which would have been built on part of the existing training pitch.

"We run a football team and not a social club," he said. "The clubhouse is secondary to the team. That is what we are here for — to produce a football team for the town."

Asked why the club had

not managed to attract a major sponsor to help with the club's finances, Mr Williams said that had been a lack of response within the town.

Hopeful

"Our efforts have fallen on stony ground. Every firm in Wycombe has been contacted and no one at all is in-

terested. We can get people to sponsor boards round the ground but the main sponsor is a problem," he said.

Vice-chairman Mr Brian Lee was more hopeful of obtaining a backer. "We are after large sponsorship, something between £1,000 and £2,000 per year. We think we have got a sponsor for next season."

Just how much Wanderers rely on the Blues Development Fund — the lottery — was made quite clear by the accounts. The Fund brought nearly £40,000 into the club while the overall surplus for the season was just over £10,000.

The formation of the club into a limited liability company which was expected to have been completed early in the year, still has not gone through all the necessary procedures.

In his annual report secretary Mr John Goldsworthy says, "It has taken a long time but it has to be accepted that it is not a straightforward matter and there is a great responsibility on the solicitors to ensure that all legal requirements are met.

Session

Mr Williams said that manager Mike Keen had sent his apologies for not attending because of the first training session of the season.

But Mr Keen has invited all club members to meet him and watch his training methods at a special session at Loakes Park on the evening of Thursday August 7.

OFFICERS ELECTED

President — M. E. Seymour, chairman — R. H. Williams, secretary J. Goldsworthy, treasurer G. B. Cox, vice-chairman B. R. Lee, match sec W. G. V. Cleere, general committee — C. Avery, R. Hart, R. Holt, G. Roberts, P. Swinburn, G. Pledst, G. Sutton, K. Lacey, manager M. Keen, commercial manager M. Phillips.