

HBCAFC Football Family

Without having to go through all the details this has been the start of a season like no other. Keeping yourselves and your family safe is key to ensuring the country recovers as quickly as possible, and we are back on the playing field.

Being the biggest club in the Northern Football Federation has seen so much work go on behind the scenes by all the volunteers and our four paid contracted staff (General Manager- full time; Technical Director of Football - full time; two Club Admin Managers - part time), only to have this happen. Whether we get to play this season is a question out of our hands that we can't answer.

Being a non-profit making organisation means that we rely on sponsorship, fees and funding grants to get through the season. Getting through the season includes paying the four contracted staff.

Unfortunately with the country in lock down for four weeks means nothing is going to happen on the football field, which ultimately means the money stops coming into the club, immediately impacting on our ability to pay our contracted staff.

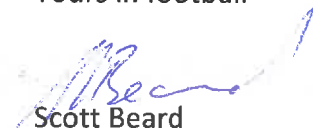
As unfortunate and difficult as it is, as a club we have to be financially responsible. That has meant that we have had to stand down our contracted staff without pay at least for the next four weeks. Three of our staff parent on their own, which makes the decision even more difficult. They will be able to apply for the Govt subsidy, which we are hoping they will receive.

Work will still be being done behind the scenes by the Junior and Senior committees along with the Executive Board. One of the tasks will be applying to funding agencies for assistance.

In regards to the club finances we ask that you bear with us until a final decision is made regarding the season. Also realise that if you send emails or messages to the Club, these will be answered as soon as we can, but not immediately.

In the meantime, practicing individual skills and staying fit is important both physically and mentally, whatever the outcome of the season.

Yours in football



Scott Beard

President

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