

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

Committee + invited members

Ben Dawson (BD)
 Paul Dawson (PD)
 Matt Goodwin (MG)
 Jeremy Paterson (JP)
 Flo Playford (FP)
 Tony Spain (TS)
 Lewis Elgar (LE)
 Andrew Shepherd (LE)
 Peter Baxter (PB)
 Hayley Reynolds (HR)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



Julia Sime – Apologies
 Geoff Playford – Apologies
 Rebecca Hover – Apologies
 Graham Bingham – Apologies
 Cathie Elgar – Apologies
 James Chamberlain – Apologies
 Matt Carter – Apologies

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Apologies

Discussion

Apologies were received from those listed above who were invited to the meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Minutes

Discussion

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

Grass pitches

No update.

Carpark / Grounds

PD updated that he and HR had had a meeting with ABC regarding the funding for resurfacing / possible extension to the carpark. Estimated cost would be £15k, of which we would seek £7.5k from ABC. KJFC and AHC would then share the other £7.5k. PD & HR will collate necessary supporting documentation, but PD noted that 3 young trees may need removing if extending the size. Committee gave full support.

Astro turf

All OK.

Agenda Item 4: Site Hire Review

Discussion

PD updated the Committee that 3 Saturdays ago there had been 3 KJFC matches brought forward from PM to AM without AHC knowing – as a result the carpark became overcrowded / parked badly, and some vehicles ended up in Ball Lane. A local resident complained to AHC, and, despite immediate action from JP and Kevin Miller, also complained to the local Councillor. PD has reviewed with the local Councillor and in subsequent weeks we have had marshalled parking, with the help of KJFC last weekend. This will continue until a more permanent solution can be found. We will also look at putting out more permanent markers / logs to guide where to park.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

No further update. DC meeting regularly and will update as and when necessary.

Related to this PD updated that he had had a meeting with ACC Trustees to review and discuss both Clubs' longer term vision. Very early days, but that communication channels are open.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS updated that the accounts are in order. Approximately £15k balance; KJFC fully paid but Soccer 6s still owing approx. ¾ of their monies. JS chasing.

Agenda Item 7: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

Friday 13th January 2017 – Quiz Night. Moved from 25th November as a result of a calendar clash.

9th December – Ladies Christmas Supper – Kate Tilby arranging.

17th December – Juniors Christmas Disco. Under 12s. 7pm to 10pm.

Agenda Item 8: Juniors

Discussion

LE updated that after Junior signing on day GB has 172 completed subscription forms with approximately 20 to 30 more expected but yet to arrive. U14 boys and U16 boys are struggling for numbers so may close the U14s and have a young U16s... but will monitor as the weeks progress. U16 girls have ~18, U14 girls have 20+ as do the U12 girls. U10s mixed have 37 and U8s mixed have 45! Great numbers – they expect to have 200+ juniors soon! LE updated that the rota of Mens and Ladies 1st / 2nd XI players attending on Sunday mornings need monitoring. LE also updated that there is now goalkeeper coaching on Sunday mornings at the Junior sessions.

Agenda Item 9: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. TP is in process of updating first aid kits. Gel packs also required.
 - b. JP updated that he is in discussion with both Chubb and InTime for next year's fire extinguisher contract. Requested OK to purchase smoke detectors to install at the club. Committee agreed.
 - c. All captains plus one senior member of each team need DBS checks done. TS to compile list and provide to CE.
 - d. JP / LE informed that a young girl had tripped entering the clubhouse on Sunday and that the carpet was lifting / was unsafe. FP volunteered to source a heavy rubber mat, and JP offered to get a quote for new carpeting.
2. Coaching – TS commented that Monday night coaching will have to be monitored and viability reviewed if numbers do not improve.
3. Website – MG confirmed that the new website is running well! MG updated that he needs to liaise with Roger Lightfoot regarding email addresses (e.g. fixtures@, umpiring@, treasurer@... etc). PD commented that team Captains must get match reports to MG by Monday evening. MG will then forward to Kent Messenger, as well as put on the website. We must improve on this!
4. Umpiring. No umpiring courses locally being run. BD also commented that he needed to compile a list of those who have actually umpired with a view to reviewing their subs.
5. TS commented that we seem to be struggling to put out all teams in the Mens section. The Committee agreed that in order to entice those who might only play 1 or 2 times a month, the Captain's discretion can be used with regard to collecting match fees. £10 / game for Seniors was suggested, with less for the Juniors. Captains to decide. All but 6th XI Captains agreed.
6. LE commented that at the previous Sunday's Junior training, 2 spectators had commented that we do not have a disabled toilet. Whilst we are not breaking any law in not having one, we know that the clubhouse needs modernising and the Development Committee is working on things!
7. LE requested that if he sorts through the GK kit in the changing rooms, were the Committee happy with him selling kits to local schools. Committee agreed.
8. FP commented that Subs forms / direct debits are in a FAR healthier status than last season, so a big thank you to all who have helped.

Action Items:

TS to compile list of people to have DBS checks and sent to CE.

MG to create emails for Club Positions

TS to replenish 1st Aid kits.

FP / JP to look at replacement carpets.

The meeting closed at 20h45. November meeting will be Monday 7th November.