

# Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

## Committee + invited members

Ben Dawson (BD)  
Paul Dawson (PD)  
Jeremy Paterson (JP)  
Lewis Elgar (LE)  
Flo Playford (FP)  
Julia Sime (JS)  
Andy Shepherd (AS)  
Matt Goodwin (MG)  
Geoff Playford (GP)  
Cathie Elgar (CE)

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly Committee Meeting



Graham Bingham – Apologies  
Alan Paterson – Apologies  
James Chamberlain – Apologies  
Tony Spain – Apologies  
Matt Carter – Apologies  
Hayley Reynolds – Apologies  
Becky Hover – 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 8<sup>th</sup> December were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

**Agenda Item 3:** Site & Astro turf maintenance

### Discussion

#### SITE UPDATE

##### I. Grass pitches

JS updated that we remain without a contracted groundsman. Adrian Long is still looking after things, but this is a temporary situation. A long-term replacement is being sought and KJFC are aware. LE commented that a contact at Wye Cricket Club might be able to help. PD commented that he will review an old job specification so we can estimate how many hours per week are needed should we have to advertise.

##### II. Carpark / Lighting

JP updated that Peter Baxter is expecting poles w/c 18<sup>th</sup> January and confirmed that all work will be signed off by a suitably qualified electrician once finished.

##### III. Astro turf / Lighting

FP confirmed that replacement bulks have been ordered and she would follow this up with Gurney White. Regarding LED lighting, JP that Paul Goodman had been contacted but was not in a position to quote.

### Action Items:

**LE to contact his Wye CC.**

**PD to review Groundsman job specification.**

**FP to contact GW re replacement bulbs.**

**Agenda Item 4:** Development Committee

### Discussion

AS confirmed that the DC continues to look in to all possible options for short, mid and long term development of the site and its facilities – discussions on the lease from ACC are ongoing. Next meeting is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Agenda Item 5: Treasurer's Report**

### **Discussion**

- i) AS updated that funds are looking comparatively healthy and that the annual report was forthcoming. VAT fully up to date. AS expressed thanks to the Fundraising Committee – they are making a real difference.
- ii) Subscriptions. JS updated that she is compiling a spreadsheet of club members and is tracking payment of subscriptions. FP commented that they will both be chasing members up over the coming weekends (handing out forms if necessary) but both JS & FP expressed concern that this is a very painful process and we need to look at alternative options regarding updating Standing Orders / membership tracking across the club.

## **Agenda Item 6: Fundraising Committee**

### **Discussion**

FP updated as follows:

- Quiz Night - £500
- Barrow of booze / disco - £700

### Upcoming Events:

- Ceilidh – 29<sup>th</sup> January
- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – AHC Beer Festival (Febfest!)
- Celebration / Memorial Day – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Mens' match and a Ladies match. FP volunteered to organise.

PD expressed great thanks to the excellent FRC.

### **Action Items:**

**FP to coordinate Celebration Day.**

## **Agenda Item 7: Coaching / Captains of Teams**

### **Discussion**

BD commented that Senior Men's teams are OK. Remove from Agenda for February.

## **Agenda Item 8: AOB**

### **Discussion**

1. H&S.
  - a. Defibrillator training. FP has confirmed that training will be tomorrow night - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7.15pm. All Captains have been contacted. 1 person per team should attend – 15 people maximum. JP to do a list of who attended so signs can be put up around the clubhouse.
  - b. Physio Clinic will run to the end of the season - subscription of physios are not to be reduced.
2. Pilgrim's Hospice's request to use AHC for "It's a Knockout". In principle, yes, the Committee are OK with this (10<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016 requested – pm of Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> preferable to AHC to fixtures / Junior training) but more information is required. Clubhouse and 2 to 4 acres required, but timings and numbers needed. No charge required, but request that positive publicity received from Hospice. JS to contact Hospice.
3. Kit. BD confirmed that the Launch Day would be 16<sup>th</sup> January - thanks to JS and Robbie Allen. Press and Mr Davies to attend, although kit not due to arrive until 15<sup>th</sup>. BD to let FP & JS know regarding catering.
4. Juniors.
  - a. LE commented that Backs Massey is the possible volunteer for the coach for the North School after school club (funded by ABC) - he is managing this.
  - b. LE also commented that the first Junior sessions on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> was a real success – 30 x U8, 24 x U10 (mixed), 16 x U12 (boys), 16 x U12 (girls), 29 x U14 (mixed) are all progressing very well. LE requested support from the Committee for selective teams – we put out as strong teams as possible. The Committee supported this fully. LE confirmed that all Juniors have the same opportunities, the same training.
  - c. Final session for Juniors will be 20<sup>th</sup> March.
  - d. LE confirmed that he was going to sort out Keepers' kits in the changing rooms.
  - e. LE requested support for online survey regarding ABC / Sport England website feedback. MG to complete form.
  - f. LE also comments that members of both the Mens' and Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are coming to Junior training each week and this was much appreciated by all, especially the Juniors themselves!

5. Website. MG to review status with Roger Lightfoot regarding host platform. CE commented that the KJFC website is very good and user-friendly and she would be happy to contact the person who developed this. BD also said he would speak to Roger Lightfoot at the next DC meeting (18/01/16).
6. Umpires. BD commented that AHC is still struggling but expressed thanks to all those who volunteer, particularly JT! JC and BD are finalising a Rota and will then review with KHUA (regarding Pool umpires). BD also commented that they would try to arrange another umpiring training course before the end of the season.
7. BD commented that 2014-15 Season's club winners had not been painted on the boards above the bar. FP volunteered to speak to Ian Thomas to arrange.
8. JS informed that ABC Pest Control had visited and were satisfied with the site now. Well done JS and TP!
9. JS commented that Gary Hayburn's compound needed some work doing on it (clearing / tidying etc) and that she would lead this.

**Action Items:**

**JP to create sign of those who have had Defibrillator training.**

**JS to contact Pilgrim's Hospice re "It's a Knockout".**

**BD to let JS / FP know regarding Kit Launch Day.**

**LE to follow up North School afterschool club coaching volunteer.**

**MG to update ABC / Sport England website survey.**

**MG to speak with Roger Lightfoot re website.**

**CE / MG to review KJFC website.**

**BD to speak with Roger Lightfoot re website.**

**The meeting closed at 20h25.**