

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

**Committee +
invited
members**

Ben Dawson (BD)
Paul Dawson (PD)
Julia Sime (JS)
Matt Goodwin (MG)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)
Cathie Elgar (CE)
Lewis Elgar (LE)
Becky Hover (BH)
Tony Spain (TS)
Flo Playford (FP)
Geoff Playford (GP)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



Graham Bingham – Apologies
Alan Paterson – Apologies
James Chamberlain – Apologies
Matt Carter – Apologies
Hayley Reynolds – 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 7th March were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

1. Grass pitches

Permanent groundsman is still an issue. Adrian Llong is hoped to continue until the end of the season, but a permanent solution is not yet defined. AS to speak to Adrian Llong before looking at alternatives (KCCC etc). No update from ACC.

2. Carpark / Lighting

Carpark surface needs urgent repair. Options involve 6 Mile Excavations (Giles Starley a contact) but this will cost ~£10k. Suggested that KJFC should contribute 50%? Also suggested that we could look at incorporating the grass area between existing carpark and astro. Committee agree that this is worth looking in to. AS to speak to KJFC to see if they have any ideas or contacts.

3. Astro turf / Lighting

JP awaiting feedback from AP Thompsons regarding areas of concern of surface integrity

4. Goals

- Goals need major work (welding) done on them after storms. JP to investigate the insurance excess vs cost of repair
- JS to arrange a set of football goals for the Soccer 6s through KJFC.

5. Site / Buildings / Rubbish

- AS to speak to JS regarding leaking windows.
- JS to arrange the clearing and levelling of the compound.
- Still too much litter around all around the site. Proper clean up needed – before the AGM?

- JS asked who is responsible for the ACC Pavilion as the alarm went off. PD to contact an ACC trustee to define. AS to also contact Ashford School re their intentions from September onwards.

Action Items:

AS to speak to Adrian Llong

AS to speak to KJFC re carpark surface

JP to chase AP Thompsons regarding playing surface quality

JP to find out cost of insurance excess for repair of goals

JS to source football goals

JS to speak to AS regarding leaking windows

JS to arrange sorting of compound

PD / AS to discuss ACC Pavillion with ACC / Ashford School respectively

Agenda Item 4: Development Committee

Discussion

DC unavailable to provide any update for this monthly committee meeting. Next meeting due before end of April.

Agenda Item 5: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

- i) AS updated that KJFC owe 2 months of Groundsman's fees, but all OK overall.
- ii) JS / FP re-raised the issue of non-payment of Subscriptions. They estimate approximately £5k has not been paid this season. The Committee agreed that this was not acceptable and discussed a more efficient Sign On day, or a cut-off date after which individuals would not be selected (1st October?). The Committee thanked JS and FP for their tireless Subscription-chasing feats! To be discussed in next month's meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

FP updated that the FC has raised approximately £2k this season. PD requested that it be minuted that the Committee and all at AHC were exceedingly grateful for the FC efforts, particularly FP and JS! 😊

Upcoming dates:

7th May – Neetball Finals

28th May – KJFC charity football game

29th May – KJFC football tournament

4th June – KJFC presentation day

9th July - Gurkha Day

3rd July to 18th July – TP abroad.

21st August – Masons BBQ

Agenda Item 7: Junior Section

Discussion

LE updated that the after school club at North School is having ongoing discussions.

LE updated that the Celebration Day would be Sunday 17th April.

Agenda Item 8: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S. JP to conduct 2016 risk assessment before start of next season.
2. Website. BD to chase Roger Lightfoot & get suggestions from Caroline Watson who designed KJFC site.
3. Umpires. We got there! Special thanks to BD, JT and JC.
4. Captains of each team need to nominate a player of the year for the AGM and give a report of the season to be included for the AGM pack.
5. GP requested the Club recognise the efforts of Kevin Miller and Paul Congerton who are representing England at the Masters World Cup Over 50s competition in Australia.
6. MG noted that from Wednesday 4th May between 7.30pm to 9pm – Open “turn up and play” hockey starts for the summer.

Action Items:

JP to conduct site 2016 Risk Assessment

BD to speak to RL / MG re website

The meeting closed at 20h55.