

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

**Committee +
invited
members**

Ben Dawson (BD)
Paul Dawson (PD)
Matt Goodwin (MG)
Geoff Playford (GP)
Flo Playford (FP)
Lewis Elgar (LE)
Hayley Reynolds (HR)
Tony Spain (TS)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting

Rebecca Hover - Apologies
Peter Baxter- Apologies
Julia Sime – Apologies
Graham Bingham – Apologies
Cathie Elgar – Apologies
Andrew Shepherd – 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 13th February were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

FP commented that rubbish / waste on the whole site was unacceptable and something needs to be done – there used to be a rota but this was no longer in use. The Committee agreed that a paid role (2 hours / week @ £12.50 / hour) should be found. FP offered to do this for a trial and report back.

Grass pitches

No update.

Carpark / Grounds

No update.

Astroturf

PD commented that the left hand side dugout needs re-bolting to the surface – he would contact Gurney White to do.

Agenda Item 4: Site Hire Review

Discussion

BD commented that Saturday 22nd April is Ashford District School Netball tournament. We needed to supply carpark marshals and charge – but this should be confirmed at April's meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

PD updated that Roger Lightfoot is doing a lot of work behind the scenes. Trevor Hughes is working on a business plan to support the application.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS updated that the accounts are in order. Looking positive – approximately £22k in bank once all revenues and expenses balanced.

AS also commented on a request to hire the pitch on Mondays and Tuesdays for 5 hours in total from a local primary school/s. The Monday clashes with Men's senior training for 4ths and below which has been poorly attended – and the pitch hire would net ~£7k per annum. The Committee agreed that this should be approved for the remainder of this season and be reviewed in September at the start of next season.

Agenda Item 7: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

FP updated that Celebration Day will be held on Sunday 23rd April. LE said he would contact Ginny Bozeat for assistance.

Senior Club supper to be held with awards on Friday 28th April @ £19 a ticket, available to purchase. HR requested that she be given a budget to decorate the Clubhouse – maximum £100. The Committee agreed.

BD / JP to review awards. FP commented that we should need nominations by Friday 7th April.

HR will review pitch-side banners.

Agenda Item 8: Juniors

Discussion

LE updated that the junior section is now selecting on a performance basis i.e. elitist. The Committee supported this.

Agenda Item 9: AOB

Discussion

1. Vets tournament in Spain – too high a standard. Thanks but no thanks!
2. H&S – Flooring/Carpets being done at the end of April.
3. Goals – LE wants £1k for new set of nets / goals. The Committee approved → LE / MG to liaise with AS to purchase.
4. LE commented we are still looking for a replacement to accept the role of Welfare Officer – although we have one candidate.
5. TS commented that Captains will be an issue for next season. Only the Men's 1XI is clear – need ideas on all other Men's teams. Can we support the same number of teams?
BD confirmed we will have 3 Ladies teams next season and proposed 5 Men's teams i.e. drop 1 senior team – the Men's 4s. BD, PD and TS to coordinate a meeting with Men's captains to have frank discussions – do captains get enough recognition?
6. BD/MG/ TS commented umpires are still an ongoing struggle to cover all games and are on verge of losing points in the Ladies Section. DC was to register TS & JH – BD to follow this up.
7. PD confirmed that the Gurkha community would like to hire the site on Sunday 9th July – the Committee agreed.

Action Items:

- BD, PD and TS to arrange meeting with Men's Captains.
- LE / MG to purchase nets / goals.

The meeting closed at 20h40. April meeting will be Monday 10th April.