

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)
Andrew Shepherd (AS)
Mary Daly (MD)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



Rebecca Hover - Apologies
Peter Baxter– Apologies
Graham Bingham – Apologies
James Chamberlain - 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 10th April were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

PD / FP introduced Mary Daly, a local resident and passionate fundraiser.

MD informed the committee that she had raised £1.6M in 4 years and would like to help AHC. We need to be considering Golf Days, non-uniform days at local schools, a summer fete, boot fairs etc. Mary's passion and energy was evident, and the committee thanked MD for her input; we'll be in touch!

FP updated that the Celebration Day raised approximately £250 on the raffle, and that both it and the Club Supper had been huge successes – another £300 raised.

FP asked whether the Club would like to consider a Summer Ball? BD said he would canvas opinion of the Men's teams, and FP with the Ladies.

FP updated that there would be a family quiz soon. TS confirmed that the Club Day / Signing On day would be the first Saturday in September (Saturday 2nd).

FP confirmed that she and Mary Daly would organise the Club's golf day – date tbc.

HR confirmed that she would follow up pitch-side advertising banners.

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astroturf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

No general update.

Grass pitches

See below.

Carpark / Grounds

PD confirmed that the work for the approved expansion of the carpark would take place over the summer (taking in to account the Summer School from 1st to 3rd August). Once completed, JP confirmed that he would make the “park at your own risk” signs to be placed on the pitch-side fencing.

PD also confirmed that KJFC would be holding a football tournament on Sunday 28th May; he would liaise with KJFC regarding KJFC supplying marshals for the carpark.

Astroturf

JP confirmed that he had met AP Thompsons who had inspected the pitch and confirmed that it was in a good condition – better than when visited last year. There is some minor work that the Club can undertake (far-side crease-removal, sand-dressing the short corner injection spots etc. The cross-pitch sweeping of the pitch is paying dividends – no need to pay APT to come and do work.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

PD updated that Roger Lightfoot is doing a lot of work behind the scenes but currently no further updates.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer’s Report

Discussion

AS updated that the Junior and Senior Club accounts will merge. He and Graham Bingham have agreed that because the Junior Section has less than 10 individual transactions per annum, it makes sense to merge both accounts. AS also confirmed that plumbers would be attending on site on 19th May to review the boilers / water heating – we should expect a sizeable bill for replacement.

Agenda Item 7: Juniors

Discussion

LE updated that Summer School is 1st to 3rd August. He also congratulated the U13 Girls team who won the Kent Championships!

Welfare officer – LE in the process of getting someone to take over.

Agenda Item 9: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S – Flooring/Carpets being done after the plumbing completed. FP to coordinate.
2. H&S – LE asked if there should be a “match day” kit (containing balls, bibs, cones, 1st aid kits) being issued to all captains. The Committee agreed but asked LE to review costs of this and confirm. TS will replenish the 1st aid kits for one final time.
3. Coaching – Ladies coaching all sorted for next season. Much thanks for Lewis Elgar for his efforts. PD reported that Men’s coaching for next season, Daran Cass is stepping down, and that both PD and BD are working with TS and the Men’s 1st XI to find a suitable coach for next season.
4. Match reports – Thanks to everyone who wrote reports across the season it is very much appreciated.
5. Website – photos to be placed on website – MG to liaise with BD to organise. JP and MG to talk re Mailchimp / AHC website.
6. Umpires –BD will look in to contacting the necessary clubs to have 2 home umpires doing each game – will make things much easier.
7. LE noted that £340 had been received from the Injury Clinics held at the Club. Very positive feedback; the physios would like to invest the monies raised in treatment equipment for next season. Committee agreed.

The meeting closed at 20h50. May meeting will be Monday 19th June 2017.