

Monday 9th October 2017

19:30 hrs

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

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**Committee +
invited
members**

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

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



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 18th September were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

All going well – FP noted there is to be a meeting on 6th October to review ongoing events.

Family Quiz – 10th November – 4 tables remaining.

Men's club supper – James Chamberlain to organise

NYE event to be planned – nothing major as too short notice!

SH confirmed all running well – volunteers always required!

FP confirmed that she is liaising with Mary Daly regarding AHC Golf Day – details tbc.

2nd February 2018 – full Club quiz

17th March 2018 – Club bingo!

President's Lunch – 4th November, 10th December – new guests needed. It was suggested that we invite parents on some of the Juniors.

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

Grass pitches / Carpark / Grounds / Astro turf

HR noted that ABC's contribution to the new carpark area is outstanding, but she is following up.

JP actioned to fix fencing around astro where possible.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

PD updated that the DevCo continue to work tirelessly to secure the immediate future of the Club. The DevCo hope to be able to give a full update very soon.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

PD updated on AS's behalf that all going well. A lot of funds now in from the Jr section. Affiliation of East League, KHUA and EH are all paid / ongoing. Umpire affiliation is in process; BD is managing the differences between Kent Men's and Kent Ladies' fees.

Agenda Item 7: Juniors

Discussion

LE noted that an U14 boy footballer passing the astro on the patio was unfortunately hit on the knee by an errant hockey ball. His parents were very understanding but suggested that others may not be so, and perhaps we ought to look at some sort of preventative netting. Fully recorded in the Accident Book. The Committee agreed to review but reinforced that:

1. Games across the pitch are not authorised unless fully supervised.
2. Warning signs need to be printed and put up – JP to action.
3. Quotes for netting from AP Thompsons to be gained. JP to action.

PD thanked LE for the professional and empathetic manner in which he managed the incident.

LE also updated that the Jr section has started the season very strongly – the Girls U10s won the Tunbridge Wells tournament – fantastic news!

Agenda Item 8: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S

Risk assessment complete.

2. Umpires – fees ongoing (see section 6). BD noted that away matches are proving tough to fulfil as they are non-appointed games. Thanks to all the volunteers – an umpiring course to be scheduled before Christmas.
3. Tournaments. BD noted that we are awaiting information from EH regarding the Masters tournament. Diccon is keen for AHC to enter a team in to an indoor hockey league. BD also noted that AHC would be entering a M1 team in to the Kent Cup.
4. Rubbish! FP noted that the site is beginning to look a little tired. As a Club we need to ensure that all bottles and rubbish are cleared up at the end of each Saturday – incumbent on the home team that plays the last game on each Saturday. FP suggested that we need more than this – one hour each day on a Monday and Friday to tidy up – and to pay £20 a week, to include a sweep of the patio, sweeping of the path as well as the rubbish from the pitch (including cigarette butts!). HR to arrange.
5. FP asked if a new Treasurer had been identified. PD said that discussions with Kiagh Bridges were ongoing, but was optimistic of an appointment.
6. JC noted that DBS is now all in hand – thanks to all involved. He noted that there was a need to run a 1st aid course here at AHC. FP will arrange with Emily (who ran the defibrillator course) .
7. BD commented on kit and potential new supply? PD confirmed he is in discussions with all involved. BD confirmed that we would follow up with Diccon's lead.
8. BD commented that AHC was lucky to have 2 players returning to the Club – Rob Playford and Sam Handley. The Committee agreed that any ex-members wanting to return to the Club should be agreed on a case by case basis through the Coach, Club Captain, Chairman and Committee as appropriate.
9. SH updated the the Injury Clinic had started the previous week – all fully booked and generated £45 for the Club. SH also updated that the Ladies Section is all well and good.
10. FP commented that there needs to be more of a sense of urgency to get jobs done outside of the monthly Committee Meeting. The Committee fully agree, and suggest that we all remind each other of tasks needing attention.

The meeting closed at 21h00. Next meeting will be Monday 13th November 2017.