

Monday 14th August 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)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)
James Chamberlain (JC)
Hayley Reynolds (HR)
Tony Spain (TS)
Andrew Shepherd (AS)

Rebecca Hover - Apologies
Geoff Playford - Apologies
Sophie Hunt - Apologies
Lewis Elgar - Apologies

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



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 17th July were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

HR updated that she has been sending out sponsorship packs to local companies – a quiet response so far, but she is confident of communications being opened. HR requested that if any members have contacts within local businesses, they need to come forward.

HR also informed that the FRC is developing a 1-3 year Fundraising Strategy – all written in draft. They have created an Events Committee to track participation, income, expenses, targets etc – all live.

HR would like to develop an Operational Strategy. This will increase the number opportunities the Club to be granted funds. HR will lead the creation of this document, and that she will get the support of others within the Club (Kate Tilby, Jon Shepard, Becky Hover) whose professional lives are relevant to developing such a document. They would also like to develop a Marketing Strategy. Shep has also agreed to help to review and support through the stages. The Committee fully agreed, but PD commented that JP should inform the Trustees – just as an FYI at this stage – but the documents will need approval from the Trustees before being adopted by the Club.

HR also commented Kate Tilby is interested in using GoogleDocs – so people can register online. The Committee agree that this will be the future, but need more information regarding security and sensitivity – some members will be potentially uncomfortable about having their data stored electronically. JP volunteered to speak to KT for more detail.

HR also volunteered to do a cost comparison of local venues with regard to cost of hire – it is the perception of many members that we are not charging enough.

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

Grass pitches

No update.

Carpark / Grounds

PD updated that the work on increasing the carpark has begun and will be completed before the season starts – thanks to Peter Baxter for managing this. ABC have granted AHC 50% of the costs; AHC and KJFC are sharing the remaining.

PD also comments that ACC have cut down many trees along the border with Ball Lane to increase light access.

Astro turf

PD informed that the astro pitch has had battoning laid under the far side of the carpet to aid crease removal; as per A.P. Thompson's recommendation.

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

AS commented that we have approx. £8k in the current account, with £6k owed, but have lots of payments to be made in the next few weeks; Gamebreaker software - £2.6k, car park resurfacing - £3k, new carpet - £3k, new boiler - £3k, guttering / roofing - £1.5k.

AS made special mention to the Junior section of the Club – the Summer School, which ran from the 1st to 3rd of August, has already brought in over £3k to the Club – massive thanks to Lewis Elgar and his fantastic team!

Agenda Item 7: Juniors

Discussion

Had a fully subscribed, fantastic Summer School – so much so that we had to turn away 20 children! How can we improve this next year to maximise attendees? 2 sessions over 3 days? Use grass pitches? Need to engage the coaches first to establish if this could be supported.

Agenda Item 8: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. JP to conduct Risk Assessment prior to start of next season
 - b. Welfare Office and DBS – James Chamberlain to contact England Hockey
2. A Veteran's team to enter Kent / National Cups. BD confirmed that Ian Thomas has accepted the management of this team. Great news!
****JP question**** - has this team been registered with EH? JP has done so for the Ladies' O35 team (at the behest of Kate Tilby) but has had no request for a Men's team.
3. Subscriptions
 - a. Will they increase? £50 next year, but this can be avoided if paid before first league game of the season. Confirmation required.
 - b. How do we manage late / non-payers in the coming season? A simple "Please let us know if you are intending on playing this season"? Other ideas welcome!
4. Fixtures – status of all teams?
5. Captains – Men's 2 XI still tbc? Allan Dawson / Tom Brittlund – needs confirmation.

The meeting closed at 20h45. May meeting will be Monday 18th September 2017.