

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)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)
Sophie Hunt (SH)
Diccon Stubbings (DS)
Andrew Shepherd (AS)

Type of Meeting: Monthly Committee Meeting



Rebecca Hover - Apologies
James Chamberlain - Apologies
Hayley Reynolds – Apologies
Tony Spain – Apologies

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item 1: Apologies

Discussion

Apologies were received from those listed above who were invited to the meeting. PD also welcomed the new Senior Men's Coach, Diccon Stubbings, to his first Committee Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Previous Meeting Minutes

Discussion

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th June were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

FP updated that she held a very productive meeting at her house on 22nd June and can confirm that:

- LE will organise hockey games on Signing On day - 2nd September with Becky Thomas organising children's games. FP will design and print posters advertising. 12pm to 4pm – need 10 teams of 10 mixed players.
- Fundraising Committee is targeting £6k this season through a family quiz in November, a standard quiz in January as well as an Oktoberfest (in October... date tbc).
- More volunteers always required!
- HR is liaising with local business re pitch-side banners.
- MG commented that if HR had set packages for banners he would put them on the website.

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE

PD updated that the Gurkha Day had gone very well, and that there would be a Family Day on Sunday 30th July.

Grass pitches

No update.

Carpark / Grounds

As above

Astro turf

No update.

Agenda Item 5: Development Committee

Discussion

PD updated the next DevCo meeting is Monday 24th July. PD updated that Hobbs Parker (Roger Lightfoot) are doing a lot of work to try to enable the application. Progress is being made, but extra costs are likely to be incurred. AS commented that whilst this would leave AHC in a tight position, it would be manageable; he suggested that we may need to do fundraising events specifically to increase cash flow to support this. PD requested support from the full Committee that the DevCo Committee can make decisions? Committee voted 100% in support. DS volunteered to investigate playing surfaces.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS commented that we have solicitor's bills of \$4.5k, but just over this in the account. KJFC owe £4k and Soccer 6s owe £5k. Tight, but under control.

Agenda Item 7: Juniors

Discussion

LE updated that Summer School is 1st to 3rd August. 55 already booked – have a capacity of 75. All good.

Agenda Item 8: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. Flooring/Carpets being done mid July. FP coordinating.
 - b. Fence wiring and next season's Risk assessment to be done before the start of next season.
 - c. Welfare Office and DBS – James Chamberlain. We need to notify Kent Hockey.
2. Coaching
 - a. Men's training. Men's 3rd XI downward (incl. U14 boys) Wednesdays, 6.30pm to 8pm. Ricki Johnston
 - b. Men's training. Men's 1st & 2nd XI Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Diccon Stubbings
 - c. Ladies training – remaining as it is (coaching staff and timings)
 - d. DS presented coaching software – "Groundbreaker". Can be used to divide games or training in to different sections (short corners offensive, short corners defensive, goals etc) to allow repeat analysis. Cost is £1k per licence plus VAT; we would need 2 licences (Mens and Ladies). With the hardware needed the total would be £2.6k. The Committee unanimously voted to support this but funding may be an issue. DS should coordinate accordingly before making the purchase.
3. Website – KT / MG / BD to manage & coordinate links between all social media. PD suggested that Vicki Wise might be willing to take photographs? KT / MG / PD to discuss with her. Vicki Wise has confirmed she will be happy to take photos for the website – need to ensure that image rights disclaimer put on Signing On form both Senior and Junior (see point 5 below) . JP to liaise with KT (also to include 200 Club and Social Membership)
4. A Veteran's team to enter Kent / National Cups. BD confirmed that Ian Thomas has accepted the management of this team. Great news!
5. Registration Documents – JP to review with GB / KT, ready for September's signing on. Should we target the parents of Juniors to sign up as Social members, perhaps with free entry to the 200 Club? Need to ensure that Social Media awareness of all sections – photos may go on website so needs to be mentioned on the membership forms of Jrs and Srs.
6. Golf Day – FP to speak with Mary Daly / possibly use of the London Beach Golf Club.
7. BD updated that fixtures for the M1 and L1 teams is done. No info yet on others, although it seems that M2 and M3 may end up in the same league. BD will push to prevent this.

The meeting closed at 20h50. May meeting will be Monday 14th August 2017.