

Monday 11th December 2017

19:30 hrs

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

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**Committee +
invited
members**

Ben Dawson (BD)
Paul Dawson (PD)
Matt Goodwin (MG)
Geoff Playford (GP)
Jeremy Paterson (JP)
Andrew Shepherd (AS)
Tony Spain – Apologies

James Chamberlain – Apologies
Hayley Reynolds – Apologies
Flo Playford – Apologies
Sophie Hunt – Apologies
Lewis Elgar (LE) – 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 13th November were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

All going well – FP confirmed that the Club would be holding a NYE Barn Dance – tickets available from Saturday 18th December. Pressure to be applied for Members to attend! TS requested a .pdf version of the posters / flyers which he would circulate.

Upcoming dates:

Celebration Day – Sunday 15th April 2018

Kent Netball Tournament – Saturday 21st April 2018 – need to ask KJFC to have away games that weekend. AS to communicate with KJFC.

Club Supper – Friday 27th April 2018

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astroturf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE - Grass pitches / Carpark / Grounds / Astroturf

No news – all running smoothly. Tony Poste requests that if games are cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice, AHC will still be charged for teas. Do we need to pass this on if opposition cancel? Brief Captains that teams must be confirmed / games cancelled by COP on Thursdays.

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 is communicating with KJFC to ensure all parties are aligned. The DevCo hope to be able to give a full update very soon. PD also added that he and Roger Lightfoot had had a productive meeting with KJFC – KJFC are to have an internal meeting to review options available.

Agenda Item 6: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS distributed last 12 months P&L account information. All is OK, but points of note to make all aware include a water leak on site (£2k negative), maintenance @£24k (£4k carpet, £3k boiler, £2.5k roof, £13k carpark). AS also informed that Kiagh Bridges will be taking over as Treasurer soon – tbc.

Agenda Item 7: Juniors

Discussion

LE noted that the Junior section is bursting at the seams and they need more space. Whilst the Junior section have extended the training hours on a Sunday (now 9.30am to 2pm), LE to investigate options for next season.

Agenda Item 8: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. 1st aid course to be held at AHC on Monday 8th January – 16 people maximum. First come first served.
 - b. Following an incident in a Ladies game earlier in the month, the Club needs to remind all players that they need to wear protective equipment as necessary – gumshields and shinpads in particular. JP to email BD, PD, SH, TS, MG to communicate accordingly.
 - c. SH commented that icepacks were needed at the club. SH to organise.
 - d. SH updated that the Injury Clinic is working well, but privacy is needed. SH / FP / JP to review setup / locations. Changing rooms are not ideal.
2. Umpires – Adam Fox now certified – great news! TS status tbc.
3. PD updated that he attended an EH meeting a Holcombe earlier in the month. There has been a 40% increase in men playing hockey since 2011 – support has increased for the game, but volunteers are required! We need to have a drive to get this increase in support in to active volunteering!
4. BD commented that he needed to review with TS the fixtures for the 2nd half of the season and arrange changes where necessary.
5. AS comments that the lower Men's senior teams are struggling for numbers on a regular basis – should we look at dropping a team? The Committee felt it better to review on a week by week basis still.

The meeting closed at 20h30 and mince pies and mulled wine were shared....

Next meeting will be Monday 15th January 2018.