

Ashford Hockey Club (Kent)

**Committee +
invited
members**

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

James Chamberlain – Apologies
Andrew Shepherd - 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 11th December were fully agreed and signed off accordingly.

Agenda Item 3: Fundraising Committee

Discussion

FP updated that we have raised £2.5k already this season - £800 more than all of last season. Great news! Well done to Flo and the FRC! The Christmas disco raised £225, President's Lunch £115 but lost £125 on the NYE Barn Dance – we will not do one again.

FP updated that the Kennington Carvery is booked for 5th May for the end of season Summer Social / Club Dinner / Prize giving – price of tickets TBC.

“Spot the Ball” is to be revealed on 20th January at next President's Lunch.

Upcoming dates:

President's Lunches – 20th January; 24th March.

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

Quiz – Friday 2nd February

LE / FP updated that the inaugural AHC Darts tournament is to start at the end of the month – all entrants need to have registered by Saturday 27th January. Cost of £2 per round you stay in, with Finals Night to be on Saturday 24th March. Much thanks to LE for organising.

LE confirmed that he and SH have bought numerous tickets for the Ladies WC in London from 21st July to 5th August. Did the Club want to buy them to raffle / use as prizes, or can they start to sell directly. The Committee asked them to sell directly, 1st come, 1st served. Posters to be put up.

Agenda Item 4: Site & Astro turf maintenance

Discussion

SITE UPDATE - Grass pitches / Carpark / Grounds / Astro turf

FP updated that one of the sheets of the Perspex roof on one of the dugouts has come off. TS to look at to try to fix. FP commented that new nets were needed, possibly 6 – LE to get prices.

Agenda Item 5: Monthly site hire review

Discussion

- HR commented that to help communications with Tony Post regarding teas / cancelled matches, she has set up a WhatsApp group for TP, HR and all Captains.

- The Committee have updated costs to hire the Clubhouse. Posters to be put up. HR to do. HR also suggested that we review at the end of the season to see if higher costs (still cheaper than most places available in Ashford available to hire) have meant reduced bookings.

Agenda Item 6: 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 and Kent FA to ensure all parties are aligned. The DevCo hope to be able to give a full update very soon.

Agenda Item 7: Treasurer's Report

Discussion

AS updated (via email!) that accounts are roughly static – same as last month's. He is chasing Soccer 6s.

FP updated that Soccer 6s owe approximately £4k. The Committee fully agreed that this is not acceptable and suggested we communicate to them that we need 50% paid by end February and the balance by the end of March (or a similar proposal). If they do not pay this, we stop them from using the facility. PD /FP to speak to AS to ask him to communicate this to them. Committee fully support this.

Agenda Item 8: Operating & Marketing Strategies

Discussion

HR updated that she has created a Google Drive to store AHC documents on which is double encrypted – safe for personnel details etc. HR suggests that we put Minutes, agendas logos on – HR will give access to the Committee members.

HR also updated that she believes that Vicki Wise may have an online solution for Membership forms, with the physical forms being stored securely within the Clubhouse. HR to investigate and put forward a proposal.

FP will speak with JP re online solutions / payment of subs.

Agenda Item 9: Juniors

Discussion

LE noted that the Junior section is thriving –nearly 100 U8s last Sunday for a tournament – an excellent day. PD suggested that we ought to invite the Mayor down for a Sunday morning, along with our Ward Member (Phil Simms) and the Press. LE to review calendar and propose a suitable Sunday.

Agenda Item 10: AOB

Discussion

1. H&S
 - a. SH informed that we need new pads and batteries for the defibrillator – both have expired. JP to buy. Also need a weekly check log to sign to ensure regular checking. JP to arrange. Do we need a First Aid officer to monitor all 1st Aid equipment? Mollie Smith's name was mooted – HR to speak to her.
2. BD updated that umpiring is still a problem, but we are reacting on a week by week basis.
3. JP raised the nomination process for Club Officials for the 2018/2019 season. JP to put up posters to attract nominations, as well as send email to all Members.
4. JP requested we confirm a date for the 2018 AGM – confirmed as Friday 15th June.
5. FP commented that we need more impetus to resolve issues (e.g. non-payment of subs – TS / FP to speak on this). JP to ensure minutes are sent out promptly to allow actions to be followed up more efficiently.
6. BD commented that Zoti kit suppliers needs reviewing. LE to speak to a contact that Diccon has at his school. Shep to speak to a contact met at the Junior section on a recent Sunday morning.
7. SH updated that the Ladies are to go to Weston Super Mare at Easter – Good luck to all (especially the residents of W S M!!!) 😊 😊
8. LE asked if he could convert the camera platform to have a completely solid floor to allow tripod use – Committee fully agreed. LE also suggested we send out a weekly newsletter – LE to investigate.

**Next meeting will be Monday 12th February 2018.
Charlie Farrow from England Hockey to attend.**