

CAHC Committee Meeting

21/02/24 @ 6:30PM

Location : Fox and Hounds, Bancyfelin

Attendees

Kate Williams, Charlotte Harries, Megan Henry, Kate Howell, Ffion Dart, Duncan Ecclestone.

Apologies

Anna Heath, Lisa Burgess - Williams, Tom Ferguson, Ella Bailey, Geraint Godfrey

Affiliation and Membership update

1. A. SPORT 80 - Kate Howell now has access to the Sport 80 list so can match up to who has paid the club membership. Duncan confident the men are up to date. Ladies are aware of 2 or 3 that still aren't affiliated.
B. From comparing the list, Kate H has identified up to 17 men who have paid membership which is not everybody. **Kate H to provide list to Duncan for the men and a list to Ellie + Dart for the ladies.**
C. Juniors list has been given to Charlotte and already parents are being chased and paying.

Safeguarding

- Dart spoken to Lee, not much further forward with ID's completed. **Duncan to contact the same lady at hockey wales to get an updated list and to close the action.**
- Hockey Wales have released a new safeguarding policy which we will use. **Duncan to create a document to make it Carmarthen hockey club related and we can then head it as a CAHC document. Meg to then brand with the club logo.**
- **Meg to hold off the posters for a few weeks due to the lack of consistency within the safeguarding team. Will re-asses again.**

Socials + Upcoming events

- Karaoke was a fixture due to the cricket club double booking for the rugby. The athletic was good and accommodate the ladies at short notice however didn't work so well for the men and their teas.

- Next social - Games night 2nd March - Duncan would like an update on the following from the social team
 - What does the games night entail? Board games? Darts? Twister?
 - Is games night suitable for juniors?
 - Are we going to offer cocktails on the night? Can't do cocktails until later if it is junior friendly.
 - Not to mention cocktails on any publication going to juniors.
 - **Dart to ask the social committee for an update to the committee and an explanatory post to go on FB for a little bit more info.**
- End of season celebrations
 - 27th April booked in the Carmarthen Athletic Rugby club for seniors.
 - All members agree £25 each. This will cover the cost of food and the hire of the room plus a little bit of profit to go to the club - make it clear to players if this is an issue to speak to their captain or a committee member.
 - Need to agree on a dress code - men are thinking black tie? Pros and cons to this
 - Players (anyone who has played senior hockey L3 or M2 upwards)/Coaches/Umpires to attend ONLY
 - Sub committee to consist of Charlotte, Meg, Kate H and Doug.
 - Members will need to bank transfer prior to the event with the reference being 'EOSNAME'
 - Trophies - there will be 14 trophies for seniors consisting of
 - Player's player + Captain's for each senior team
 - Clubperson of the year
 - U18 Male + Female
 - Top goalscorer Male + Female
 - 20th April booked at the Astro for junior EOS 2-4 on the pitch 4-5 trophy presentation
 - YA's are going to do a carwash to fundraise - will need a card reader for this. Sum Up? **Tom Ferguson to action as he looked into it previously**
 - Games on the day will include
 - Mini's/Juniors vs Parents
 - Rounders
 - Carnival games
 - 11 trophies needed for juniors - rough cost of £80
 - £5 fee to be done by bank transfer reference 'EOSNAME'
 - **Meg to complete posters of EOS**
- Teas
 - The Athletic isn't perfect for the teams as we need to fit in with the rugby fixtures which is understandable. It also makes it difficult for the ladies teams to go back however it is better than the cricket club.

Treasurer's report

- Barclays are no longer threatening to close the account as Kate H as completed what they needed. Still need to sort the final signatures which is Tom Ferguson and Steff Walters - **Kate Howell to see both at training on Tuesday**
- Match fees are working well with Spond, however there is no way of Captains checking players are physically paying. **Kate Howell and Tom Ferguson to action together going through the bank statements and making sure people have paid their dues.**
*****ASAP***** please
- **Kate H to sort an rough document on the club's financial standings by 1st March**
- Kate H has just paid the last invoice from the LC which is from 1st April 23 to 31st December 23. This is illegal on the LC's behalf and casues a HUGE chunk having to be paid from the club account in one go. Not good from the LC.

Any Other Business

- Filming session - **Dart to chase up on pitch payment.**
- Mascots - first one went well. Kids really enjoyed the day and parents gave really good feedback
- YA's meeting went very well, lots of fundraising ideas produced by the YA's. The ambassadors in schools are going to try and concentrate on recruitment to the club, talking to fellow students and to create posters with info on training.
- Junior U13's south wales - Charlotte has put forward 2 players from Carmarthen, Duncan has also asked the question on boys but nothing through yet.
- Irish school team want us to field an U18 and U16 team, this probably isn't feasible for us as we don't have enough U18s. They are happy to cover the cost of the pitch on the proposed date of 4th April (both Char and Dart can have the time off work to help)
- AGM time and location? Usually in July and integrated with a social to get as many people there as possible which has helped in the past.
- Summer league - need to start communication early and ensure new members are aware of it. Make sure players are on the closed facebook group where all the information goes on.
- Charlotte's AOB and update on juniors
 - Bob is going to do a junior goalie recruitment session.
 - Beginning to plan U8 and U10 tournaments for west wales next season. There are clubs locally with this age group that aren't having any games. Makes more sense than travelling to Cardiff + Brecon when we have opposition closer to home.
 - Pitch dividers???? Other clubs have got rope e.g to divide up the pitch and stop the ball from rolling away. This would be beneficial to the club not only for the juniors but for senior training also.
 - School coaching - at the start of the season a selection of coaches went into schools to run some taster sessions which definitely boosted numbers in juniors.

Next sessions will be in the 25/26 season to ensure we hit a new batch of children.

- Indoor tournaments - men were made aware by Darren Lock but not the ladies. Jim had asked Darren to invite us. Men decided to not follow it through being based in Merthyr Tydfil.
- Plethora of umpiring courses coming up.
 - Emily and Heath have completed the course, just need games experience before being assessed.
 - Jamie and Josh Richardson are due to complete the next course.
 - Currently a lot of the qualified umpires are in the 1s squad which makes the rota difficult.
 - Could all members look at their squads and try and identify potential umpires.
- Amanda Roberts from hockey wales due to meet with Kate and Charlotte to discuss coaching workshops especially with the new and large coaching workforce within the club.
- Potential to split the seniors and juniors onto different nights due to the volume of players at training. Kate has a document outlining options which she will bring to the next meeting.
 - Kate has spoken to Steve at the LC to discuss our position in splitting over 2 nights. LC haven't been particularly helpful in rejigging their current bookings which are very much sporadic across the week. Paul Whapham (CEO of hockey wales) has been in contact with Carl Daniels (Head of Sport and Leisure Carmarthenshire) regarding the matter. Carl has agreed that our astro pitch is a strategic hockey pitch for Carmarthen. If we don't get the pitch time essentially the club will deteriorate.
 - Prospectively moving juniors to another night 5-8pm, which will not only help with numbers but also alleviate pressure for coaches where some of them are currently there from 5-9pm between coaching and training themselves.
 - Will need to be another coaching re-jig and recruitment with reliable lead coaches being appointed.
- 7v7 competition we did last September worked really well. Before any other club wants to try and host elsewhere, we want to get there first. Date set for the 7th of September which will be all day and not split with an open day. Open day will have its own day of the 14th September and Pembs tournie probably being 21st September.
- We have also been invited to deliver a hockey session @ the trinity 22nd March.
- Invitations for next meeting - Anna Heath, Tom Ferguson and Lee Jones.

Agenda for next meeting

- 24 hour charity match

Next meeting

20th March @ Cwrw 6:05

Some will be going for a curry afterwards for those who want food. Let Ffion Dart know numbers by the 13th March.