

CAHC Committee Meeting

21/03/24 @ 6:30PM

Location : Caraway Carmarthen

Attendees

Kate Williams, Charlotte Harries, Megan Henry, Kate Howell, Ffion Dart, Scarlett Mackenzie Jones, Anna Heath, Doug Shaw

Apologies

Tom Ferguson, Lee Jones, Duncan Ecclestone

Not present

Lisa Burgess - Williams

Affiliation, Membership and Treasurer Update

- Juniors are being checked thoroughly by Kate H, Charlotte and Anna Heath. Getting through the list well now.
- Seniors are very much up to date, only a few members not affiliated with hockey wales but either are in the process or players being refused from training/playing.
- Club membership - Char has had an updated list for juniors. **Kate H** to produce a list for seniors by 6th of April. There is a groupchat with captains and Kate H which is working well as whenever someone pays now we chuck it in there to keep it updated continuously.
- Once the season has finished we will need to do a bit of working out to calculate how much money we have lost due to pitch hire.
- **Meg** to do a facebook post reminding of match fees and membership subs, especially those who have only paid half. Committee agreed that if people aren't up to date with their subs, they shouldn't be allowed to participate in summer league - unless they have consulted with someone about it.
- Anna Heath will step down from doing sport 80 at the end of the season due to a change in working commitments. She has done a great job so agreed that she would mentor the person/people in charge next year to ensure a smooth transition. Next year we could have someone overseeing each section of the club - Juniors, Ladies and Men to spread the workload.

Safeguarding

- Update from Lee Jones regarding DBS checks, everybody has now been sent off apart from Lisa as he hasn't received her ID's but there isn't much point this late on in the season.
- There is a safeguarding course on the 10th April that Char and Duncan will be attending online. Will go through their new My Concern platform and other safeguarding matters.
- Duncan has gone through the hockey wales safeguarding policy and made it CAHC related.

Socials + Upcoming events

- Games night was a success, did cocktails as well. A lot of alcohol left over which will keep until another social early next season. Juice will be used up in junior EOS.
 - Was a fairly successful social, not as well supported as it could have been, spent £290-40 and made £229 so down £61 at the moment. This will be made up in the future.
- Pub golf has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of numbers to make it worthwhile. (-8 points to the social committee for conceding). Athletic will be open for us to go back to for a few drinks after the 1s + 2s game 23rd March.
- Unfortunately Ella and Geraint will be stepping down from the social committee at the end of this season due to family commitments.
- End of season celebrations
 - 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
 - Invites gone out for the senior EOS. Have had a few people paid but need to push it now.
 - **Kate H to complete a list for who has paid by 6th April.**
 - **Doug** to organise meeting between EOS committee and Steven in the Athletic to run down when they need numbers for food, food options, tablecloths etc.
 - Asked are we going to provide a gift this year like with the pens and lanyards previously - all agreed not to to help save costs.
 - The speeches will be split up between the courses to break up the evening.
 - Awards - players player votes can be done by anybody who has played more than 2 games for that team - e.g. if someone has played 2 games for 1s, 2s and 3s they would vote for a player in each of those.

- Committee discussed club person of the year. All agreed it should be a non committee member as we give up our time. Agreed on the person we are going to give it to.
- Teas
 - Doug and Duncan has been in conversations with the Athletic on teas next year. They have been very good this 2nd half of the season and haven't charged us for any teas so far.
 - Next year, agreed it will be a £35 flat rate per teas for whoever turns up. Main cost is the staff and the electricity for the fryers not the volume of food. Was discussed if the ladies wanted to start teas again, then the club would charge us an additional £25 to cover the costs. We are going to do a players poll on who will want to attend teas, just be for Carmarthen for the time being and if it is successful then we could go about inviting the away teams back like the men do.
 - Teas needs to be budgeted next season with proper forecasting.
 - Doug mentioned we could potentially charge £1 per head to help contribute to the cost of teas.
 - Feedback is very positive from the athletic. They agree it's nice having the hockey club being back involved with the athletic again and hope to continue.
- Other events
 - 6th of July booked for the AGM at the athletic. Possibly a quiz to be organised by Dart and G to help with attendance.
 - Need to double check with the Athletic on dates for the 24hr hockey match as it has moved a week forward to what was originally proposed - 21st-22nd June.
 - Mum's want to do bingo again - always a great fundraiser for the club. Proposed date of the 12th October.

Any Other Business

- Mascots - first one went well. From there it hasn't gone as smoothly. The last one is happening at all due to nobody being there to support them. Charls is busy umpiring/playing and Jamie isn't there. Was a nice idea but won't be going ahead next season.
- Junior U13's south wales boys - 3 Carmarthen boys have been put forward now. Dylan, Logan and Noah.
- Irish touring team - Coming to us on the 4th of April. U17 team of mainly girls and a few boys who don't get regular game time to make up the numbers.
 - Char and Dart to coach
 - Jamie and Josh to umpire half each
 - Kate W has organised pizza and chips provided by the LC afterwards.
- Defibs - Meg has been in contact with Lee R's wife, however if we were to register them with ambulance? to make sure they worked they would have to be in a box on the wall and available to the public. Meg also contacted Calon hearts on socials. 3 times. ANd got

ignored nearly every time. They even said they were going to ring her back but then heard nothing.

- **Action for somebody in the off season** - write a first aid policy where we will need clear guidelines and procedures, and list of first aiders for coaches and captains to have. We don't currently have decent enough guidelines for our first aiders to follow.
- Bob has done some keeper training with the mini's which has gone very well. Kids are keen and look like they want to continue in goal.
- LC plans
 - Leisure have got funding for a complete refurb on the outdoor changing facilities. Should be ready to go for next season???
 - The grass area between the astro and the sports hall is going to have a building on it for education - will include a kitchen, meeting room, pastoral rooms and a tarmaced area out the front.
 - Us, tennis club and athletics have been invited into discussions to give our opinions and feedback.
 - Funding possible for a potential 2nd floor to provide a suitable venue for the 3 clubs with a possible licenced bar..
 - Do we want to invest?
 - Do we ask members? - all agreed yes
 - If we do take it on it will be a big step up for the volunteers. We all agreed we would have to have a lot of new people doing things as the volunteers in the club already do a lot of things and so won't have time to open/close, clean, cook, serve etc.
- Training will continue until the 9th of April for all senior teams. Depending on how the men do in the cup, they may have to continue training with the 1s coming along to help provide an opposition.
- Training discussions for next season - usually done pre season. Doug would like a bit more communication given to players and coaches before the season starts as it gets passed through too many avenues and no-one is entirely sure what is going on.
- Captains have been discussed for next season, changes in most senior teams.
- Playing update near the end of season -
 - M1 are very close to promotion with a few key results playing a role.
 - L1 are safe finishing mid table in Prem 2.
 - L2 should be safe, a few results very slow coming through however we should be ok.
- LC are going to give us another date for training next season. Haven't provided us with a night yet but due to pressures from the hockey wales CEO it should be alright.
- Development league proposed for the M2. Currently there are a few development teams in the current men's division who's results just get wiped. The teams themselves are extremely inconsistent and doesn't make very enjoyable opposition. There are roughly 5 teams in south wales all with potential development teams. Doug has asked Duncan to get in contact with the league.
- Dart has received an email from sport wales needing the activity log for the grant we have/are going to receive. **Kate W to fill in by 14th April.**

- Danny is interested in doing some coaching next year. He has completed his level 2 coaching in hockey so will be a good asset to the coaching team.

Next meeting

17th April @ Fox and Hounds Bancyfelin

6:00 o'clock for food with meeting to commence at 6:30