



Thirsk Hockey Club Committee meeting agenda – Monday 21st August 7.00pm

Present: James Laking, Sarah Broadwith, Sarah Webster, Jane Tart, Jo Gray, Louise Watson, Liam Shannon Patrick Hunt Mike Rushmere, Tony Heatlie, Rachel Garlick, Darren Bradford

Apologies: Hannah Secouet, Olwynne Dunning, Phil Bell, Hannah Chantler, Emma Frost

- Welcome and apologies
- Actions from previous meetings
 - New role to help Sarah B – u10/u12 co-ordinator: Jo Grey
 - Training times for next season: sorted and published
 - Communications policy/GDPR: RW to update and publish
- TAC update

TASSC have agreed that Northallerton HC can have matches teas at TAC. This will be a hire charge to Northallerton HC and two named keyholders to join Thirsk on a volunteer rate. We need to keep using the clubhouse and putting on events to help pay for the use and keep our fee low.
- Welfare update

2 new age-group coordinators going through DBS. Tony will be asking captains for DBS – women’s team has them so just need to check the men’s captains. Matt Dobison DBS can be transferred.
- Treasurers’ update
 - Senior account £12,643.70
 - Junior account £28,640.87
 - 2023-24 membership subscription – already £2500 paid.
 - Pitchero increasing yearly subscription, but reducing card cost percentage from 3.4% to 2.6%
 - Increased daily limit to £5000, so no more scheduling payments
 - Patrick as new treasurer set up on system, just waiting for some paperwork, so he can use the account.
- Adult team updates (including training sessions and matches)
 - Teams for 2023-24 including priorities for the year
 - i. Gaps and over-subscription of players in teams. Could be tight for women’s section at the start of the season whilst things settle, but captains confident they can manage this. None observed for the men.
 - ii. Player selection - updated selection policy proposed and approved.
 - iii. Goal-keepers – W1s have a new GK – Marianne Morrice
 - YNE League update - the league is asking Thirsk teams and Northallerton teams if they want to play in the Northeast league next season 24-25. Patrick has asked captain their opinion and there isn’t a strong feeling either way. There was a risk about the men’s team being put into the same division, which wasn’t good. The club could have Women’s playing in one league – Northeast and men playing in Yorkshire – that happens in other clubs. **ACTION** – speak to Patrick ASAP and before the season start IF YOU DON’T WANT TO MOVE TO NORTHEAST LEAGUE.
 - Back to hockey - good turn out with some carrying on into social and pre-season training. Patrick may take some developing adults into the development league.
 - Summer league/social hockey/pre-season – for men’s team = disaster with lack of interest, but positive for the development team with consistent even teams and matches. Pre-season training seeing good numbers.



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- All matches are now on GMS and Pitchero - thank you Mike
- Match teas – M1s considering having teas back at TAC. **ACTION:** to let James know ASAP so he can add them to the diary. Working with Thirsk rugby to avoid or be aware of any clashes on their match days. Thirsk rugby have sent date of home games.
- Junior team updates (including training sessions and matches)
 - All teams entered into league and cups – u14 and u16 girls have entered two team into tier 2, after discussion with the coaches
 - General age-group update and teams for next season - 1st time we've split an age-group into school year, improved space for girls and the coach. Still require help for this age group.
 - Matt Dobison is joining the u16 girls as coach and will then go on to coach men's training.
- Umpires update - spoke to Northallerton HC to ask for more umpire support, so far no-one has come forward. We've asked Northallerton to provide own umpires for their new development team. The umpire schedule is almost there. Agreed an increase in umpire fees for £20 per match or £20 per session for YYHL matches. This brings Thirsk HC in line with most other clubs in the locality.
- General management
 - Clubmark - continuing, almost there.
 - Website update, continuing, almost there. 4 new sections to bring policies within easy reach of users.
 - Updating codes of practice – continuing
 - Social committee - welcome to new social committee, Liam, Louie, Annabelle and Hannah C. advise to get date in the diary.
 - Sponsorships - welcome to new social committee, Liam, Louie, Annabelle and Hannah C. Had discussion around of things we'd like to have and type of sponsorships. Sent old sponsorship document to sponsorship committee.
 - Instagram – Louie Watson in charge of this. He asked for photos, teams and match scores to be sent to him, so he can create posts. Asked if he could also include the post across Facebook and Instagram, so we can get consistent club messages. Communications policy sent to all and will be put on website.
- Pitch and facilities update
 - Self-staffing – what that means, rotas for responsibilities? Etc. No firm information from the council, but would include litter picking, tidying the changing rooms, as well as opening and closing up and 1st aid cover. Concerns were raised about our capacity for 1st aid cover and extra pressure on coaches. Agreed we need to have a strategy and advertise for volunteers/parents to cover this. **ACTION:** RG to work with committee to take forward.
 - Changing room refurbishment - no update, regular catch-up meeting with council on Friday. It is getting frustrating.
 - Extended hours, lights can be on until 10pm, but please switch lights as early as possible, so no to disturb residents.
 - Summer clear up – happened. Still GK to do. **ACTION:** James to contact GK coaches and also ask about new extra small GK kit to be bought last season
 - Umpires' dugouts – discussed that it would be nice for umpires to have somewhere to shelter at ½ time. These can be moveable/ on wheels, so can be put away during the



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school day. And also, won't damage the pitch with extra fittings into the astro.
Discussion around putting them out, but agreed it would be put out on Friday by James and Phil. **ACTION:** just to confirm it's ok with council and then buy.

- State of the player dugouts - these are in a poor state with holes in the side boards.
ACTION: James Laking to ask Will Norman to fix them.
- AOB
 - Best day to hold a committee meeting now training is Monday to Thursday - suggested Sunday, Friday or Thursday.
 - ONE-SPORTS warehouse has some away shirts not being used, so committee agreed to buy the away shirts and a discounted price. There will be a set for juniors, women's and men's teams.