

April 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Geraint, Nia, Joost, Elinor, Henriette

Men's Update: Men have finished 2nd in league and have secured promotion. Development team, ongoing discussion. Need commitment from players.

Ladies Update: Lost final match against Chepstow 2-1. Finishing 8th out of 9 in league. Possible demotion.

Junior Update:

- The running of U16 teams next season looking hopeful. U16s training to be with U14s and stay on to train with senior teams.
- Juniors have found a sponsor who are willing to sponsor £4000, which they would like to go towards match tops.
- Junior section is currently looking into match top suppliers. Designs will be shared when done.
- Junior panel has been created.
- 3 U14 boys represented Abergavenny in the U13 boys Dragons trials. None were successful
- 5 U14 Girls represented Abergavenny in the U13 Girls Dragons trials - 2 have been successful and will go on to represent Wales in Nottingham in July.

Summer Hockey: To start on the 20th of May. Will consist of 45-minute men/women separate training, then mixed play to enable umpire progression. Can be used to recruit new players. Junior players moving into U16s will be invited to join for their progression into the senior teams. Discussion of using Monmouth pitch for a couple of sessions.

Action: Nia & Elinor to sort publicising

Umpires: Keep umpires going - through summer hockey sessions.

Matt Hockey Wales: Monmouth girls school looking for opportunities for young players aged 16-18. Suggestion to collaborate.

Coaches in Cardiff area, looking for teams to coach (paid). Look into a more professional coaching setup for next season.

Chris Coggins: Once a proactive member of the club - helping in running of junior section and finding sponsorships. Trevor nominates to receive life membership.

Action: Geraint to follow up with Trevor if he is able to come to EOSD to accept award.

Ben Samuels: Warning letter has been written. Committee has discussed disappointment in not being able to implement suspension due to limitations within the club constitution. Have agreed to send letter.

Action: Annabel to send letter to Ben.

Website: Happy with progress.

Action: Elinor to contact Street/Bryony, Annabel/Nia for website content.