

February 2025 Committee meeting minutes

◆ Attendees :

Geraint, Nia, Trevor, Street, Joost, Joe, Hen, Elinor, Bryony, Annabel

◆ Chairman's Address :

Abergavenny hockey club is built on being a friendly and inclusive club, as a club we are building a great club with lots of junior members, the possibility of a men's development team and a strong ladies team. We want to continue to do this and focus on this as a committee, big thanks to everyone for their work so far and continue to be friendly and welcoming

◆ Treasurers Update:

£34,921

Membership payments are looking really good for the season
Still progressing on changing the accounts over

◆ Pitch :

Contacted the school regarding the pitch flood lights not working, school is happy that we are not paying and have contacted the council. Joe is doing a great job at trying to resolve the issue and there does seem to be some movement forward

◆ Men's Update :

Men won 8-1 last week and are currently in the running for a possible promotion but have some tough matches coming up, training is going well with big squad sizes on the weekends

◆ Ladies Update :

Ladies did really well in the indoor tournament coming 2nd and have had a fantastic start to the season with a 6-0 win against Gwent

◆ Junior Update :

In-house tournament on Sunday which went really well.
Look at the options to have an under 16s team next year

◆ Umpires :

Umpires are still a concern for the club, even though we have a pipeline of umpires we are struggling to find umpires for the games

Actions : Elinor to write an article for the focus/chronicle to enhance publicity and also ask for umpires

Need to continue with the training games on a Tuesday night to get the pipeline qualified

Action : Nia to send out reminders to organise the Tuesday night umpire group (we need one trainee umpire, one coach & one other/trainee)

Immediate umpire pipeline; Beth, Jo, Charlie, Hen & Ollie (Already qualified but needs some practice)

◆ Abergavenny Pitch :

Need to make sure we are in communication with the council/school around the new pitch to ensure we have a good idea of the plan.

Actions : Trevor to investigate and reach out to get some information on the pitch

◆ Hockey Wales Visit:

Matt Davis has taken over as Development Officer of South East Wales and has offered to come and visit.

Actions : Geraint to reach out and organise for him to come and visit on a Tuesday night

Top things to discuss

- Support he can offer us with the new pitch
- Making things easy for clubs - umpiring courses, DBS checks, coaching courses

◆ Website :

Website is currently outdated and we need to spend some time looking and updating it

Things to consider when updating it :

- Members area including policy, code of conduct etc
- Update contact details
- Can we link to instagram
- Update sponsors
- News page?

Action : Trevor and Geraint to have an initial conversation around the website then get a small group together to go through the website and plan updates to give to Andy

◆ Publicity :

How do we get into the newspapers better

Chronical needs to be published on the Monday by midday, can we think about the way we can do this more in the next meeting

Social media present is really good at the moment

◆ Things for the future :

5/10 year plan

Community liaison