

Summary/Minutes of the BGS Hockey PA Meeting

Date: Thursday 23rd September 2021

Attending: Sean Massey (SM), Andy Pickles (AP), Catherine Knight, Sue Nickson, Paul Kelly, Caroline Whelan, Mr D Birch (DB), Adam Brosnan, Caroline Beevers, Christie Edel, Emma Marsden, Lucy Wilkinson, David Eldridge, Russell Mackintosh & Lucy Alderton. Later joined by Mr O Rogers.

Apologies: None

Introduction & Welcome

Chair welcomed everyone, particularly those who hadn't previously attended and also those with players at the lower end of the school. All new attendees asked to confirm which year group their child is in.

Tour Update

DB confirmed that the Rotterdam Tour will be in April 2022 for year 12 boys & girls. DB also mentioned a senior tour to South Africa in August 2023, this will again be for both boys and girls.

DB also stated that there was a plan for a Premier league Hockey Trip in March 2022, which would be for both boys and girls in Years 7 & 8.

The Common Wealth Games was discussed and DB said that arranging a trip would be a good idea and he would investigate further.

Tour Fundraising

The seniors are planning on repeating the previous idea of having a sponsored 12hr game, they are just looking for the best date.

U12's are looking to do a 10k step challenge, details to be confirmed.

DB also commented on Sponsorship and said he had spoken to Dr Hinchliffe who confirmed that advertising on clothing is not allowed, so any sponsorship would have to be without logo placement. DB confirmed it would be between £2000-£3000 for sponsoring tour kit.

A possible Tour programme could be a better option.

Hockey Graduate

DB confirmed that a graduate has started, Mr Walker from Sheffield Hallam, who is commuting which is not ideal. He is looking for a team at present and has just finished his Masters.

Scoreboard

The scoreboard is now in situ and looks amazing and really smart on the fencing. It has not yet been used in a fixture due to battery issues, but will be in use at the next fixture. DB confirmed that there has been lots of compliments from other schools.

Specialist Coaching

No Update.

Budget

Current bank balance confirmed as £3476. Which is healthy after paying for the scoreboard. Catherine mentioned the Second hand uniform and said awareness needed to be raised about the fact that we can donate 50% of second hand uniform sales to the HPA.

Easy fundraising has raised a total of £438.06 so far, which is brilliant. Suggested that all members mention this and send a link in the year group chat groups

A meeting with PB, DB & LA is still to be arranged to discuss and plan a budget, so it can then be split into what is required on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

General Fundraising

DB gave an update on HPA personalised Sliders for children and adults to buy – the idea was initially a NO but now they have been approved as long as there are rules as to when they can be worn. It was discussed agreed that a pre order form would be organised to establish interest.

Events

The **Curry & Quiz night** currently has 43 currently booked on.

Timings are 7-7.30pm start and need to be out by 10.30pm.

Final details discussed – Photo Quiz needed as well as questions – but not too many based on last time.

Chocolate tombola to be run by the Senior Girls. Donations still needed and should be dropped at sports office.

Raffle was to be organised by Caroline Whelan.

DB liaising with catering staff regarding washing up.

Sweets & Soft drinks stall – Lucy confirmed she would make arrangements.

A second WhatsApp Group to be set up to confirm tasks and responsibilities (SM, DB, Catherine, Caroline & Victoria). LA to set up.

Golf Day – David Eldridge gave an update, confirming that the last one was 2 years ago and was a success.

It has scope to grow but the premise would be the same – Golf & Food.

The event is held at Shipley Golf Club and we should definitely look to get a date in their diary asap.

Sunday 8th May was mentioned, but still needs to be firmed up.

DE to get a price and confirm if the May dater was available.

Talent School Update

DB stated that he had had 2 calls over the holidays and that a few schools had been invited to see what is involved. Applications start in April 2022.

AOB

Xmas fair was mentioned and it was discussed as whether the HPA could have a stall.

DB confirmed that pitch side support for Hockey was looking low and it would be good to see this improve.

Next Meeting date – 18th November 2021