

Minutes of Meeting
Marr Hockey Support Group
AGM on Thursday 28th November at 6.00pm
at Marr College

1. Attendees:

Tracey Corrigan, Esther Blair, Naomi Sherry, Aileen Hamil, Fiona Paterson, Ady Allan, Fraser Auld, Fiona Logan, Lisa Smith, Tilly Press, Katie Watson, Ellie Corrigan

Apologies from Scott were made for last minute commitment.

All attendees introduced themselves and Tracey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report

Approval of Accounts: Esther went over the club accounts that had been approved by another parent with accountancy background. Esther let everyone know that a lot of parents have now been paying by BACS since this has been set up. She also advised that quite a bit of income was still due in from seniors players in terms of levy. Approx 1k down on previous years income. Ady suggested that a letter go out to coaches to chase parents. Fraser was unaware of this situation as the update of contributions goes directly to PE Dept. Esther will pass info to Fraser of those still outstanding. Projected variation from last year = (1550.35).

3. Chairperson's Report

Tracey gave outline of Marr Hockey and Support Group and how it's important to get more people on board to keep Marr Hockey going as it's run by entirely by volunteers. Mr Docherty is keen for the school to become more involved and is communicating with Tracey on different ideas. He is also looking at why school were billed for Saturday and after school use of Astros. If there is refund, then this should come to Hockey, which would be a welcome boost to income. If this doesn't come back, Tracey suggested that every year group send a signed letter to SAC, to stress why it was important to keep hockey funded.

4. **Confirmation of 2019/2020 coaches**

In Scott's absence, Tracey confirmed.

Fraser/Ady S4-S6

Scott S3

Linsey S2 (former student)

Ian / Heather S1

5. **Appointment of Office Bearers**

The current board confirmed they are happy to continue for another year in present role. Tracey asked if everyone was happy with current board. Consensus was yes, so President, Secretary & Treasurer were all nominated and seconded.

6. **Fran Lonergan Visit**

As last year's visit and training sessions by Fran were very successful, it would be great to get her back down. Fraser explained Fran's background to the new attendees. As everyone was happy with the format and expenses of last year, Ady will approach Fran for dates based on previous year's format and get back to us.

7. **Player Pathways**

Fraser advised that District/National under review at moment. Nominees for U14, U16, U18 are done by school. There are 2 trials, selection process, then cut to 22, then 18 to travel to tournaments. Trials are either at Marr or Stewarton on Fridays & Sundays to train. U14 - 1 day tournament, U16/U18 - 2 day tournament. Scotland coaches are watching and may select for trials, whereby girls may get opportunity for full squad or development squad depending on age and ability. Next year, the aim is to develop more U14/U16's. If you are on Scotland pathway, you could have opportunities to be selected for Central Program down south and become professional although small percentage will make it there.

Regarding school competitions, for S3 and below - Home and Away games, if we lose in cup, we go into plate, lose in that, go into bowl. S4-S6 also play same type of competition.

8. Senior Girls Hockey Experience

Ellie, Tilly and Katie came to speak about their hockey experience. They are all First XI and district players. They all play for clubs and explained that they found hockey to be a great sport and great way to make friends. They have really enjoyed the experience of going through district system. They all agreed that it was really good to combine school hockey with the club hockey for the experience and competitiveness. Fraser also added that school hockey encourages players to continue relationships with players from other schools after leaving school, esp with social media. He also added attendance at training and games is being monitored to encourage consistency. It's not all about winning, its about fun, exercise and inclusion. When it gets to senior years, coaches will try and rotate 2nd X1 so everyone that attends training will get to play.

9. Fundraising Opportunities

The Hockey Club needs help. Morrisons backpacking was discussed in terms of the difficulty getting confirmed slot in advance as demand is so high. Senior girls hoping to organize bake sale. Aileen suggested a junior camp coached by senior girls. Alison suggested sponsored walk. Fraser also suggested marathon hockey game. A Just Giving page could be set up perhaps to target Former Pupils. Good suggestions were made during this brainstorming including maybe a hockey reunion to include girls, parents, former pupils. Possibility of tuck shop next year if leadership program brought in by school to run the tuck shop. Suggestion made to join the Co-op nominate a team system. Aileen offered to check with scouts as to how to get program in place with retailers to nominate club. Fraser also asked if there was still a kickback from the sweatshirts. Tracey to look into that. S1 parents are apparently as a whole not happy with the sweatshirts, quality or sizing. Fiona going to email Tracey with the issues and maybe survey

done on Survey Monkey. Options may be available to have a 'kit swap/ resell'. Closed Facebook page to be looked at again.

10. New equipment for coaches

Coaches to give list of requested equipment for upcoming season. Email list to be sent to Tracey.

11. Any other business

Esther brought up the lighting along the path from car park at school to fields and also lighting in the car park at Astros. Mr Docherty is talking to SAC about this issue but good idea for as many parents as possible to send email to Council with concerns.

Tracey thanked everyone for coming and scheduled next meeting for February, dates to be confirmed. All emails welcome regarding fundraising ideas to gmail.