

Swansea Bay HC minutes from the AGM on June 13th 2011

Held in The Vivs

Present – Kath Malinovszky, Eira Thomas, Bill Barletta, Andrew Skinner, Tom Abbott, Roger Willis, Richard Dunstan, Mike Kyriakides, Les Malinovszky, Chris Wall.

Apologies were received from Bethan Wall & Pip Reason.

Minutes of last AGM held on July 5th 2010

These minutes were approved. The only matter arising was the lack of set up of a Patron's Club. Roger Willis had a few suggestions about this.

Treasurer's report

After the recent bills are paid, there will be £338-23 in the account, with the possibility of a small bill due for the Vets. This leaves the Club in a very similar position to the end of last season, although over the season it has been a bit "touch & go" at times.

Andrew has produced a business plan for 2011-12, & after expenses & income is calculated this produces a potential deficit of around £2,000.

The issue of senior registrations was discussed again. Andrew will send out a message to the captains asking for a list of the senior players that were involved with each team for last season & likely to be involved this coming season. This can be used to correlate senior registrations next season. It was suggested putting a list of people who have paid on the website.

The match cards are to be kept next season but will be simplified.

It was agreed that the subscriptions for next season would be :

Seniors - £65

Students - £40

U11s - £25 (plus £1 per week)

The match fees will be :

Adults - £10

Students - £5

U15s - £3

(Roger Willis did suggest that the match fees for the over 40s should be £15 per match).

If people wanted to pay via internet banking then they will need to speak with Andrew to organise it.

Captain's reports

Ladies – Kath is resigning.

A great season for the Ladies, finishing 3rd in the league & just missing out on promotion. A lot of juniors were involved with a number being selected for the Welsh team. A number of the older ladies were selected for the Welsh Vets.

A merger with Swansea Ladies has reared its head again.

Vets – lost to Whitchurch in the Welsh Cup, finishing 2nd by 1 point. It was good to see a number of the younger players being involved. No North Wales sides played in the finals so it will be interesting to see what happens next season.

Ladies Vets – a team merged with Swansea Ladies was entered into the Welsh Cup, but unfortunately lost to the eventual winners in the first game & so their competition was effectively over.

Indoor – quite a successful season with Phillip Harter taking over the coaching. A lot of the youngsters became involved, gaining valuable experience. The team lost to Whitchurch in the Welsh Cup, finishing 2nd. Next season it would be helpful to have more practice matches if possible.

5ths – quite a good season, finishing in the bottom half of S.Wales Div.3. A number of new players & youngsters were involved. Gareth did a lot of work in organising & playing for the team.

4ths – an enjoyable season with a lot of the youngsters playing a lot of senior hockey. Unfortunately ended up relegated but juniors keen to play next season.

3rds – a lot of problems with getting players for matches, especially the away ones. Finished in mid-table though.

2nds – relegated from the league, finishing 2nd from bottom. Were always short of players even when players doubled up, & a number of players gave up playing.

1sts – a very good season, finishing 6th in the league. The team developed well over the season with players only selected who would attend training & play both home & away. There was a good cup run with a defeat by Cardiff in the final.

There are high hopes for next season even though a couple of players will be leaving with the aims being to stay up & maybe push for promotion if feasible. Hopefully, a coach has been lined up for next season.

Junior organiser's report

Another very successful season.

S.Wales Cup – won 6 out of 7 competitions.

Welsh Cup – victories for the U11, U15 & U17 boys, with the U13s finishing runners-up on goal difference. The girls U13 & U18 teams were also Welsh Champions, with the U11s finishing 3rd.

Internationally, there are 3 boys in the Welsh U18 team & 5 in the U16 team. The girls have 1 player in the U18s & 4 in the U16s. 5 players (was 6) will represent the Dragons at U13 level.

The junior awards night will be on Saturday July 2nd in The Cricketers at 6pm. A pitch will try & be organised for earlier on in the afternoon (? 3.30 – 5.00pm).

Training for the U15 girls on a Thursday is a bit of a problem with too many girls turning up for the pitch available, plus there are not enough coaches to run the session properly.

Social secretary

Carole Donovan has agreed to organise another dinner in late September / early October. It is planned to hold the senior presentations on the same evening.

The raffle needs to be kept going & somebody needs to organise it. It was suggested holding the raffle draw at Easter with the tickets available at Xmas.

The suggestion of having a pre-season newsletter was raised, as well as asking if anyone with IT skills was willing to help set up/run the website.

Club Rules

The insertion of the post "League Liason Officer" into the Constitution was agreed.

Election of officers

The following were elected:

President – Ken Jones.

Chairman – Bil Barletta.

Vice Chairman – Kath Malinovszky.

Treasurer – Andrew Skinner.

Secretary – Chris Wall.

Club Captain – Les Malinovszky.

Liason Officer – Roger Willis.

Match Secretary – TBC.

Social Secretary – TBC.

Press Officer – Tom Abbott.

Indoor Organiser – Philip Harter.

Captains – Ladies – TBC.

1sts – Clive Hardy.

2nds – TBC.

3rds – Richard Dunstan.

4ths – Chris Wall.

Vets – Howard Evans.

Ex-officio – Paul Thomas, Steve Pullinger, Tom Abbott.

Any other business

Merger with Swansea Ladies – a meeting has already been held regarding a merger with Swansea ladies for the forthcoming season. This would be on a fairly “loose” basis to start with the finances kept separate (the Swansea Ladies National League side is self-funded). There was lots of discussion about the pros & cons of merging, & in the end it was agreed to continue talks with Swansea Ladies about merging.

The League is possibly restructuring at the end of the 2012 season, with the proposal to remove Prem Div 3 & have a tiered system to try & cut down on teams’ travelling. This restructuring would affect the 1st team the most & so the aim should be for the 1sts to finish as high as possible to minimise any impact from this restructuring.

The League has also said that any failure to fulfil a fixture will result in the whole club being penalised not just the offending team.

A meeting will be held in September to discuss which players will be playing for which team.

It was asked if we have to provide teas for teams from S.Wales as a lot of them go straight home or only a few players stay. It was suggested that go back to The Cricketers & then tell them how many want tea.