

London Hardcourt Bike Polo Association

General meeting: 18 Apr. 2011
(7.30-9.30 pm, The Orwell, N1)

Members

Present: Alex, Louis, Mark, Gabes, Max, Jono (Secretary/Chair), John H, John Eggpie, Andy, Josh, Julia, Agata.
Apologies: James, Kevin.

Minutes

British Cycling Report

British Cycling report given. UK Champs to be held in conjunction with BC in 2012.

LO ESB Fundraiser Report

170 entries, worked out at £780.28 raised. £650 towards last year's LO. £130.28 towards this year's LO.

Robert Stoner, Manchester won and now has the ESB frame.

Next time we'll encourage seeding for more of a chance to win, rather than using the raffle model/approach.

EHBPA Report

Need to decide where do we organise/host everything? European forum? LOBP?

Perhaps a hub with a forum with links to each country's own site/forum?

How to move forwards? Clement is keen to work on it, Gabes is keen to offer his technical expertise.

David (LFGSS) offered us a server... good opportunity, mirror the LFGSS forum? Gabes to manage?

Don't want to tie London down with the EHBPA... Gabes to look into it further and talk to Clement, it would be nice for other scenes/countries to step up, etc. LHBPA to support the idea of the EHBPA.

Courts Document

Ed to continue manage. Can't let it die. Jon to chase Ed. Use Eastway court as the potential/perfect outcome?

LHBPA Distribution

All going really well. No complaints. Hockey tape as a new item? HDPE black piping? London Open two-tone balls.

We should always be on the lookout for new suppliers. We could organise a beginner's kit? Mallet building workshop?

LHBPA Secretary

Role has become smaller, but should be a bigger part of things again (promoting membership, special offers, constitutional amends, finding new contacts/opportunities for bike polo, deciding on meeting dates, etc).

Josh volunteers for role. All in favour. Passes. (Start to grow the role after his exams, Jon to pass on role.)

Jon to setup email address for Josh and sit down with him later in the year about everything, etc.

LHBPA Membership Cards

Coming along (Adrienne and Zoe designing animals), Jon to arrange "one time" introductory freebies for launch.

UK National Series

Gabes is working on software. Vince's software for Brighton. Gabes's for rest. ~5 tournaments scheduled so far: London, Brighton, Edinburgh, Cambridge, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester, Sheffield? James sending out feelers to each scene.

Schwalbe to sponsor? Insurance? Annual LHBPA insurance? Registration fee handling, etc? National Series team to manage and holler if they need anything, etc.

Euro/Team Practice

James managing. Mini tournament pre-Euros? 10 team RR days? LHBPA doesn't have unlimited funds, so keep spending to a minimum. Fundraiser's a better approach than spending LHBPA money (as some members may not approve)?

Will be seen as a jolly for the top teams. Lower teams taught how to play better by the good teams instead?

London on tour t-shirts to raise money for everyone for the Euros? On-One to sponsor? Chunk? Break brands in Europe?

London Open 2011

Coming along. 14, Crumpler, Chunk on board. Nokia, Le Coq Sportif, Knog possibilities. Prizes offered from countless other brands (not going with their offers, devalues other sponsorship offers, tournies need cash, etc). Hackney Downs, 3 courts, LCC involved, reg to open at the end of the month. Jon to get sponsor contracts in place pre-registration if promo element is going ahead (14 polo bike pre-order). Go Pro as a sponsor? Say no to chunk if LCS pay cash. Be open with Chunk if the situation arises. Possibly look into video editing alternatives. Boards around the poles. Look into polo manual laborers to build courts. Ali, Max, John to look into carpentry option? (£5,000 budget.) Eastway as a space to store courts afterwards? Talk to Hackney about Eastway court build. Travis Perkins contact?

LHBPA Logo

Subjective opinions difficult to avoid. Re-vote online (two options). Put the issue to bed.

LHBPA Site Redesign

Tabled for later in the year. Volunteers needed, etc.

Polo Boom Box

Polo boom box spend? £100? Self-funded, then re-vote another time as to whether the LHBPA covers it? (London Open?)

Good Friday Polo at HH

Max to head up. Pick up tournament? John Eggpie to help Max? New bikes versus old bikes? Help but be open with HH. (Let them call the shots.) Jon to chase the £100 from Penge. Leaflets/business cards about polo on the food stall? Vote on money to spend (gesture and PR), £100 spent approved. Andy and Mark abstain.

Other business

Andy has to change his avatar.

Eggpie's spirit animal is a stray tom cat on heat (even though it's not possible).

End of June for next LHBPA meeting.

Meeting actions

Gabes: Talk to Clement about the EHBPA, decide if it's something you want to head up/create (bikepolo.cc).

Jono: Chase Ed about the courts document, set new goals/timeline.

Ed: Complete courts document.

Jono: Finalise mailing list for courts document.

Mark/Jono: Look into Eastway courts space.

John H: Price London Open two-tone balls, Jon to provide colourway.

Jono: Think of a good time to do mallet building workshop (fundraiser? LMNH bike polo board? Beginners?)

Max: Consider running the mallet building workshop?

Jono: Create email address for Josh.

Josh: Ponder your new secretary role, Jono to do hand-over later in the year (post exams).

Zoe/Adrienne: Finish membership cards.

Jono: Source membership cards launch promo offers.

James/Mark/Andy/Gabes: Continue with National Series organisation, yell if you need anything.

Jono/Max: Look into fundriasing/sponsors for the Euros teams "on tour" tees.

Jono: Organise London Open 2011.

Jono: Post logo vote on LHBPA forum.

John/Mark/Max: Create polo boom box! Keep receipts.

Joe (Teenslain): Food for HH polo.

Max: Scheduling/organisation for HH polo.

Andy: Change your avatar.

Josh: Create reminder for next meeting at the end of June.