

London Hardcourt Bike Polo Association

General meeting: 08 Nov. 2010
(7.30-9.30 pm, The Ship, SE1)

Members

Present: Adam (Chair), Jono (Secretary), Ed, Max, Mark, Adrienne, Cynthia, Sandy, John (Eggpie), John H, Dave, James, Aidan, Andy, Kevin, Julia.

Apologies: Chris, Snoops, Tom, Gabes.

Minutes

Court report

Court update given.

Max Roach court needs more contact and development (B and Cynthia).

Druid Cycles may offer us arches below DLR (Royal Mint Street), Max to follow-up.

Site report

Sandy to do web management in the future?

Downloads section to be finished.

Online shopping?

CycleShow report

We need to have a presence at other Cycling Expos in the future.

LHBPA to buy goals from Gabes

Situation summary given by Jono.

Chris' points raised by Jono.

General agreement on Gabes' doing a nice gesture.

Andy gives LHBPA financial situation.

Total cost is £249.49. (Plus £50 gesture from BFF for goals use.)

Vote for the LHBPA to pay Gabes £249.49

No opposition, 1 abstain, passes.

1 Member 1 Vote

Current situation given.

Agreement it's important for members to have a vote at all meetings, current wording/procedure allows this.

No-one presents a vote to change the constitution (to introduce 1M1V).

We will look at the structure again if needed.

Constitution to remain unchanged.

LHBPA membership perks

Good idea to have more incentives to join.

Be careful not to tread on existing incentives (Push and SWRVE).

Cheap drinks at the Orwell? Chain Reaction? Evans?

Members need identification: Membership card? Signet ring? Keyring? Cycling cap?

Take discussion to the forum.

London Bike Show Tournament

Update given by Jono.

Polomotion court was good, look into a cheaper DIY alternative if needed?

Euros know about the tourney?! Need to know details/go ahead ASAP!

Need to confirm court sizes by measuring London courts.

How much should the LHBPA spend on the tournament? - Unsure. (We need to be there whatever.)

Smaller quality tournament rather than stretching it too much suggested.

General agreement the LHBPA should not front any cash (unless recouped).

James to be lead event organiser with Jono's help (both visiting the ExCel for reccy this week).

Gabes to help with format/scheduling/etc.

LHBPA as a distributor

Need to be careful not to store too many items.
Maybe do LHBPA initiated group buys instead?
We don't have limitless money and need to spend wisely.
Could be an incentive for non-members to join.
General agreement that we should become a distributor (baby steps though).
Find the shaft supplier for poles (China?)
Create a beginners polo kit to encourage new people to the sport?
Setup the site for online shopping.
Sell equipment at cost, no profit to be made, a service offered rather than a fundraising initiative.
Do not order vast quantities of items that we would have to store.

LHBPA Distribution Officer

John H gives summary of work to date.
Jono gives summary of new role.
John H voted in as Distribution Officer (all in favour).
John H to create distribution proposal and share his pricing doc with Andy
John H to start distribution thread within the LHBPA forum

LHBPA to rent storage

Very expensive.
No urgent need at the moment, although we are relying on members generosity.
We can't afford a storage unit at the moment.
Look further outside of London for storage perhaps?
LHBPA to rent storage suggested. All opposed.

Any other business

Knife fight night? Bake sale? Fundraising?
Beginner's polo in May/June?
Beginner open days (donate your time)?
Need a plan for getting new players to the sport.
Flyers for shops/local areas to courts?
New people need to lead the way and start a new beginners date/time?
Currently only need one session a week?
Joe/Jenny to lead perhaps?
Need spare mallets, don't need a loaner bike.
Joni's made it easy for people to start playing polo, the LHBPA need to pick up her legacy when she leaves.
Monthly beginners session - Kevin.
All beginners are not South based.

Meeting Actions

Jono: Help out B and Cynthia with new Max Roach court.
Max: Contact Druid Cycles and work out if we can use the arches space.
Jono: Create Downloads section of LHBPA site.
Jono: Create online shopping for distribution (Sandy to help).
Andy: Pay Gabes £249.49 for goals.
Jono: Start thread on LHBPA forum about membership cards, perks, etc.
Everyone: Measure London courts for size comparison.
Jono and James: Start work on The Cycle Show tournament.
James and Wayne: Choose a name and brand the tournament.
Jono and James: Organise Cycle Show specific committee meeting.
John H: Find cheap poles source (China).
John H: Propose initial spend/group buys.
John H: Start distribution thread on LHBPA forum.
Andy: Approve distribution spend, etc.
Kevin: Monthly beginners polo sessions next year.
Jono: Ask Joe and Jenny about organising some beginners polo sessions.