**Cowgirls QGM 11/10/2022**

Present

Sooooooooooz, Vic, Maeve, Zoe G, Nurse Nat, Zoë, Hannah, Sensi, Wendy, Jo, Alicia, Ness, Frances, Issy, Lizzie

Apologies

Becs, Dana, Harry, Sall FW, Rona, Emily, Ange

1. Training

Leilah’s coaching is going really well. Thanks Leilah. It’s great to switch between each week and brings more focus. Need to work out the language and clarity: Leilah is fitness focus, Mark is more basic training?

People prefer splitting into 4 teams for the match at the end. Sensi: Ask Mark why he’s doing 11 a-side matches.

Nat misses training as a big group.

Average 24 each training.

Still closed. Docklands has Tuesday 5 a-side indoor pitch. Lizzie: Ask Ev if she wants to run it, if not straight into a game every week.

Open to refugees and asylum seekers. Lizzie: Talk to Lisa about a potential new player.

1. Membership

Issy to send monthly reminders encouraging people to pay membership. £20/£10 waged/unwaged. You must be a member of the Cowgirls to play in the Casual League but money should never stop people playing so if you can’t afford it at the moment please let us know because we have an ethical fund for this exact situation.

1. Social media

Alicia and Jo to heat up facebook, insta and twitter. Sensi/Peta: add Alicia and Jo to the whatsapp social media group.

1. Socials

4th Nov Film screening – see Peashooter

3rd December Film screening with T talking – see Peashooter

Rona’s walk 23rd October – Meet at Symonds Yat in Wye Valley at 1030, walk/faff/potter for around 3 hours in the beautiful Welsh countryside, drink at the Saracens Head pub. Bring good footwear and a packed lunch.

16-20 Nov German freunden coming to Bristol

1. Constitution

It is old and doesn’t include our political activities. Soooooooz suggests the Code of Conduct from the Dragons. Cowmittee: Review Constitution.

Zoe G has welcome leaflets.

Sensi: Digital Feedback via SPOND/Google form.

1. Boycotting World Cup

Should we boycott the Qatar World Cup due to human rights abuses and exploitation? There are reports of appalling living and working conditions for workers, passports being taken away from people and rising numbers of deaths of workers. The first England match is 21st November.

Discussion:

We need to do this well or not at all.

Hosting the World Cup can shine a light on the abuse and exploitation so it is important to engage with it.

Suggestion: Use the time and instead of watching the matches we could go on pub crawls to raise awareness of the situation in Qatar.

Suggestion: Could we go to the Plough and not watch the football? The Plough has rising energy costs and needs the revenue created by the World Cup but could we rely on enough people turning up to NOT watch football? Sooooooooooz: Talk to the Plough and the rest of the club.

Suggestion: Have a donations box at the Plough during the matches with proceeds going to people in Qatar who have suffered. Frances: research Qatar solidarity charities

Indicative Vote

Boycott means we are not going to watch the games but we are going to take action to raise awareness on game day in solidarity with the people who are being abused and exploited.

9 for boycott

0 against boycott

5 abstaining

No conclusion was reached and there was Very Strong feeling for further discussion. Please start thinking about it/discussing it and we may call an Emergency General Meeting to discuss this further.

AOB

Not Pay Day

Soooooooz (Don’t pay.org) will write a summary of the ‘don’t pay’ campaign in response to rising energy costs and send it round.

KIT ORDER

Get your kit orders to Sooooooooooz via whatsapp soon.

Christmas!

Strong feeling for never going anywhere but the Plough.

Suggestion 1: Pot Luck dinner at All Hallows Hall on 10th December

Suggestion 2: Sit down dinner somewhere else 10th December

Suggestion 3: Sit down dinner at the Plough 10th December

Suggestion 4: Christmas drinks on the 10th December and end of January for Christmas dinner.

General feeling was suggestion 4 but no conclusion was reached. Watch this space.