Minutes of Cowgirls meeting

Cowgirls QGM 27th Oct 2021

**Present**: Bridget, Alicia, Rona, Zoe, Peta, Sensi, Harri, Vic, Izzy Liverpool, Hannah, Jo (later) Wendy (for AOB) Mari (for AOB)

**Apologies:** Emily, Soooooz, Bec, Bridie, Frances.

**Quick recap**

* Oldbury Court vs Eastville park– Oldbury court decided on.
* Trans inclusivity? Sal to draft statement about trans inclusivity
* Pronouns during name rounds have been being adopted. Should this be done every week or just some weeks? It’s minimal effort for maximum inclusivity, we decided to keep it.

AGENDA

1. **The 20th anniversary of Cowgirls**

The 20th anniversary of Cowgirls is the 11th December next year. We are planning on having a party. Planning something for early summer is an idea. Perhaps in April.

**Action:**

April has been pencilled in. Organise a meeting to discuss this. It could also be a fundraiser for the 30th cow folk anniversary

1. **Whole Cowfolk 30th year anniversary**

Lots of organising has been happening. We need to raise lots of money for this. There’s going to be a big fund-raiser at the end of January. Help is needed for this. Please volunteer to help if you can. We need: bar staff, stage managing, etc. There was an estimate that we need to raise £500 each per team (We have three), for the event. Date tbd, the next tournament meeting date is on the 15th November. The current tournament date currently clashes with the women’s Euro final, so we’re likely to change it.

**Action:**

Contact the committee if you’d like to volunteer or have any fundraising ideas. Possible ideas so far – cake sale + clothes swap, social secretary to organise events with donations.

1. **Teams to invite to tournament**

Deciding which other casual league teams to invite to the tournament, ones that are aligned with our ethos – and are not too good.

**Action:**

Ask at the 15th Nov meeting. What are our pitches and how many teams can we have? Can we go for 12 teams? How many spaces do we have? / Research and try and get teams to invite to the tournament. (UK and international – 3 or 4 international)

1. **Tapestry / (group banner making workshop)**

Taking place on Saturday 27th Nov, 12 or 1 – 5. There’s going to be a collective banner making workshop. It could be an ideas dump, or we could make sth. to take to tournaments or protests. It would be good to include images or logos. It’ll be hands on all day.

**Action:**

Someone to send Zoe a list of cows from lol chat who are interested. Anyone else who is interested should contact Zoe.

1. **Training / Newbies**

We’re currently getting 2-3 new players a week. Our max capacity is 32.

**Action:**

Put a temporary stop on new players joining. This will be reviewed at the next meeting in Jan. If there’s four weeks in a row in which numbers are below 20, allow new players to start again. On social media: ‘Training is temporarily paused’

Votes in favour of pausing training: Yes: 9 / Against: 0 / Abstaining: 3

1. **Finances**

The cow bank is looking good. However, a few people still need to pay their membership.

**Action:** Hannah or Vic to print out cow bank account details and give out at training. Training sessions = £4 wages, £3 unwaged. Fran to email about membership = £20 waged / £10 unwaged

1. **Zapatistas.**
2. Sensi and Zoe went to a meeting with the Zapatistas earlier today. They spoke with the Zapatistas who were visiting for the first time as part of their ‘Journey for Life’ tour around the Europe. Steve Nation explained the history of cowboys. It was also an event explaining the connection between Zapatistas and cows. Bristol Defendant Solidarity, Youth Climate Justice and Kev from KIPTIC were also there. Zapatistas spoke for 2.5 hours about why they created their space and the common enemy (capitalism) that is destroying our natural earth.
3. Their talk also led Zoe and Sensi to thinking about how to reduce our carbon footprint.
4. **Action:**

Another meeting to be held next week to reflect on what came up in the meeting with the Zapatistas today. Zoe and Sensi have an information leaflet of anyone wants to read more about it.

1. **Action:** Being more environmentally friendly tbd next meeting – lift sharing, ideas from the woman from PledgeBall, purpose made reusable bottles, boot library, Zoe to put out an email to ask if anyone has boots they want to donate. Contact Vic if you’d like to join an ‘ideas to be environmentally friendly’ group on whatapp: 07814 775291.
2. **Cowfolk Calandar**

Don’t just buy a calander for 2022, buy the Cowfolk one! All the money collected from sales will go towards fundraising for the 30th year tournament.

**AOB:**

* Is there a new kit? No, but other people can buy the much-admired/colourful third kit of the cowboys. Contact Lewis from Cowboys if you’re interested.
* Date for the diary, 10-year casual league anniversary – 20th Aug 2022.
* Please pay the Christmas party deposit and make meal choice before the end of the week (Friday), put your name as the reference. 20 have registered so far! Contact Wendy.
* Please do a Covid test before Christmas meal.
* There’s a fund raiser event for Sean who took place in the kill the bill protest. He is facing a long prison sentence.
* If you’re not currently on the mailing list, please send an email to this address saying you’d like to join: football-women@eastoncowfolk.org.uk