

Cowfolk Bi-AGM Minutes

Location: Easton Community Centre

Date and Time: 04/12/23, 19:30-20:30

Present: Paddy, Sam, Ivan, Peace, Chris, Peg, Natasha, Vernie, Vicki, Ruth, Jo, Natalie, Sensi, Liz, Doug, Ian, Paul, Auron, Tom, Peta, Hannah, Oliver, Lewis, Charlie, Sue, Steve, Felix, Rob, Billy, Michael, Kaz, Beccs

Apologies: Sally, Frances (thanks for the donations!!), Mari, Silvia, Katie, Ange, Sam L, Thom M, Kev, Saskia, Pete

Agenda

5 minutes from the plough (Tom)

- Tom keen to improve Plough/Cow engagement.
- People can come to Tom and Angelo (the Plough generally) with thoughts/ideas/comments.
- Plough pushing the safer spaces policy, will be reaching out to the cows for their input.
- **ACTION:** Men's football to work on their safer spaces policy.

More explicit antifascist engagement from the club (Charlie)

- Charlie suggested the club should be more organised/vocal on anti-facist topics.
- **ACTION:** Charlie and Sensi to link up about existing signal group for this purpose. Get in touch with either of them if you want to be added.

Billy to takeover coms with rage kit provider

- **MOTION:** Billy unanimously voted in as the new kit contact.
- **ACTION:** each team to assign a point to organise orders in their team.

Kiptik "New Year's Revolution" event at Plough on NYD (Steve)

- Event in support of the Zapatistas, recognising 30th anniversary of their uprising.
- For pre-orders contact Steve Nation or Kev.

NYD mixed footy game (Sam)

- Talks of organising a NYD inter-club footy match. Potentially 11pm - Eastville park. If interested contact Kev.

Radical film and bookclub (Oli)

- Oli, Charlie and Tom coming together to organise this. More details to follow.

Policy on statements made as a club (Sue)

- After recent online disagreements the club recognises a need to make decisions without calling a meeting every time. There's a need for greater club-wide communication.
- **MOTION:** someone puts forward an idea to the committee, the committee then spreads this info to all areas of the club. A date will be set by which any concerns have to be raised. If any issues are identified the committee and those proposing the idea engage with the objector and work out how to progress. If it cannot be resolved and the issue is significant enough, an EGM will be called.
- All voted in favour with one abstention.
- **ACTION:** discuss this again in six months.

Framework on deciding appropriate sponsors (Oli)

- Each section of the club will decide for themselves who sponsors them.
- Any issues are worked out using the mechanism agreed above.

Bereavement and tragedy policy (Beccs)

- **ACTION:** policy will be shared with the club very soon.

Cooking for the refugee meals (Sue/Oli)

- **ACTION:** each team "hosts" a week, with support from whoever wants to help out that week. Organisational spreadsheet to be distributed.

Greater support for club events (Angelo/Sue)

- Angelo feels there should be better support for club events with greater accountability after poor turnout at the Scribes gig.

Xmas party (Sue)

- **MOTION:** proceeds going to Hebron International Resource Network. Everyone present in favour.

First aid training (Jack)

- **ACTION:** teams to find out who is interested in first aid training.
- Fundraising for a minibus (Oli)

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- **ACTION:** Oli and Billy to create working group looking into buying a minibus. Please contact them if you'd like to join.

AoB

- Committee agreed for CACKK to have £50 for their Xmas party.
- Cowfolk chat is not the place for heated debate. The New film and book club can hopefully be a healthy place for discussion.
- The committee agreed to send money to Samy out in Gaza. Samy is a friend of Cowgirl Frances and needs our support. Frances sends her thanks.

Cheers everyone!! See you at the next one x