QGM 31st January 2022

Present: Becs Cris Harry Sooooooz Zoe Lizzie Sal Sensi Issy Hannah P

Doctor Nat Rona Vicky P Ange Wendy

Apologies: Vicky, Bridie

Need to hold AGM to decide on roles Mon 28th Feb at Easton community centre

ACTION

Becs will send email outlining roles.

1. How much longer will we be closed to newbies?

Numbers are so high (30 plus) that we can’t open yet. There are too many people at training and not enough space on the pitch. When we open up let’s open to people we know first. Possible two training sessions again? If the Cowgirls are the only team that people want to play for then is that another reason to have two sessions a week? No. People can look at the casual league website and join another team.

It is very difficult to find another pitch so we can’t do that.

ACTION

Frances to update website to state that we are currently full. Same blurb to go on whatsapp, facebook and email.

2. Casual league and reserves

Keep three month rule at the beginning of the season but ‘first come first served’ for people who are available for the next match. The only requirement is for people to be available to play the next match. Let the people on the reserves list know that they might not join a team because there are already enough players in each team. Tell new people that they might not play a CL match until after the summer when they will join a team for real but there are other opportunities like Copa Lucrecia and tournaments.

We will revisit the self-selecting approach for next season as there are pros and cons to it.

Linked point- how can we get more people to these meetings? Ideas are: give plenty of notice; explain what the meeting is and how it runs; mention the meeting at training 3 weeks in a row; more snacks/booze; maybe a clothes swap before to make a bigger event of it. Make a routine of giving notices when we change our shoes on the concrete bit outside the pitch.

ACTION

Becs, Zoe and Lizzie to create an info leaflet. Frances to update website with info about CL. Becs to send message outlining this.

3. 30th Birthday Party Tournament

Monday 7th Site team will have agreed site. Sub groups to be organised and we need you! Come to the meeting because it takes a village to host a tournament and it is one of the most joyous events you will ever attend. 400 people in a field, playing football, laughing, snogging, chatting, dancing and being a community. It’s bliss. It actually also really fun to organise too so please get involved, if you’d like. There is no need for any experience at all so it’s an amazing chance to learn about how to put on an event.

4. Puma Action

Puma’s sponsorship is coming to an end in June so it is important to raise awareness now to encourage Puma not to sponsor the Israeli team. 2Pm Bristol Palestine Solidarity Campaign has asked for Cowgirls to come in kit or Palestine shirts and have a kickabout in front of Sports Direct to raise awareness.

5. Merch

New red kit exists and is great. Find out cost of sending shirts over from Italy without paying import tax. . How many people want shirts? We want to buy 10 extra shirts to have to sell when we need.

ACTION

Becs to send email asking who wants a new shirt with size guide (NOT new kit but a nice new shirt).

6. CL teams at training

Mixing teams up benefits more players and is more in line with our ethos. 1234 for the rest of this season. Sometimes (once a month ish) split players into more experienced/competitive and less experienced/competitive and sometimes just 1234.

7. Zoe wants to make an artwork and sell to raise funds for the tournament.

Zoe will make some profit from this. No objections only full support.

8. Wendy proposes lesbian Turkish oil wrestling to raise funds for the tournament.

Or arm wrestling at All Hallows.

9. Other fundraising ideas

Open Mic night- Vicky will organise an open mic night. Go Vicky.

Fundraiser tournament – let’s talk about this at the next meeting.

23rd March big party All Hallows Hall

3rd Feb 6pm in the Plough to help organise the big party on 23rd March

12th Feb 2pm Boycott Puma Palestine Solidarity Campaign outside Sports Direct in town

30th Saturday April May Day mixed tournament in Leeds Republica

3-5th June AntiRa Hamburg Millentour Stadium

20th August Casual League Birthday Party 5 aside tournament

Copa Lucrcia May sometime

12-15th November tournament in Brazil – let Sooooooz know if you are keen for this tournament. Great opportunity to visit Brazil and have a really good time.