

Left Field Football Collective
Meeting Monday 13th November 8pm – Garden House

Attending: Andy Taylor, Monica Cass, Ash Linford, Lewis Buxton, Emily Graham, Rosa DJ

Apologies: None

Opening

- AT thanks for everyone's help whilst he was busy
- Update from Emily about members paying
- An acknowledgement of the need for non-alcoholic socials in the summer

Updating Club Values & Constitution

- Communication is key to our club values.
- The offering is not competition or competitiveness it is always about fun and fitness
- RDJ – we need clearer messaging on what inclusivity means.
- AT – want to notice and acknowledge the development of the inclusive team, the work Ashley and Monica have both put in to making the standard of football so high.
- We need to remind members that we are a volunteer run organisation, so sometimes we do not have the personel or training to make things immediately as inclusive as we would like.
- We want to acknowledge how intimidating joining a football team can be.
- EG points out that inclusivity has to be about everything and not just gender.
- Action Point: An announcement at the beginning of each session of our club values, inclusivity statement and clarity on us being a volunteer run football collective.
- Action Point: Rosa to be the 'welcomer' for new members at training.

Training Format esp with regards to 7s team

- Training will continue to be an integrated session.
- Some 7s team members want the training session to focus on what they need for their matches. General decision for this to happen but whilst always including the rest of the team. Perhaps just not explicitly saying 'this is just for the Sunday team' rather 'this is a useful training drill for everyone'.
- Also notes from NB and female members that particular male players are not passing the ball enough in the second half of the session.
- AL will remind at the beginning of the second half to implement what we have learnt in the first half.
- Anther announcement at the beginning of second half of training to continue to be inclusive, pass the ball around.
- Agree that the current inclusivity statement is useful and up to date. Acknowledgement of the need to distil it into a welcome message.

2024 Accreditation Update

- MC has it in hand.
- We win a prize if it is submitted before the end of December 2023.

LGBTQ+ Accreditation

- RDJ in the process of writing an equality statement necessary for LGBTQ+ accreditation
- All members will sign a pledge to equality
- Even though it can be seen as 'paper pushing' it is useful in raising awareness
- Adding LGBTQ+ accreditation to the website
- More open and inclusive LGBTQ+ stuff on social media
- Question: How do we make the introduction and on boarding process more inclusive?
- How do we make our welcoming policy clear to everyone?
- Action Point (LB): doing profiles of players on our social media
- Action Point: (LB) Talk to Jo Caulfield about Pride
- Question: How do we take this visibly into training? Rainbow laces? Pride flag?

Webshop Updates

- Ordered 100 scarves
- £7.30, sell for £10
- No shipping
- Online payment system on the website
- What is the plan with the money
- Big plan?
- 6 month reserves?

Other income streams

- Easy fundraising continues to do very well for Left Field
- Question: How do we spend our surplus? Away days? Training courses?
- Grants?
- Do we at some point want to create our own training space
- MC and RDJ recently got a grant to cover new coaching qualifications for NB and women.
- Training course for Ashley
- What are our long term goals?
- Could we cover the cost of an annual summer party?
- Offer subsidised memberships?
- Waving the membership fee and offering bursary places?

Latest Grant money from Sported x Barclays

LFFC Calendar – training/socials/breaks

- Christmas Break: Xmas party on 16th, break on 21st and 28th December.
- 4th January, 1 hour, first 14 hands up
- Back for proper training on 11th January
- Change venue son 9th May to Sloughbottom Park
- Summer Break: we take July 2024 completely off (zero fee month)
- Back on 1st August 2024

AOB

- We need a system for new sign ups
- Google drive?
- Finance Sign up?
- Pay subscription fee
- Can we automate the sign up process?
- Action Point: MC to look into website sign up forms