

KHGC Indoor practice facility

Dear Member

Discussions on the provision of an indoor practice facility have been going on at committee level for as long as I can remember and probably long before that. The main issues have always centred on funding and the long term usage as part of a viable business model. Today is no different!

The Management committee have recently given me the go ahead to undertake a project that will once and for all answer the questions of whether it is both, a financially sound project and most importantly if you the members would use it in sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile.

Falling membership numbers and KHGC budgetary constraints have previously contributed to the project never progressing further than committee stage. With increased membership numbers it is possible that a more robust business model can be created that would support this project in the longer term.

Funding as ever is, as previously suggested, a key element in deciding whether we should progress. We have been considering a number of options including grants and sponsorship as well as using KHGC funds. It is evident that if we apply for grants ie Sport England, the preferred option, that we would also need to show some level of input from other sources including club funds. See question 9 on the survey to express your views on possible options. Sport England grants also require us to provide a robust business model which clearly identifies both a need and a clear vision of how we would use the facility going forward.

I have initially engaged with all the club captains to gauge their response on the initial ideas and have had on-going talks with Andy Windsor as to what he would expect from such a facility. I would expect such discussion to continue over the course of the project to ensure the final proposals are exactly what we require.

It is now an appropriate time for a consultation period with you the members. Please refer to the display in the club house lobby area which gives details of the proposed project. After looking at the display please complete the survey. I would ask that you all carefully consider each question and give your most accurate response. The first few questions (1-5) simply assess your current use of practice facilities and lessons whilst the latter (6-11) will give us some indication of your future use of the proposed facilities. Again please ensure the answers you provide are as accurate as you feel possible as they will provide essential data for a GO, HOLD or NO GO decision and subsequently building our business model with the collated data being an essential element of any application for central funding eg Sport England.

Please ensure you complete a survey form before the deadline of **31 August 2018** and return in the drop box provided.

Upon completion we propose to analyse the data and report the findings at or around the date of our next **AGM on Thursday 18th October.**

Should you have further questions or require more information please contact me by phone on 01202-986673 or via email at BillLennon1@sky.com or refer to the club office.

Many thanks

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