

Leamington Lemmings Club AGM 2023

28/10/2023

Venue – The Wild Boar

In Attendance

Ali Orr, Alice Hodges, Alun Pinder, Amos Wall, Dan Mclean, Dave Cubitt, Dave Wilson, Evie Harms, Harry Wood, Jasmine Hall, Joe Basnett, Keeva Morrell, Lauren Griffiths, Laurence Howard, Louisa Leyland, Megan Daly, Melissa Barnett, Mellissa Wilson, Nathan Sanders, Nathan Simmonds, Oli May, Oliver East, Ryan Kapma, Sasha Haines, William Marshal,

Apologies:

Andy Partridge, James Selley, Persephone Pantling, Will Peach

Summary of the year

Luau

- Luau took a new format with 2 different events being run. The event didn't make a good return due to the new format being less profitable and clashes with tour meaning the Open and Womens divisions were undersubscribed. The introduction of the mixed division proved to be a success.
- 14 Open Teams, 5 Womens Teams, 6 Mixed Teams, 10 Beginner Teams
- The event aimed to focus on providing opportunity for players and clubs within the Midlands, and providing competitive frisbee for its members.

Indoor results

Club Events

- **Open Regionals:** 1st Team: **3rd [Qualified]**, 2nd Team: **10th**, 3rd Team: **16th**, 4th Team: **17th**
- **Open Nationals:** 1st Team: **6th**
- **Womens Regionals:** 1st Team: **8th [Qualified]**
- **Womens Nationals:** 1st Team: **10th**
- **Mixed Regionals:** 1st Team: **2nd [Qualified]**, 2nd Team: **4th [Qualified]**, 3rd Team: **13th**
- **Mixed Nationals:** 1st Team: **4th**, 2nd Team: **9th**

Fun Events:

- **3rd Pitch Hog [Womens]:**
- **5th Pitch Hog [Open]**
- **2nd Luau [Womens]:**
- **7th Loughborough Beginners**
- **4th Copa de Crimbo [Mixed]**
- **5th Pitch Hog [Mixed]**
- **1st Luau [Mixed]**
- **1st & 4th Bearnefactor [Mixed]**
- **1st & 3rd Windoors [Mixed]**

Outdoor Results:

Lemmings Open:

- **Spring Start Up – 8th**
- **Manchester Mayhem – 1st & 4th**
- **Windfarm – 1st Team: 10th 2nd Team: 18th** (Highest placed Second Team in the UK)
- **Regionals - 6th** (Up 2 places on last year)
- **UKU Nationals (Division 2) – Lemmings Open finish 2nd**

Lemmings Women:

- **Windfarm – 6th**

Lemmings Mixed

- **Mixed Imperial: 4th**
- **Uni Fans – 1st** – [Back-to-Back wins at this event]
- **EUFC Spring Invite – 2nd**
- **London Mooxed – First Team: 1st & Second Team: 3rd**
- **We all play Mixed – First Team: 3rd & Second Team: 6th**
- **UKU Regionals – 2nd**
- **UKU Nationals – 2nd** [Highest ever club finish]
- **EUFC – 9th** [Up 2 places on last year]

Indoor Training

Last year

- Weekly Indoor Session 8:00pm – 10:00 pm at Myton School £6 PAYG
- Ad Hoc Indoors 9:00pm – 10:00 pm at Alan Higgs £5 PAYG
 - Aimed at preparing for UKU Club Regionals.
- Feedback on Alan Higgs sessions last year was very positive.
- Some feedback suggested it was a lot to come all the way for a single session, some concern that increasing to a 2hr session might put people off due to price

Discussion

- A straw poll showed general positive for a 2hr £10 session although not as many keen for a weekly 2hr session.
- Ad hoc bookings will be the main source of indoors this year.
- Concern raised that without a standing indoors slot we have a reduced offering for player development as the 2hr Myton allowed for newer players to come and experience the sport.
- Mixed nationals will be on a hardcourt so some hardcourt training is recommended.
- Nate is able to book some ad hoc hard-court sessions at Kenilworth School throughout the year.
- Good interest in ad hoc hardcourt training at Kenilworth school – people would also be interested in 1 hr (numbers would need to be capped, 16 was used last year)
- Block booking for next year would need to be pre-paid by people interested which may include a player limit to with priority to those who have paid.
 - Decision required much sooner than next AGM.
- Intent to run open invite indoor training on a weekend for longer sessions – wider appeal for newer players and wider club members.

Outdoor Training

Last year

- Winter Training:
 - Weekly sessions last year Monday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the rugby club
- Summer Training:
 - Weekly sessions, Mondays 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Leamington Rugby Club
 - Weekly Pod Sessions Thursday 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm at St Nicks Park and second pod in Twycross launched by Alex Marklew

Discussion

- Monday session works well for uni team recruitment – Not ideal, we will ask rugby club about Tuesday slot but hesitation due to clash with Birmingham club.
- Last year we had two sessions a week with an indoor and outdoor each week. There is an appetite for than one session of Ultimate per week. As indoors isn't regular anymore there is suggestion for a second weeknight outdoor session.
- Second session over the winter would need to be on different pitch, could be 3G for higher cost or different rugby club or weekend training.
- **ACTION: Speak to rugby club near Warwick uni to see availability – Dave Cubitt**
- Weekend sessions is going to clash with Uni tournaments in the first term.
- Two weekdays a lot for people who are travelling far to come to training.
- Generally keen for two sessions a week, if there is an indoor session then no second outdoor session – Some keen for a weeknight due to weekend availability.
- Possibility to pair up with Birmingham Ultimate and access their training as a good second session a week – Kings Norton rugby club on a Tuesday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- **ACTION: Discuss with Birmingham Ultimate for permission to advertise – Nathan Sanders**
- Discussion with opening the club back up to grass roots ultimate players via a more relaxed pick-up session.

Proposed structure for summer training next year:

- Monday Club Training 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Leamington Rugby Club (or alternative weeknight session)
- Thursday Pod Sessions, aiming for a local session with most members <10 minute drive time.
- Saturday Pick up session to offer more grass roots and player development, lots of people keen to push this out from the club in the first instance to get the session off the ground.

Pre-Season training – Moving from Winter to in-season training.

Last year

- Joint Flyght Club session/friendlies and 3 Leamington based club trainings to introduce the season and further development on a playing identity.
- Some preseason friendlies with multiple GB Teams were a success for all parties.
- There was no trial component to this year's preseason.

Discussion

- Since UKU have move up the calendar there is an understanding that team selection and preseason activities will also happen a lot sooner in the year. Pre-regionals training will be in May at which point teams will become more decided.
- Up front training dates was beneficial to players last year and it is intended to be organised similarly again this year.
- Targeted development and outreach sessions ran for the benefit of local university teams. (Aiming for Loughborough, Warwick, Leicester, and Birmingham in the first instance) as an outreach to get the Uni players into club ultimate and increase the profile of the club locally.

University and Junior engagement

- Uni friendlies including Lemmings, so people become comfortable with the club players and there is more willingness to attend club sessions.
- Higher level friendlies for uni in the lead up to tournaments is very important for uni and club players alike.
- How do we keep the Aylesford school pipeline and other schools / junior frisbee sessions may be possible on the horizon?
 - Oli suggest that the school team is struggling for direction without the direct expert leadership formally provided by Ali Darren. The club will discuss with members of the school how we can best support them.
- Previous success of integrating junior via a side session is no longer possible due to constraints on running 2 separate sessions with a single coach.

Payments

- Due to increasing debt, we will need to start refusing people to tournaments if they are outstanding debt from other tournaments.
- The onus on clearing debt to the club should sit with the members and not with the committee as this is a voluntary position and already has a high workload.
- A compromise to mention club debts on a Monday night regularly.
- Team captains to chase for payments ahead of tournaments as the primary contributor to large debt.
 - Look into proof of payment prior to tournaments going to Captains.

Communication

- Suggestions for Discord as an alternative for communication.
- Currently the club will stick with Spond, due to its large benefits regarding junior member participation. This may be revisited in future.
- Make cut offs for tournament sign up earlier so teams can be communicated earlier.

Committee

Outgoing committee

Executive Committee:

- President (David Cubitt)
- Treasurer (Nathan Simmonds)

Supporting committee

- Mixed Captains (Megan Daly and Nathan Sanders)
- Indoor Co-ordinator (Oliver May)
- Luau Host (Jake Allen)
- Funding Officer (Laurence Howard)
- Development and Outreach Officers (Ryan Kapma and Claire Desbottes)

Incoming Committee

Due to time constraints, the new committee will receive nominations and election via an online vote/meeting.

Due to this the Leamington Lemmings AGM 2023 has not been concluded

Awards:

MVP Female – Persephone Pantling

Simon Worthington MVP Male – Ryan Kapma

MIP Female – Evie Harms

MIP Male – Ben Andrews

Club Person – Nathan Sanders

Ali Darren Junior of the year – Oliver East

Party Award – William Marshall