



# HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

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## HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB AGM- Minutes Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### 1. Apologies for absence:

Sue Crake, Rach Green, Tom White, Russell Dale, Richard Lowe

### 2. Attendees:

Jess Richings, Fran Smallridge, Jerry Baston, Gareth Tayler, Thomas Smallridge, Aurelia Hall-Palmer, Andrew Nichols, Nick Evans, Amy Matthews, Ben Humphreys, Sean Percy, Ollie Crossley, Harry Emberson, Artie Hoskins, Jean Marshall, Georgina Trumpess, Nick Crawley, Emily Percy, CJ Nichols, Rosie Piper, Steph White, Chris Poland.

### 3. Minutes of AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Previous AGM minutes were issued and no objections were raised.

These were proposed by Nick Crawley and seconded by Emily Percy,

### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's Report is available on the website attached to this year's AGM notes.

A summary of the report can be found below:

#### ADULTS

- Solid season for Ladies section with a number of mid table performances
- Tough year for the men's section, however, should be in a better position to start next year.

#### JUNIORS

- Junior section is growing, with the new U6 team being hugely successful. We had good representation at TA/Sussex, along with training indoors Jan/Feb.
- 26/27 we will be looking to strengthen our adult section and continue to develop the juniors – a number of new coaches are in place.

#### EH

- There is a new league structure at the end of next season, so next year's positioning will determine the starting point in the new structure.

#### CLUB DEVELOPMENT

- The pitch development has now been legally confirmed, so it will go ahead. Nick from the Golf Club provided a brief overview on where they were in terms of

planning. The Golf club have considered and included our requests into the next stage of planning.

- Outreach has been set up this season and will continue moving forward.
  - Hockey camps have been restarted and have had good attendance; we will look to grow this next year.
  - Request to members for support to help club development (lawyers, QS etc.)
- A big thank you to everyone for their support this year.

-The report was proposed by Jess Richings and Seconded by Gareth Tayler

## **5. Treasurers Report**

Finance figures were issued to members attending the AGM. The figures showed a negative budget for the 25/26 season, however, due to a few coaches not in place, and a great sponsor for the M1s we ended the season positive. We had a few higher costs than expected (L1 oversees player and kit for M1/L1s).

26/27 Budget – With a full complement of coaches, no international players, assuming a 5% increase in costs (Bluecoats has gone up in price) we are looking at a £4.7k loss for next season.

We are now offering the One Payment Plan to be paid over 3 mths (Aug/Sep/Oct) and Umpiring will now be paid £12 per game.

Membership will go up by £10-20 depending on age category due to increasing costs.

Request for umpiring support over the season.

Face masks will no longer be provided for 1/2s, only lower XIs and juniors. This is due to EH request for these items to be considered PPE. The club appreciates the costs of these, and that not all players are regular short corner participants. The club will be looking at a partner to reduce costs and support members moving forward.

No further questions were raised on the report.

The Treasurers report and club finances were proposed by Fran Smallridge and seconded by Andy Nichols and voted upon for approval.

## **6. Election of Officers**

The Election of officers were proposed by the Genie Trumpess and seconded by Jean Marshall.

One noticeable change is Jerry Chinn has stepped down from Mens Club Captain and has been replaced by Anderw Crossley.

We thank Jerry Chinn for his support over the years.

Captains were not voted in at this stage

Full details of officers can be found on our website.

As always, the club cannot run without volunteers, if you are interested in helping, please get in touch with CJ Nichols or Chris Poland. We would like to also thank those members who have served as volunteers and on the committee for the past few years who are stepping down and like to thank those who are stepping forward to fill those roles.

## **7. AOB**

No further queries or items where covered.

**Thank you all for attending and your contributions.**