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HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB AGM- Minutes Saturday 10th May 2025

1. Apologies for absence:

Sue Crake, Rach Green, Chris Poland, Lee McIlwraith

2. Attendees:

Steph White, CJ Nichols, Nick Evans, Emily Pearcy, Tom White, Sean Pearcy, Andy Nichols, Rosie Piper, Sophie Hollis, Mark Hannan, Russell Dale, Nick Crawley, Gina Fumagalli, Alex Land, Hannah Bates, Amy Mathews, Cat Ross, Jonny Ross, Jean Marshall, Dom Hannan, Ollie Crossley, Andrew Crossley, Paul Holton, Mark Bryan, Lawrence McGraghan, Jonty Tindall, Ben Fletcher, Freddie Laing, Dom Chaffey, Genie Trumpess, Vicky Doyle, Bella Festa, Lou Campbell, Hannah Simpson, Paul Carter, Fran Smallridge, Jerry Chinn, Trevor Nash, Jane Denman, Danny Marco, Freddie Campbell.

3. Minutes of AGM held on 22nd April 2024

Previous AGM minutes were issued and no objections were raised.

These were proposed by Fran Smallridge and seconded by Tom White.

4. Chairman's Report

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

Nick Evans read the Chairman's report on behalf of Chris Poland who sent his apologises.

A summary of the report can be found below:

- Tough season for the adult section but positive to see Junior progression into the senior teams
- First year of 100 Club which has been successful and we hope to continue to grow this.
- Socials and social media well supported and developing.
- L3s/L4s tough year following on from promotion last year
- M2/3s tough year following on from promotion last year
- M4s finished 2nd and promoted.
- Both Hotstars and Hotshots won their leagues.
- Junior section continues to strength with over 200 members.
- U10s and U12s finished the Ron Easton Tournaments with good positions in both boys and girls

- Nick Evans helped raised funds for the club by taking both team and individuals photos for the junior section.
- Next season Upper sections of the club to recruit and strengthen squads.
- Next season further investment into Junior Section, outreach programme and U6s.
- Horsham Golf and Fitness proposal is going to appeal on the 2nd June.
- -The report was proposed by Jonty Tindall and Seconded by Nick Crawley

5. Treasurers Report

Finance figures were issued to members attending the AGM. The figures should a £12k profit this year, however, this was not the plan. We were unable to fill all the coaching spots that were budgeted for.

2024/25 Budget Proposed a Negative balance to ensure we could bring in more coaches across the club including the junior section and outreach programme.

EH have determined a £20/adult and £10/junior increase to club fees. EH have stated this is to support more online coaching and umpire development.

- It has been noted that Horsham HC voted against this decision at the EH AGM
- As a result of this increase, membership costs will go up by the respective amounts to accommodate.
- Question raised at Horsham AGM around who this affects. Answer: The EH value will be added to regular members that appear on GMS. How this is accounted for is something we are still awaiting the details on.

No further questions were raised on the report.

The Treasurers report and club finances were proposed by Nick Crawley and seconded by Gina Fumagalli and voted upon with no objections.

6. Election of Officers

The Election of officers were proposed by the committee and seconded by Nick Crawley and Cat Ross.

One noticeable change is Sue Chinn has stepped down from Ladies and Mens Fixture Secretary and has been replaced by Rosie Piper.

We thanks Sue Chinn for her 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

Neil from Horsham Golf and Fitness attend the AGM and provided an update on the development.

- Should the development be approved it would provide a two pitch solution for Horsham HC. One pitch dedicated to hockey and one muga pitch.
- The development is going to appeal on the 3rd and 4th June.
- Should the development be approved, timings for new pitches are unknown at this stage.
- Horsham HC has been asked to speak at this appeal. Steph White will be speaking on behalf of the club.

Question raised: What can we do to support? Answer: Neil has confirmed no support is required at this stage, and thanked the club for their support to date.

The members present at the AGM liked the new format of the AGM (link is with a social 7s tournament). There was a suggestion to carry out at the end of the tournament instead of the middle and this will be considered for next year.

Thank you all for attending and your contributions.