



HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

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HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB AGM- Minutes Thursday 27th April 2023

1. Apologies for absence-

Apologies received from the following: -

Sean Percy, Ally O'Neal, Lawrence McGraghan, Mark Humphreys, Gill Denman

2. Attendees:

Chris Poland, Steph White, Tom Surridge (minutes), Edwin Graham, Russell Dale, Nick Crawley, Michael Campbell, CJ Nichols, Tom White, , Nick Evans, Angela Marshall, Andrew Crossley, Sam MacDonald, Sue Crake, Jon Campbell, Lea Pritchard, Gee Humphreys, Sam Gill, Laura Dalchow, Emily Percy, Rachel Green, Jerry Chinn, Rosie Piper and Charlie Walder

3. Minutes of AGM held on Friday 6th May 2022

These were proposed by Steph White and seconded by Nick Crawley

No objections noted.

4. Chairman's Report

Chris Poland welcomed members to the AGM and outlined his report to the club, the full report can be found the club website in the club documents under the club info tab. A Junior Section report can also be found on the club website.

No questions were raised during the AGM following the Chairmans report.

-The report was proposed by Tom Surridge and Seconded by Emily White

5. Treasurers Report

The 2022-23 season finished above budget with a gain of £5187 vs an expected loss of £3156. This increase is largely due to the refund for the shed at the Christs Hospital pitches, from Horsham Sports Club and a stronger membership income.

The proposed budget for next year 2023-24 season is expecting to run at a forecasted £766 loss. This is due to an expected static income from this 22-23 to 23-24 due to memberships and match fees remaining the same, however costs around coaching are expected to increase as well as other costs may increase due to on going higher inflation.

The membership proposal for 2023-24 sees the membership and match fees frozen for another year. As the committee are aware that with rising costs outside of hockey, the decision has been made to keep the costs the same to ensure that members are able to keep playing through these tougher financial times.

The controls implemented around outstanding membership and match fees have been successful ensuring the club's cash flow is easier to manage and maintain saving time of the committee. The controls are as follows:

- if a regular player has more than 2 weeks of match fees outstanding then they will not be eligible to play.
- regular members who fail to pay their membership before the allotted date 13th October 2023 they will incur an extra £50 charge.

No questions were raised from the report.

The Treasurers report and club finances were proposed by Chris Poland and seconded by Sue Crake and voted upon with no objections.

6. New Club Kit Proposal

CJ Nichols prepared samples of the new kit that the club is proposing to move to over the summer/start of the 23-24 season. The committee believed that the on-going 4 yearly cycle for adidas kit was mean that players were having to buy kit to keep inline with the rest of the club which for many is unnecessary expense which has led to teams not having matching kits. The proposal is to move to Fuel as the kit itself is more generic and will be easier to maintain as a standard for an extended period whilst also being cheaper than the current kit provision with greater range of training kit available.

The kit was well received by the attendees of the meeting and the vote for changing of the kit was unanimously approved.

Further to the kit change itself the committee was proposing that until the 31st of December 2023 the club will provide a 50% discount on home playing shirts. This means adult shirts are £15.00 instead of £29.99 and Juniors £10.00 instead of £19.99, this is to encourage more members to change over and at the start of the kit proposal.

The finance/discount proposal was voted upon and unanimously approved.

One question around the new kit proposal was asked, which was concern if the shirt should be included in the club membership. This had been considered by the committee before the AGM, but the decision was made to leave separate as to prevent having to have extra membership products on teamo and minimise any confusion for members in the new year about which membership to use.

7. Election of Officers

Election of officers was completed with a few gaps outstanding:

- Junior Head Coach
- Ladies Club Captain
- Ladies Hotstars Manager
- Mens's 1st and 2nd XI captains

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.

The election of officers was proposed by Edwin Graham and seconded by Michael Campbell

8. AOB

- Nick Evans proposed that the club grants Angela Marshall lifetime membership considering her 50 years of membership to Horsham Hockey Club. This was voted upon and unanimously approved.
- A discussion was had regarding the recent end of season dinner which returned to Horsham Sports Club. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from attendees even if the number of people in the amount of space was at points interesting.
- Emily Percy outlined briefly her plans for socials this year and that she was speaking with the sports club the week after the committee to organise dates which will then be shared to the wider club via events on teamo.

Thank you all for attending and your contributions.