



HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

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HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB AGM- Minutes Friday 6th May 2022

1. Apologies for absence-

Apologies received from the following: -

Louisa Campbell, Rachel Green, Mark Humphreys, Ollie Spiers, Sean Percy, Emily Percy, Sue Crake, Matt Barnett and Fran Crossley

2. Attendees:

Chris Poland, Steph White, Tom Surrige (minutes), Edwin Graham, Russell Dale, Nick Crawley, Paul Carter, David Barlass, Michael Campbell, CJ Nichols, Tom White, Dawn Baker, Nick Evans, Angela Marshall, Andrew Crossley, Daniel Price, Andrew Blood and Sam MacDonald

3. Minutes of AGM held on Friday 21st August 2021

These were proposed by Steph White and seconded by Michael Campbell
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.

Following the chairman's report a question was asked about the current situation around finding a new home pitch and/or club house. Chris explained the current situation around the Horsham Golf and Fitness development which has currently stalled, Tanbridge's pitch is due be relayed in the summer and Chris has been advising on the specification of the new pitch with Tanbridge. Further to these development Chris has been championing the cause with the local council to ensure that as much awareness as possible has been raised about our need for a permanent home

The report was proposed by Tom Surrige and Seconded by Michael Campbell

5. Treasurers Report

The 2021-22 season finished above budget with a loss of £849.90 vs an expected loss of £2961.70. Both club income and club expenditure were lower than forecasted. When looking at the income reductions these are clear within the membership to the club from drop in junior membership to the club, and a reduced number of people using the one payment plan as well as a shortfall on expected fundraising. However, this was marginally offset by increased match fee payments. Costs were reduced due to lack of organised cup competitions, gaps in

coaching and reduced supplies required due to excess from previous seasons which were cut short by COVID.

The proposed budget for next year 2022-23 season is expecting to run at a forecasted £3155.50 loss. This is due to an expected return to normal costs associated with league affiliations, increased admin time for the club and full coaching provision and associated costs.

Steph outlined the proposed new membership fees across the club. Most memberships have had a nominal increase to reflect increased club costs. The largest change is that the U18, 18-25, unemployed and retired memberships are to be amalgamated into a single membership of £200 a year. This is to reduce the overall number of memberships packages the club offers to make it easier for both members and volunteers to make sure they are on the correct membership.

A discussion was had around how the club is to deal with members who have failed to pay outstanding match fees from the 2021-22 season. As these members have been chased by various members of the committee at this point it has been decided that a final chase will be made following the AGM. If late payers have not paid by the start of the new season, they will not be eligible to play until settled. In the new season the committee has taken the approach that if a regular player has more than 2 weeks of match fees outstanding then they will not be eligible to play, and regular members who fail to pay their membership before the allotted date 14th October 2022 they will incur an extra £50 charge. As the last couple of seasons, the chasing of fees has been a drain on the time and resources of the committee which could be focused elsewhere.

Questions asked during the treasurer's report:

- Nick Crawley asked if the club is considering moving away from Teamo now that it has an associated cost (our early adopter package expired last season). This was discussed and the view of the committee is that we should remain with Teamo as it is now embedded in how the club operates and future updates with its integration with England Hockey and the Game Management System will yield further benefits to the club and volunteers.
- Further questions around Teamo functionality have been asked:
 - a) Automatic reminders of outstanding match fees
 - b) If a one payment membership plan is made can match fees automatically set to zero rather than rely on captains.

Steph will take this to Teamo to review and implement if possible

The Treasurers report and club finances were proposed by Nick Evans and seconded by Paul Carter and voted upon with no objections.

6. Election of Officers

Election of officers completed which filled outstanding gaps from the previous season with posts including club president being filled by Nick Evans and Club Men's captain being shared between Jon Campbell and Gerry Chinn.

The creation of a new role social media & Events has been decided upon to help centralise our club events and to promote them to our members and the wider community, this post has been filled by Emily Pearcy.

There are a few remain gaps from captains and committee members standing down.

The gaps are as follows:

- Colts Head Coach
- Child Protection Officer (Was Child Welfare Officer)

- Sponsorship and Fundraising Officer

It was proposed by Tom White that the Child Welfare Officer be renamed to the Child Protection Officer as in line with current legal guidance.

As always, the club cannot run without volunteers, if you are interested in helping, please get in touch with Tom Surridge 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 Steph White and seconded by Nick Crawley

7. AOB

- Michael Campbell asked how we are going to display open club positions and roles in the future. Historically this was done on the match day scoreboard and filled out by pen and paper. The committee to discuss options.
- Andrew Blood and Sam MacDonald had question on the current kit supplier and if the club is thinking of changing. As well as has the club considered a payment option for membership which covers some kit i.e., a playing shirt this may help ensure teams have the same kit across the squad.
- The kit number list is being reviewed by CJ Nichols and updated to be sent to Game Set and Match as it's believed there is a fair number of unused numbers within the club which can be re-issued.

Thank you all for attending and your contributions. The meeting concluded at 8:55pm.