



HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB

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HORSHAM HOCKEY CLUB AGM- Minutes Wednesday 22nd April 2024

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies received from the following: - Sophie Hollis, Heidi Meniss, Ruth Mallock, Kay Harris, Mandy Kilham, Tash Pooley, Fran Crossley, Meg Goring, Kathryn Truran, Lucy Clarke, Jo Knowles, Jon Campbell, Ben Humphreys, Freddie Campbell, Russell Dale

2. Attendees:

Chris Poland, Steph White, CJ Nichols, Sue Crake, Nick Evans, Steve Watson, Rachel Green, Fran Smallridge, Gina Fumagalli, Tom White, Sam Gill, Sean Percy, Sam MacDonald, Jerry Chinn, Rosie Piper, Jonty Tindall, Nick Crawley, Ange Marshall, Emma White, Becky Heslop, Ollie Spiers, Andrew Crossley.

Online: Hannah Simpson, Lee Mcilwraith, Craig Fruin, Rob Turnball, Emily Percy

3. Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 27th April 2023

These were proposed by Rachel Green and seconded by Nick Evans

No objections noted.

4. Chairman's Report

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

Key highlights of report included a successful season in the adult section with 4 teams being promoted. Ladies 1s were relegated out of the national league. Juniors section still building in strength and have been successful this year.

Focus next year to include strengthening teams and remaining in current league, whilst increase our coaching numbers.

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

-The report was proposed by Tom White and Seconded by Craig Fruin

5. Treasurers Report

Increasing costs and inflation is resulting in club finances to be tight. Currently membership and match fees have been frozen for a number of years. We are expecting further increase in costs this year due to inflation. A benchmarking exercise has been carried out on all membership costs for several local clubs. We current sit at the bottom for Junior costs and mid for adult costs.

It was proposed that membership costs increased to support club running cost. 2 budgets were provided for review: one including teas for home teams only and one including teas for both home and away teams.

Discussion was carried out with members present. Main comments included we are a social club and want to provide teas to both sides. We feel players would not come back if teas were not offered. Understand there is a financial impact if teas remain.

Vote carried out and it was unanimous in wanting to continue with teas. It was agreed that moving forward a standard email would be provided to the captains to issue to away teas: under teas not taken by away teas would be charged moving forward. Captains to monitor next season and we will re-assess at the next AGM.

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

6. White / Red Socks – Home Kit Vote

This year it has been noticed that we are not uninformed across teams on home colour socks. We are required to have a standard home colour kit which we inform EH and South on.

A vote was carried out. We also received proxy votes sent directly to CJ Nichols.

We had a total of:

- 17 Proxy votes for white socks and 5 white sock votes in the room.
- 2 Proxy votes for black socks and 6 in the room.
- Several people declined to vote within the vote and via proxy as are not fussed over which socks are home.

Vote concluded that home socks moving forward will be white. Juniors to remain in black unless they play on a Saturday.

7. Election of Officers

Election of officers was completed with one noticeable change. Rosie Piper will take on the role of Ladies Club Captain.

Captains were not voted in at this stage due to a lack of knowledge / understanding on teams next year. It was agreed this would be finalised at the start of the season.

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.

The election of officers was proposed by Steph White and Sam Gill

8. AOB

100 Club – HHC are going to launch the 100 club for a first draw in August. It is a good opportunity to raise funds for the club. It will be a £5 entry with the winners receiving 30%, 20%, 10% of the takings.

Training – there was a request to start training earlier and provide information on training days as early as possible. This was noted and will be actions be committee shortly.

VP – Nick Evans requested a vote to add Jerry Chinn and Sue Chinn as VP's to the club. Unanimous vote to support. Welcome to the VP club Jerry and Sue.

Club handbooks have been created to help players who are acting in captains / officer roles. This will be issued ahead of the season.

Thank you all for attending and your contributions.