



ISLE OF WIGHT HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting minutes of the Isle of Wight Hockey Club Thursday 27th May 2021 via a Zoom link.

Apologies for absence

Attendance 27 members.attended

Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved

Matters arising from the 2019 minutes None

Reports

Chairman

Where to begin?

The saddest event of the last 2 challenging years was the sad passing away of Derrick Austin in the autumn of last year. Derrick had been unwell for a period of time but his passing away was sudden and unexpected. He was always a fount of knowledge and a reference point for all rules related matters. Even when physically unable to umpire for us, he continued, until the end, as Disciplinary Officer. We felt for Alison as she coped with this devastating event. With so much taking her time she temporarily withdrew from Hockey related matters. I missed her skills experience and advice. However she has been amazing as regards sorting out this meeting, and that, in spite of a range of personal, difficult, time- consuming, challenges.

We have been through a long period of turbulent unsettled times through no fault of our own. You will recall the confusion when we complained about the unclean changing rooms at Smallbrooke. Then we discovered that no-one was responsible. Ryde school hadn't been paying for the cleaning so it had not been done. Totally overlooked by all concerned....not us! Then with the change of ownership of the club-house etc, we (thanks Aly) had long and on-going conversations with the new managers to sort out teas with the hugely increased costs but better quality. More out-of- the- norm challenges for several club officers

In the Autumn of 2019 the pitch at Smallbrooke became unusable. The challenges this created for officers as they sought other "home" pitches (Temeraire, Winchester, Lymington!!) were time consuming and completely abnormal. The combined experience and co-operation between Kirsty, Aly, Stu., Alison, and probably others saw us through those difficult times, Aly tried to keep us updated on the extra costs involved with travel and pitch fees. I think it was at the beginning of the 2020 season that we were able to return to Smallbrooke..

I look through my reports to the committee and the words, "The club is in an unsettled phase" or "The club continues to be in an unsettled phase" reflected our on-going difficulties. Throughout the challenging time, the unsung heroes on the committee strived to maintain some form of stability and enable members to play their chosen sport. So we struggled, for 2 or 3 seasons, but persevered.

Then came lockdown(s) and more restrictions on travel and car sharing etc So many un-knowns and changing advice from England Hockey and the Government. Again, we tried to continue as best we could within fluid, changing circumstances. We were unable to hold an AGM last year, but existing officers were kind enough to agree to continue to this year. We tried to keep you all informed through FB and the website...most rely on FB though, through team pages and the club page.

Then complete stoppage.

Members had hockey withdrawal symptoms. Face to face committee meetings were not allowed. Regular, on-going communications became difficult. Zoom meetings, organised by Kirsty came into play and committee meetings, albeit infrequently, took place to in an attempt to retain some form of structure.

I was grateful that the Ladies organised their sponsored event and we could at least see some IWHC activity taking place. Even Jaimie's own sponsored runs, created some form of link between club members. As things eased the committee agreed to recommence training with strict controls. I am grateful that Jaimie took on the role of Covid Officer and kept track of changing legislation and ensured we complied. Without that role being filled, we would have continued in a "hockey void". Kirsty has been enthusiastically organising and coordinating recent training. The early buds of hockey matters (eg the sponsored events) suddenly began to develop and 20-25 players from all sections of the club have attended Wednesday adult training. Milts. and Aly, and others, have brought Sunday youth training back to life. Suddenly, there is light, at least a glimmer, at the end of the tunnel. My apologies if I have overlooked anyone's' extra activities!

But what of the future? In my view it was imperative that this AGM took place. We have struggled to retain some form of continuity through the Covid crisis, but all the elements I've mentioned need firming up and moving on. I worried about the future existence of the club if we did not take a firm grip and move forward. My decision to stand down as Chairman was driven by my awareness that someone younger, with a vision for the club's future and the energy to see it through, was needed. Someone able to coordinate all the evident available goodwill, enthusiasm and skills needed to enable the club to develop and flourish.

I was asked to take on this role when the club was facing a different set of difficult circumstances. There are now new challenges where personal differences must be put aside to allow each and every one of us to develop a united, strong, caring and mutually supportive team.

I have tried to make it clear that our future lies in your hands. So often members want their hockey but rely on others to sort it for them. Members must come forward to take responsibility for managing the club.

I have been so grateful for the support I have received from all committee members. They largely remain, as I have already said, the unsung heroes without whom the club would cease to exist.

We are heading for exciting times when experienced committee members share their knowledge and experience with (hopefully) new ones and we see a lively, rejuvenated, inspiring and inspired, Isle of Wight Hockey Club.

Harry Kirby

Secretary

Firstly I would like to thank Harry and Aly for being patient and taking over my role when I didn't feel able to anything after Derricks death last September.

Also thanks should go to those who kept things going in the Club during a frustrating season.

I don't really have anything to report as everything I received I sent to Harry and Aly and they dealt with it and forwarded to the relevant committee members.

The Hampshire AGM is being held on 26th May and Lewis Wells will represent the club at a Zoom meeting.

Over the last year there have been many changes made at England Hockey which are having an impact on hockey in the future, although I am not sure how much impact it will have on our club.

EH have sourced a new PL Insurer and no doubt they will be in touch when they have more information.

It looks like the club are on the up and with the new people coming forward to help run the club, I feel very positive for the future. There are still roles to fill after the AGM, so please think about what you can do to help the club.

I have not stood for office this year as I doubt if I will be around next season. I am willing to help out a new Secretary in the short term and will forward on anything relevant that I receive. Obviously I will need to update the Hampshire website with details of all new officers.

I have enjoyed my 16 years with the club and would like to wish all teams success in the future.

Alison Austin

Ladies Section Captain

Good start to the season with encouraging numbers at training. As in previous years some people's attitudes towards training isn't always positive which can then effect those younger members of the club. Continued interaction between both teams is needed to prevent a them and us, attitude I feel is held by some players. This has been put into place with the current spring/summer training where some of the junior members of the squads are training regularly and mixing with both ladies 1s and men's side of the club.

Varied results in the games that we did manage to get played before COVID hit.

A couple of adult ladies players joined the club which continues to strengthen the ladies section. Several players have now finished exams and will be heading off to university which may make next season interesting for some positions!

Mens Section Captain Nothing to report

6 Treasurer's Report

Apologies for sending out my report so late. I have managed to find some free accounting software that has taken me a little while to add everything onto that and the fact that I'm completely disorganised! Anyway I have also attached an income statement for the past 2 seasons. The financial position of the club would appear to be quite healthy however..

In the 19/20 season, as Smallbrook was unavailable we incurred no training pitch costs. This saved us around £3000.

We were also not charged for the use of Temeraire during the 19/20 season, £1260 was transferred to one of the savings accounts to ensure we had enough money for when we were invoiced. These invoices came in during August of 2020 and were less than I had estimated.

We also received payments from players for the end of season do. When this was cancelled it was agreed with Captains that they would speak to players regarding refunds, either off subs or paid back to them, it would appear that only a few people have arranged this. We have received a full refund from Ryde Castle which also skews the profit.

For the 20-21 season due to the uncertainty around COVID it was agreed that we would only pay half subs at the start of the season, although some people did choose to pay the full amount. When the season was scrapped the committee agreed to carry these over to next season or be refunded. Only a couple of subs have been refunded so please be mindful that although we look like we have a lot of money going into the 21-22 season we will receive significantly less membership fees. We will also be paying for training and match pitch hire. I had a quick look at the cost of ferries and they will cost us around £20 a week per team more than last year.

We purchased some new balls at the beginning of the season. Balls aren't cheap, please try not to lose them! It also looks like we may need to purchase some new goalkeeping kit as both the ladies keepers have gone off to uni taking their own kits with them. I'm not sure on the condition of the M2 kit but it's possible that some of that may need replacing.

My recommendation is that we keep the subs and match fees the same for the forthcoming season but be mindful that we may need to look at it again at the mid season break.

Election of Officers **The members below were the only nominations and were therefore elected en bloc.**

President	Harry Kirby
Chairman	Stephen Holbrook
Secretary	
Minutes Secretary	
Treasurer	Aly Townend
Ladies' Section Captain	Claire Caddick
Men's Section Captain	Carl Joyce
Disciplinary Officer	Neil Riley
Welfare Officer(s)	Emily Lord
Fixture Secretary	Kirsty Fraser
Membership Secretary	Jaimie Payne

Press Officer	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Web Manager	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Ladies' 1 st X1 Captain	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Men's 1 st Captain	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Ladies' 2 nd X1 Captain	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Men's 2 nd X1 Captain	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Ladies 3 rd X1 Captain	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Club Coach	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Junior Organiser	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Junior Managers (Girls)	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
(Boys)	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Junior Coach (Girls)	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
(Boys)	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Social Secretary	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Umpire Liaison Officer	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
Development and Facilities sub committee	Will be appointed by the committee post AGM
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Membership Subscriptions and Match fees

Proposals

1. Membership and subscriptions

NB Any subscriptions paid for season 2020/21 will be carried forward to season 2021/22

Full Membership (01 Sep 21 - 31 Aug 22):	£200 subs; £12 match fees
16 and over and in full time education:	£120 subs; £12 match fees
Under 16:	£60 subs; £6 match fees (£2 for a second game on Sundays)
Match fees for cup games (if applicable):	£3
Under 11:	£25
5-Game and/or Taster Membership:	£50 (maximum of 5 games); £12 match fees
Non-Playing/Social Membership:	£20

A half-year membership would be available for anyone joining the club after the Christmas break and run from 01 Jan 2022 to 31 Aug 2022 £100 subs; £12 match fees

Mainland Players Subs and Match Fees

Mainland players pay the above relevant subscription rates, no match fee when playing on the IW, and a regular match fee when playing on the mainland. If collecting players from Portsmouth or Lymington ferry terminal, they would then be paid the agreed mileage allowance from the ferry port to the opposition pitch and back.

Agreed unanimously

2. To change the colour of the club socks from Navy to Navy and Orange to reflect the Club Logo
It was decided to delegate a decision on this to the new Committee.

3. To confirm acceptance of a new role of Membership Secretary **Agreed unanimously**

Any Other Business. None