

Cambridge South Men's Hockey Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2003
The Salisbury Arms, Tenison Road, Cambridge

Actions are shown in italics

Those present: Kevin Pride, Roger Craigen, Stephen Fleck, Mick Beasley, Jan Brynjolffssen, Hannes Roux, Jim Sutcliffe, Chris Graveling, Rob Hay, John Greaves, Rob Barton, David Bridge, Ian Perry, Phil Smith, Mike Gronow, Richard Philpott, Matt Bailey, Steve Parker

Apologies were received from: Andy Lewis, Jim Thorpe, John Bicknell, Rob Sprawson

1. **The Minutes of 2002 AGM** were accepted, with no matters arising.

2. **Highlights of Reports :**

Fixture Secretary: Hannes Roux reported that with the creation of the Third team last season, sufficient Astro pitches had been hard to find in Cambridge. Some home matches had to be played in Huntingdon and St. Ives.

Treasurer: Kevin Pride reported that the club had made a net profit of £2,687 last season (which includes a lottery grant of £2,675). The club holds reserves of £7,345. Excluding the one-off Lottery grant, the club broke even for the season and should make some profit when remaining subscriptions get collected.

1st XI: Chris Graveling reported that the firsts have been relegated from Division 3NW this year, after finishing 11th. However performances weren't felt to be that different from previous years, when the team had just survived. Player of the Year was Chris Graveling.

2nd XI: Rob Barton (standing in for John Greaves) reported that the seconds finished 2nd and have been promoted to Div 5NW. A strong attack had provided the drive for the team, as they finished top scorers in their division. Player of the Year was Vince Korstanje, and Best Newcomer was Dan Adlington.

3rd XI: David Bridge reported that the newly formed third XI had finish their debut season in 2nd spot, and were also promoted, to Div 6 NW. Their success was built on the best defence in their division, only conceding 22 goals in 21 games. A run of draws towards the end of the season meant that the championship had slipped away. Player of the year was Will Benedikz and Best Newcomer was Jan Brynjolffssen.

Vets: The Vets suffered a frustrating season, according to Roger Craigen. Of the 30 scheduled games, 16 were called off for various reasons. Of the games played, only 2 were won and 1 drawn, with 11 defeats. However, the annual tournament at Felixstowe was successful, where they finished 3rd, and were the only unbeaten side. Player of the Season was Phil Smith.

3. **Matters arising from the Reports**

Fixtures: It was suggested that the astroturf at Newport Grammar School may be more convenient for us than Hinchingbrooke, and *Hannes agreed to look at the possibilities of booking it.* The 1sts, 2nds and 3rds all felt they had had insufficient pre-season external friendlies last year. *Hannes asked team captains to email him with requests for fixtures. The fixture on 29th December should be a Club Game, with 1sts, 2nds & 3rds friendlies arranged for 5th & 12th Jan 2004.*

Treasurers: *Outstanding subscriptions (Dan Adlington, Ian Devereux, Matt Readman, Imran Tayabali, Jonny Tostevin) to be chased by team captains.*
Kevin also brought up that our insurance policy does not cover non-members injured whilst playing for us. This led to the issue as to what constitutes a member of the club. *Kevin agreed to look up the exact wording of the policy.*

Insurance and Subs: Another linked issue brought up was the non-payment of subs, which has become more of a problem. It was decided to rigorously enforce the 1st December deadline period this year, with the extra £10 to be demanded for anyone who is late in paying. Also, anyone who has failed to pay by 31st December is to be made unavailable for selection until the sub is received. Umpires to pay a full sub, and claim back the money in umpire fees (£7) as and when, so they are covered by the insurance.
If a player joins the club mid-way through the season, they will be allowed up to four matches before their sub must be paid. Team captains can decide reduced rates for (1) players only available for a limited period, or (2) missing large parts of the season injured, or (3) other truly exceptional circumstances. This rebate will most likely be paid as money back after the season, rather than upfront reductions, but the captains are left to be flexible. *Rebate guidelines to be agreed during next committee meeting.*

Lottery Grant: It was noted that part of the Lottery application was a commitment to run Under-15 training sessions in Cambridge. With no current volunteers to do this over the summer, it was decided to check the exact wording of the grant to determine our responsibilities and to make sure the grant gets spent. A large proportion of the grant is so far unspent. *Kevin Pride agreed to look up the grant conditions.*

Veterans: The Vets have entered the East Veterans League, Western Section for next season. This will provide 16 fixtures, which must be fulfilled.
The leagues rules state that matches should be played on astroturf, with a start time of between 14:00 and 15:30. With the lack of suitable pitches in Cambridge, this is unlikely, so an agreement has been reached with the League that home matches can be played on grass pitches, as long as the opposing captain gives his assent in advance and the pitch is of a suitable standard. As the St. Catherines pitch meets those requirements, the Vets expect to continue using St. Catherines as their main pitch.

4. Season 2003-04

Pitches: Two morning slots at the Perse School to be confirmed, if possible – *Hannes Roux to talk to groundsman. Also other pitch options to be investigated.*
Veterans to remain at St.Catherines pitches.

Training: Remains at the Leys School, starting in early September. Rob Sprawson has agreed to carry on running the session. Fitness training to begin in early August, possibly on Jesus Green or other park.

Subs: Same as 2002-03, the rise after December 1st to be enforced by Captains.

Match Fees: Same as 2002-03

Teas: Same as 2002-03

5. Election of Officers

President:	Roger Craigen (same as 2002-03)
Honorary Life Members:	Frank Allen, Mike Gronow, Eric Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, Peter Mercer, Harry Rider, Noel Sutcliffe, Keith Westley, <i>Colin Worboys</i>
Vice Presidents:	Paul Tomson, Roy Todd
Chairman:	Stephen Fleck (same as 2002-03)
Hon. Treasurer:	Kevin Pride (same as 2002-03, and the previous 17 years!)
Hon. Secretary:	Jan Brynjolffssen
League Liaison Officer:	Jim Sutcliffe (same as 2002-03)
Fixture Secretary:	Hannes Roux (same as 2002-03)
Umpires Co-ordinator:	Matt Bailey (same as 2002-03)
First XI Captain:	Chris Graveling (same as 2002-03)* - see note below
First XI Vice-Captain:	Rob Barton
Second XI Captain:	John Greaves (same as 2002-03)
Second XI Vice-Captain:	tbc
Third XI Captain:	Will Benedikz
Third XI Vice-Captain:	John Benedikz
Vets Captain:	Phil Smith
Vets Vice-Captain:	Roger Craigen
Indoor Captain:	Mick Beasley (same as 2002-03)
Coach:	Rob Sprawson (same as 2002-03)
Social Committee:	Jim Thorpe, Matt Bailey
Press Officer and Website:	Jan Brynjolffssen
Recruitment Co-ordinator:	Jim Sutcliffe

* - Chris is unsure for his future living plans (there is this girl, she lives in Surrey...) If he isn't around for next season, Steve Parker agreed to help run the 1st XI.

6. Awards & Tributes

Tributes:	Colin Worboys was voted in as an Honorary Life Member for his long years of service as 1 st XI captain and then Fixtures Secretary. <i>Roger Craigen agreed to look for something suitable to go along with the nomination.</i> The meeting noted their thanks to Rob Sprawson for organising training last season, and to Jim Francis for organising the club dinner at the University Arms Hotel, which was a resounding success. Thanks were also noted to Andy Lewis for his efforts as Vice-Captain of the Seconds.
Awards:	Clubman of the Year: David Bridge, for his work setting up the Third XI Top Goalscorer: Rob Barton, 32 league goals (2 for 1sts, 29 for 2nds, 1 for 3rds) and 13 more in friendlies. Most Improved Umpire: Matt Bailey

7. Any Other Business

Kevin Pride asked what he should do with all the old paper based accounting information, some of which is thirty years old. *Roger Craigen agreed to attempt to archive any records more than 7 years old by scanning in and burning to CD.*

The Vets require a new set of numbered shirts for their league programme. The meeting agreed to fund the purchase.

Rob Barton reports the club has entered a mixed team for a tournament run by Cambridge City HC, on June 14th. They were wished good luck.