



## CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

### COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 8pm  
at: The Panton Arms, Panton Street, Cambridge

### MINUTES

Resolutions are shown underlined.

#### 1. Quorum

1.1. Attendance:

John Greaves	/	Neil Sneade	/	Douglas Gibson	/	Jan Brynjolffssen	/
Hannah Kenyon	/	Graham McCull.	/	Ania Rygielska	/	Rob Barton	/
Louise Tonkin	/	Alasdair Edge	/	Meg Barne	/	Josh Bl. Lewis	/
Jack Chalk	/	Jim Hockley	/	Stuart Rimmer		Simon Cooper	/
Tom Anns		Ed Boggis		Howard Steed		Lou Cantwell	/
Sophie McCom.	/	Dani K-S	/	Lauren Brown	/	Laura Edge	/
Liz Dunsby	/	Colin Troll					

1.2. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

#### 2. Update on pitch shelters

Long Road's grounds budget has had to be used for tree works, so the project to install shelters has been delayed until the close season. We have confirmed our offer to the college to share the cost.

#### 3. Purchase of umpire radio headsets

Josh and Ania have both used them and find them helpful. Josh can offer suggestions for equipment and Shahbaz may know about some cheap sets (£45). Neil will speak with Josh and Shahbaz to decide on a trial set to purchase. If successful, we will buy more.

#### 4. New Ladies' goalkeeping kit

A set with larger legguards was required for Anouschka, but she will be off to university next year. We currently have 3 sets and Lydia Critchley has her own. Will put purchase of a new kit on hold until we know what is required next season.

#### 5. New players - checking playing history

Recently had an issue where a new player played a game for the M2s and we subsequently learnt from the League that he had previously played for Richmond (Yorks) this season, making him ineligible (player has since moved on to Cambridge City). League accepted it was an innocent mistake and no action was taken, but were reminded we should check whether new players joining during the season have already played elsewhere.

Agreed we would update our player registration form to ask about previous clubs. Captains should also ask new players about their playing history before fielding them.

#### 6. End of season Club Day

Due to increasing numbers, to alleviate congestion and allow longer games the end of season Club Day will be spread over two evenings (Tue 28<sup>th</sup> and Thu 30<sup>th</sup> March).

#### 7. Summer hockey plans

7.1. Summer schedule - Due to steadily increasing numbers across the off-season last year (20+ per week in April became 80+ per week by August), Summer Hockey will run on Wednesdays only in April; Wednesdays & Thursdays between May and July; and Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays in August. All sessions will be 7.30-8.30pm. During June, the Thursday session will probably be used for our Summer 7s tournament, which made a very successful debut last year.

7.2. Attendance by non-members - P&P has historically been an open session available to all, club members or not (and even member of other clubs). The growth of the club and P&P's increasing popularity since our move to Long Road has begun to create congestion problems. Question raised whether P&P should continue to remain open or be restricted to club members. Value of open session is it allows casual players an opportunity to play hockey, may aid recruitment, and brings revenue from non-members to the club. Feeling was we should do something to address congestion but not completely close the sessions. Agreed that Wednesday P&P would remain an open session but, as a trial, Tuesday & Thursday P&P over the summer would be restricted to club members only.

Jack raised issue of U18 non-members attending P&P. For safeguarding reasons, we should know who they are and have appropriate consents and contact details. Agreed that we will require U18 non-members to complete a club registration and consent form. Graham agreed to be responsible for monitoring and enforcing this rule.

#### 8. Subsidies for England Hockey coaching courses

The recent Sport England funding award to support development of the club junior section includes funds for the cost of club members attending England Hockey coaching courses. Question was raised whether, for members who wished to do coaching training,

the club would fully fund the course costs or require a contribution (as an indication of commitment, as much as for financial reasons). Entry level 3 hour courses are £48, 1 day 'Level 1' course is £90, 2 day 'Level 2' course is £299 and 3 day 'Level 3' course is £445. Agreed that the club would fully fund course costs for all members up to £90; funding for courses above this will be approved on a case-by-case basis.

## 9. Arranging an early season umpiring course

Number of active umpire remains a critical issue in the club. Proposal to see if we can get an umpiring course arranged in Cambridge for September; to allow us to get new umpires trained as soon as possible to the start of the season - should we co-ordinate with City, Nomads and the Uni to get enough numbers to persuade EH/CHUA to run a course locally? Agreed that captains should ask for interest in attending a September umpiring course within the club first; if, by the end of the season, we haven't got sufficient numbers for a course ourselves, then we will extend the invitation to the other Cambridge clubs.

## 10. Formation of non-league 'L4s' side next season

All ladies teams have had to turn people away this season, and captains are routinely not chasing people for availability in order to manage numbers. All captains confident that, with encouragement, they could get greater availability from their squads than they already have. On that basis, proposal was to field an L4s team next season, playing occasional (1 or 2 per month) friendlies - likely to have to be on Sundays barring an odd number of teams in Div 4NW(S) providing a spare team for Saturday games (Sundays may also aid with pitch and umpiring availability). Given his track record in organising matches against ladies' (girls'...) teams, Colin was suggested as a possible captain!

It was agreed to form an L4s non-league side for 2017/18 on the same 1-squad-2-teams basis as used to successfully form the L3s and M5s, to operate under the umbrella of the L3s, aiming to play a partial rather than full fixtures calendar (subject to review depending on player numbers).

## 11. AOB

Colin wasn't able to attend the meeting and had instead sent an email with two ideas about WhatsApp and minibuses, but it was agreed that they weren't very good and didn't need to be discussed.