



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Tuesday 19th April 2011, 8pm
at: The Red Bull, Barton Road, Cambridge

MINUTES

Present: Rob Barton, Lino Di Lorenzo, John Greaves, Tracey Hunter, Georgie Hurford, Vicky Lavis, Graham McCulloch, Ron Oren, Charlie Orrock, Lyn Phillips, Ellie Raffan, James Raikes, Neil Sneade, George Wych

Apologies: Sanjay Agarwala, Rebecca Baker, John Benedikz, Ky Ho, Rich Morgan, Julie Sadler

Resolutions are shown underlined.

CLUB COMMITTEE

1. League registration

1.1. Proposed to enter 4 Men's teams in the EML and 2 Ladies' teams in the CLL. Graham and George confirmed that they thought the EH Cup competition was worth entering and were still hopeful of a first ever victory. Resolved to enter the league teams as last season and to enter the MIs in the EH Cup.

2. Pitches

2.1. St John's College are completing a new astro pitch on their playing fields on Queen's Road. It is unknown whether this will be available for hire by clubs at this time. Neil suggested that adopting that pitch could potentially have several advantages for the club: better playing times (mid morning and lunch time rather than early morning or mid/late-afternoon); back-to-back slots in the same location enabling easier doubling up; teams able to meet and support each other more regularly adding to club cohesion and spirit.

Lino confirmed that pitch demand remains high in Cambridge and consequently there is little possibility of obtaining better times or consolidating bookings to fewer pitches than

we have at present. Agreed that St John's would be our preferred pitch option, depending on price, facilities (changing and parking) and booking slots. Neil will approach St John's and report back. If the pitch is not available, or cannot be confirmed in time, Lino will rebook our existing slots for next season.

3. Match teas

3.1. No obvious alternatives to the present arrangement are apparent: The Corner House does the best food and is the better value but The Earl of Derby is more practical for games at The Leys, Perse and Wilberforce Road. Remain as we are unless we get pitch bookings at St John's, in which case we will look at the pubs on Castle hill.

4. Training and coaching

4.1. Unanimously agreed that everyone had liked this season's training and it was felt to have been well-used. Well done to Ellie. Preference would be to retain the same arrangements for next season. David and Colin have both been very capable and valuable. If financial constraints mean we need to economise, the preference would be to reduce training to 90 minutes (7.30-9pm) and retain 2 paid coaches rather than keep it at 2 hours and lose a coach.

5. Pay and play

5.1. Final figures are to be confirmed but pay and play looks set to make a modest loss over the course of the year. The sessions are very popular with a core of players though and act as a good avenue for introducing new members to the club. Agreed that it should be continued and needs to be every week, for consistency, but we should be looking to at least break even and hopefully make a profit from it. As fees have not gone up for several seasons while pitch hire costs have increased significantly, agreed to raise costs to £4 / £2 for unwaged.

5.2. Summer hockey will be making its regular summer move to Wilberforce Road, Thursdays 8-9pm. This is a popular venue and usually produces a higher turnout than at Coldhams Common.

6. Mixed hockey

6.1. All were in favour of Vicky's and JB's proposal for a South 7-a-side summer league. It will be on weekend dates during the summer and probably include a barbecue.

6.2. Vicky and JB are also contacting other local clubs in south Cambs and north Herts regarding organising a mixed team mini-league for next season. Rules would be put in place to try and limit discrepancies in standards between teams. There has been interest from several clubs. Agreed that an organised competition would be a good idea and hopefully increase interest in the mixed team.

7. Kit and equipment

7.1. New match balls are required for each team. George has some and will check how many. Also more training balls needed for Thursdays: a ball amnesty was suggested to recover many of these. Two new sets of bibs would also be useful. Resolved: acquire 6

match balls per team, 36 total, including whatever George has; purchase required training balls to give us a total of 40 after the amnesty; and two sets of new bibs subject to cost. Neil will investigate.

7.2. Agreed that pre-ordering club shirts so they would be immediately available for new joiners would be a good idea. George and Julie confirmed that the club's cashflow could withstand this. Neil to order a batch of 15 of each of men's and ladies' shirts in assorted sizes, to be embroidered and held by our supplier ready for printing when new members join.

7.3. Custom club socks may be interesting but it will depend on the quality and cost of each sock. Agreed that prime concern was comfort above having a logo on them. Neil will get a sample of the custom socks to consider.

8. Finances

8.1. See accompanying financial reports from George and Julie. Club is running at a modest loss, as it has done for the past several seasons. Agreed that goal should be to put the club on a sustainable financial footing and gradually rebuild financial reserves. The preference was for a small increase in match fees ahead of cutting costs (e.g. by reducing training), especially if this could be partially offset by a reduction in subs.

8.2. Considered proposal to use clubbuzz.co.uk to move club administration, financial management and collection of funds online. Agreed that it was a powerful tool but in view of cost (£250) and the limitations imposed by the clubbuzz website template, we will continue with our current set-up for the time being.

9. Recruitment

9.1. Proposed to designate a committee member as Recruitment Officer so there will be some direction and initiative given to this. Ellie agreed to accept the role. Graham volunteered to assist on his return from cycling across America in August.

10. Summer socials

10.1. There will be mini golf at Trumpington again, subject to weather, and various other events.

11. Next season's Committee

11.1. Committee members were asked to indicate their intentions regarding standing for next season's committee, so as to help identify potential gaps so candidates can be suggested and invited to put themselves forward ahead of the AGM. Intentions were indicated as (1) willing to stand again, (2) would stand again if no other candidate presented themselves but happy to step down if someone willing to take over, or (3) will not be standing again. Intentions were:

•Chairman:	John Greaves	
•Hon. Secretary:	Neil Sneade	
•Men's Treasurer:	George Wych	
•Ladies' Treasurer	Julie Sadler	?

- Men's Fixtures Sec: Lino Di Lorenzo 1
- Ladies' Fixtures Sec Vicky Lavis 1
- Men's ULO: Rob Barton 1 (but modest about it)
- Ladies' ULO: Vicky Lavis 1
- Training Officer: Eleanor Raffan 1 (but also modest)
- Website Officer: George Wych 1
- Ladies' Co-ordinator: Lyn Phillips 1
- Men's Social Sec: Neil Sneade 2
- Ladies' Social Sec: Rebecca Baker 2 - suggested Cath or Serin

- L1 Captain: Georgie Hurford 2 (but reluctant)
- L1 Vice-Captain: Eleanor Raffan 2
- L2 Captain: Charlotte Orrock 3 (due to injury) - suggested Ash
- L2 Vice-Captain: Tracey Hunter 3 - suggested Ley
- L Mixed Captain: Vicky Lavis 1

- M1 Captain: Graham McCulloch 1
- M1 Vice-Captain: George Wych 2
- M2 Captain: Ron Oren 1
- M2 Vice-Captain: Sanjay Agarwala 3 (according to Ron)
- M3 Captain: John Greaves 1
- M3 Vice-Captain: John Benedikz 2/3 (very reluctant)
- M4 Team Captain: Ky Ho 3 (if he doesn't get a VC); 2 (with a VC)
- M4 Vice-Captain: [vacant]
- M Mixed Captain: John Benedikz 1
- Indoor Captain: Rich Morgan 1 ?