



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Monday 3rd September 2018, 8pm
at: The Panton Arms, Panton Street, Cambridge

MINUTES

Resolutions are shown underlined.

1. Quorum

1.1. Attendance:

John Greaves	/	Neil Sneade	/	Amalia Thomas		Jan Brynjolffssen	
Hannah Kenyon	/	Jack Chalk	/	Rob Barton	/	Ellie Raffan	
Harry Lewis	/	Alice Hug		Stuart Rimmer		Matt Kern	
Jason James		Howard Steed		Robyn McLean	/	Izzy MacDonald-P	/
Laurie McKenzie	/	Laura Edge	/	Simon Cooper	/	John Gourd	/

1.2. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

2. Appointments to vacant committee positions

2.1. Simon Cooper was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Men's 2nd XI captain.

2.2. John Gourd was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Umpires' Liaison Officer.

3. Appointment of Mixed XI and Men's Indoor captains

3.1. Oli Lamming and Hannah Kenyon were proposed and unanimously confirmed as Mixed XI co-captains.

3.2. Harry Lewis was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Men's Indoor captain.

4. Cantabs clubhouse - increase in fee

The club has used Cantabs Rugby Club as its venue for match teas and occasional social events for the previous 3 seasons at a cost of £1,000 per season. Cantabs have notified the club that they intend increasing the fee for this season to £1,200.

The committee noted this and it was agreed that Cantabs remained the best venue for match teas. It was suggested that John inform Cantabs of our agreement to the increase and propose to them that the fee be set at £1,200 for the next 3 seasons, which will help with our budgeting.

5. Playing home matches at other pitches

Cambridge City's move to play and train solely at Wilberforce Road this season means slots should become available at other pitches, such as the Stephen Perse and St John's College pitches. There is also a pitch at the Perse Prep school. Jan submitted a question as to whether, on the weeks where we have 5 teams playing at home, we would prefer using an earlier slot at an alternative pitch to the 4.30pm slot at Long Road.

It was unanimously agreed that we would prefer to use the 4.30pm slot at Long Road: it is our home pitch; our players are familiar with the feel and play of the surface; playing at a single venue without overlapping fixtures helps facilitate players umpiring other games, as well as player double-ups where necessary; it avoids journeys in Saturday traffic across Cambridge to and from Long Road to play, umpire or go to Cantabs for match teas; and we understand that the Perse Prep is not allowed to rent out its pitch on Saturdays anyway.

6. New playing kit update

Discussions have been ongoing with TK via our supplier, Gilmour Sports, since the end of last season to produce and agree new kit designs to replace the discontinued current shirts, but TK have not been very responsive and the designs they produce have not matched our existing colours so as to allow us to use old and new shirts together, as well as having other design issues.

Having somewhat lost confidence in TK, Gilmour have recommend Adidas as the best choice: their kit is high quality; they can produce custom items in minimum runs of 5 rather than 20, giving us greater ordering flexibility; their lead time for delivery is around 45 days rather than 90 for TK (last season we had to wait nearly 6 months for the previous TK shirt order to be delivered). Neil circulated design illustrations of the proposed kit, in the same colours as the existing TK kit with the intention they would be used alongside each other.

Adidas usually update their hockey kit in line with Olympic cycles. However, they have just notified Gilmour that the current 'T16' kit range introduced before the Rio Olympics will no longer be available to order from next May following the launch of a new 'T19' range in January. We would prefer to avoid changing to the T16 range if it is shortly going to be discontinued. Fortunately, we should have sufficient stock of TK shirts, along with the 30 numbered purple bibs we bought last year, to allow us to get through to January and adopt the new T19 range then.

7. Goalkeeper training days - Fortitude Hockey

St Ives had organised a training day through a specialist hockey goalkeeper coaching organisation, Fortitude Hockey, which was also open to other clubs and which several

South keepers went to (John Gourd said it was apparently very good). It was discussed whether we should arrange a similar day at Long Road, again open to other clubs too.

Hannah said we now had arrangements in place for regular goalkeeper coaching at midweek training this season. It was agreed that additional coaching opportunities, to benefit our keepers and show our value of them, would be positive though. We would offer to pay around half the cost to make it £20 each, as we did before. Neil will send a note to the keepers' mailing list to ask for interest and someone to arrange it with Fortitude.

8. Purchase of radar gun for measuring shot and drag flick speeds

Shin has asked whether the club would purchase a radar gun for use at training - they cost around £75. Some on the committee questioned whether Shin's drag flicks would be fast enough to trip the radar - harsh! The general view was this was a nice toy which only a few people would want to use - so buy your own if you want one, Shin! [Sorry, mate!]

9. Qualifying goals for Goal King and Goal Queen

Currently all goals scored for the club in recorded matches are counted towards determining the Goal King and Goal Queen, other than goals in intra-club friendlies. Simon Ta had proposed that goals scored in indoor matches should also be discounted, as only a small number of people can have the opportunity to play indoor games each season. Entirely coincidentally, this would also mean that Simon would leapfrog Harry Lewis from 3rd to 2nd place in last season's Goal Kings (behind ubiquitous goal-hog, Roberto Bartonez).

Opinion on the matter seemed divided broadly between those who play indoors and those who don't... It was also pointed out that there are no women's indoor games at all (due to there being no venue or anyone organising them - the two are probably linked) so no women can score indoor goals, but then further pointed out that the Goal Queen is a separate competition anyway.

In the end, it was agreed to leave it as it is - you play what you can play and score what you can score - so Harry hasn't got to give his chocolate medal back (which would have been interesting to see...)

10.AOB

10.1. UMPIRE COURSE FEES. Currently the club repays the £50 Level 1 umpiring course fee to any club member on umpiring 3 games for the club. The club remains desperately in need of more umpires and it was agreed that this conditional and delayed repayment is a disincentive to people to sign up for the course. It was agreed that the club will immediately and unconditionally refund the Level 1 umpiring course fee to any club member (i.e. those who've paid subs). If only a minority of people doing the course subsequently become regular umpires, that's just what it costs to find those people.

10.2. 2019 ANNUAL CLUB DINNER. Harry Lewis informed the committee that he and Alice have already booked the swanky new University Arms hotel for the end of season dinner, which will be on Saturday 13th April. It was agreed we were happy to pay an extra £3 per ticket to have a dance floor, with a bar open until 1am. Harry will pass the details to Amalia to pay the deposit and secure the booking. Cracking job, Harry & Alice!