



## **CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held on:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 8pm  
**at:** The Panton Arms, Panton Street, Cambridge

### **MINUTES**

Resolutions are shown underlined.

#### **I. Quorum**

I.1. Attendance:

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|------------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|------------------|---|
| John Greaves     | / | Neil Sneade     | / | Douglas Gibson  | / | Jan Brynjolfssen | / |
| Hannah Kenyon    | / | Naomi Penfold   |   | Ania Rygielska  | / | Rob Barton       | / |
| Ellie Raffan     | / | Matt Kern       |   | Elaine Paterson | / | Jack Chalk       | / |
| Stuart Rimmer    | / | Simon Cooper    |   | Shahzad Ali     | / | Robyn McLean     |   |
| Louisa Warburton |   | Laurie McKenzie | / | Laura Edge      | / | Colin Troll      |   |
| Sophie McComish  |   |                 |   |                 |   |                  |   |

I.2. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

#### **2. Encouraging additional umpires**

There was a general discussion on this topic. Although we have 30 people qualified as umpires in the club, this season 20 of those have umpired 4 or fewer games. In reality, we are reliant on a handful of people who umpire regularly and we can only just cover current teams - no capacity to support further teams without more/more regular umpires.

Question was asked about whether there are non-club sources we could look at, e.g. students at Long Road, Homerton or ARU. If people have connections with any of these, no harm in asking but feeling was it was unlikely to produce significant numbers of regular umpires. Suggestion made that we should look to the experienced players in the club's

senior teams as the best candidates for new umpires. Captains to identify and approach suitable persons. There is an umpiring course running in Cambridge in September.

### 3. Update to club badge for new TK shirt styles

Per previous minutes, TK are discontinuing manufacture of current men's and ladies' shirt so we will be moving to TK's new shirt styles from next season (in same colours, so existing shirts will not need to be replaced). These shirts use a more modern, lighter weight fabric and the badge will be sublimation printed directly into the shirt at manufacture rather than embroidered.

Current badge was originally produced by Neil scanning a postcard of the Sawston crest and adding the club name in a simple curve of letters beneath. Colours, resolution, detailing and lettering look amateurish compared to many other club badges (because they are!) For new shirts, as well as use on other kit and web site etc., suggested badge should be updated by a professional designer to produce a suitable quality design.

Discussed whether badge design should be changed or replaced, or just updated and refreshed. Consensus was that people like many of the current design elements e.g. the kingfisher, and it has a historic connection to the club's origins in Sawston.

Agreed that Neil will get the badge revised ready for use on the new shirts. The current design will be retained but updated to improve graphic quality and clarity, and integration of club name with the crest.

### 4. Review of club president position

The club constitution provides that the committee may appoint an honorary President, but does not specify the responsibilities of the role. Last club president, still on the web site, was Steve Fleck but he has had no active connection with the club for 10 years (he has confirmed he was surprised to hear he is still listed as club president and would have no objection to being replaced!) Question as to what the role should be, or if not should we abolish it.

Neil suggested could be an emeritus 'non-executive' position, contributing as advisor, figurehead and 'institutional memory' for the club. Some felt this could be useful, others wondered if it was needed; also wanted to avoid any clash or duplication with existing executive roles.

Agreed that we would seek to produce a suggested definition for the role to see whether it would be worth having.

### 5. Registration and consent forms for all new players

Captains were reminded that we need to get a form from all new players, to ensure we have emergency information, contact details and consents. Neil has a list of those new players we don't have forms for and will send a reminder email to them.

Also agreed it would be useful for the league liaison officers to have access to the Player Information spreadsheet - Neil will add.

## 6. End of season thank-you gifts for Long Road

As per previous years, was considered whether we should get thank you gifts for Gary Woolley (estates manager) and Jo Page (pitch booking coordinator), as both are very helpful to us throughout the season and their goodwill and assistance is much appreciated and valued.

Agreed that we should do so and a budget of £50 per head was approved - Neil will procure suitable liquid gifts.

## 7. AOB

None arising.