



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Sunday 15th September 2019, 7pm
at: The Panton Arms, Panton Street, Cambridge

MINUTES

Resolutions are shown underlined.

I. Quorum

I.1. Attendance:

John Greaves	/	Neil Sneade	/	Amalia Thomas	/	Jan Brynjolffssen	/
Andi Caddy	/	Alice Wright	/	Jack Chalk	/	Rob Barton	/
Ellie Raffan	/	Harry Lewis	/	Alice Hug		Harry Chalk	/
James Menzies		Matt Allsopp		John Gourd	/	Howard Steed	/
Robyn McLean		Izzy MacDonald-P	/	Rhiannon Davies	/	Zara Bradley	/
Nicole Mills	/						

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

2. Appointments to vacant committee positions

2.1. Matt Allsopp was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Men's 3rd XI captain.

2.2. Nicole Mills was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Ladies' 5th XI captain.

2.3. Jackie Hodgkinson was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Umpires' Liaison Officer.

2.3.1. Amalia confirmed that umpire registration fees had been paid for the new season.

- 2.4. Alice Hug has moved away to London for a job and consequently has left the club. As the constitution requires that all officers be club members, the Ladies' Social Secretary position is automatically vacated. Nichola Fennell was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Ladies' Social Secretary.

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

- 3.1. Tom Marchant, Louise Walker and Bella Muras had all expressed interest in the mixed captaincy positions. As Tom and Bella are both new to the club it was felt that it would be helpful to have at least one captain who is familiar with the club and the players. On that basis, a show of hands was held and Tom Marchant and Louise Walker were appointed as Mixed XI co-captains.

Given the growing numbers in the club and the greater range between the the top and bottom teams, it was proposed to try and arrange both 'higher' and 'lower' level mixed games, to try and provide a greater consistency of standard within the teams and consequently more enjoyment for all players - Tom and Louise will work with Jan to see if this is feasible.

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

- 3.3. The Perse School have arranged a ladies' indoor event this season, which we are keen to participate in. We will also look for other opportunities for ladies' indoor hockey. Accordingly it was decided to appoint a captain to organise a Ladies' Indoor team. Alice Wright was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Ladies' Indoor captain.

- 3.4. Nev Warren was proposed and unanimously confirmed as Men's Veterans' captain.

4. Invitation to Friday evenings indoor league at Culford School

Agreed that this doesn't work during the season. Alice will reply to Culford School and indicate we would be interested if they go ahead and run a post-season indoor league in the summer term. Outdoor hockey in the winter...indoor hockey in the summer.

5. New Club Lady of the Year trophy

It was agreed that a new and suitable trophy was needed. The ladies' captains present preferred the traditional shield style. Neil will purchase a new trophy engraved with club name, badge and title.

6. Improved process for setting/explaining subs & fees at the AGM

With the growth of the club and the number of people now attending the AGM, discussion of the need and rationale for changes in fees was felt by many to be confused and difficult to follow at this year's meeting. Possible improvements to this process to give clearer information to the AGM were considered. Rather than leaving the treasurer to report and recommend a position on their own it was agreed that, as the committee already reviews the club finances at the final post-season May meeting, it would be sensible for the committee to collectively agree a position on fees at that meeting and make a formal recommendation to the AGM, to be discussed and voted on. The AGM would still be free to make changes to this recommendation, or to reject it or pass something

different, but it would provide a clearer starting point for discussion and offer more support for the treasurer.

7. Women's Masters Pay & Play sessions

These were launched earlier this year for women in their mid-30s and above in response to interest expressed by mums of junior players and positive feedback on the idea from senior players in the ladies' section. Numbers started in low-mid teens but attendance has fallen back to single figures since the summer, which makes it difficult to both run a decent session and cover pitch costs. The club is supportive of extending its hockey offering to new groups *if* the support and interest is there to make it sustainable. Unless numbers increase, the continuation of Masters hockey is at risk.

Neil will send out a new email about the Masters sessions to the club, with updated promotional poster and flyers and encourage people to share these. There's also a new Masters page just gone up on the web site. Can everyone please promote the session and spread the word, as we would love to be able to keep it going,

8. AOB

- 8.1. TREASURER. Amalia will be moving to Cheltenham in January for a new job. She intends to commute back to Cambridge to play for the remainder of the season and is happy to continue as treasurer, but we will need a replacement for next season - consider possible candidates we could approach.
- 8.2. SATURDAY JUNIOR TRAINING. For safeguarding reasons and to allow the junior coaching staff to clear equipment away properly, senior teams should wait until junior players have left the pitch before going on to it. Senior teams have the pitch from 10.15am.
- 8.3. FIRST AID BOX. Some teams are missing first aid kits and the large box of first aid equipment in the shed also needs replenishing. John will speak with Stu Creed about getting suitable items. Will also look at getting a separate first aid box for the juniors' shed.
- 8.4. MATCH START TIMES. After some improvements last season punctuality has started to slip and games are routinely starting late again, even the 10.30 game! With 5 games most weeks, this can mean that the 16.30 game can end up starting nearer 17.00. Players should set the pitch up - move goals into position etc. - before their warm-up and be ready to play come the start time.
- 8.5. PRESS OFFICER. Jan isn't able to collate the match report summary for the press on Mondays this season. If anyone can suggest a candidate to do this, let us know.
- 8.6. 1st XI COSTS. As they move up the leagues the club's 1st XIs are requiring more training and coaching to remain competitive. In higher divisions they will also pay increased league fees. As it is unfair to make players in the lower teams subsidise this by paying for it from general funds, currently 1st XI players are surcharged to cover their additional costs. A preferable solution would be for these additional costs to be covered by sponsorship income attracted by our 1st XIs' performances - this is what many clubs in this position do. Suggestions for possible sponsors welcome!