

Sawston Men's Hockey Club
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 5th May 1998
The Unicorn, Trumpington

Actions are shown in italics

1. **Those present:** Mike Gronow, Roy Todd, Kevin Pride, Peter Mercer, Noel Sutcliffe, Mick Beasley, Ken Sharpe, Roger Craigen, Stephen Fleck, Will Benedikz, Martin Grove, Duncan Lauder, Peter Carey, Andy Lewis, Colin Warboys
2. **Apologies were received from:** John Parker, Rob Sprawson, Graham Seymour, Dave Maynard
3. **The Minutes of the 1997 AGM** were read and accepted, with no matters arising (other than font size)

4. Highlights of Reports

Fixture Secretary: Colin Warboys reported that most fixtures had worked out well again, and next season's fixtures were largely arranged. He has been trying to arrange stronger opposition for the Veterans matches next season - they have been getting bored winning.

Treasurer: Kevin Pride reported that the club had made loss of approximately £100 this season (compared with a profit of £725 last year). The poor financial performance was largely due to:

- a one-off payment of approximately £400 to the H.A.
- increased pitch hire costs (Veterans playing at St Catherines)
- poor collection of match fees and subscriptions from the 1sts and 2nds

1st XI: Ken Sharpe reported on a good effort this season, finishing 7th in the new higher division, and deserving to be even higher. Top scorer was 'Trevor Collingwood' (even though he emigrated at Christmas) and Player of the Year = Owen Howell.

2nd XI: Peter Carey reported that the 2nds got off to a slow start, largely due to match fitness (or lack of), and by Christmas they were 2nd from bottom. However, super-human efforts in the second half of the season moved them up the table out of the relegation zone. Player of the Year = Andy Lewis, for all the hard effort put in.

Wrinklies: Yet another 'best season ever' for Mike Gronow's Veterans side. Won 19, drew 3, lost 2 (both by 1-0). Player of the Year = Peter Kemp, but great performances too from 'Beefy' Bettison, 'Dyno' Dale, 'Plantpot' Seymour and Roger-the-dodger.

5. Matters arising from the Reports

Fixtures: 2nds would like more friendly games before the league starts. *1st and 2nd Captains to discuss pre-league fixtures with Colin Warboys.*

Treasurer: *Outstanding subscriptions (Mark Braganza, Matt Readman, Lawrence Connisbe) to be chased by team captains.*
1sts and 2nds to improve match fee collection procedure (e.g. use Vets form)

6. Season 1998-99

Club Name: There was a unanimous vote to change the club name from Sawston Men's H.C., since connections with the village of Sawston have dwindled, and the name may actually put off new-comers to Cambridge. The new name finally agreed upon was 'Cambridge South', and for the following season it should be referred to as 'Cambridge South H.C. (formerly Sawston Men's H.C.)'

*Mick Beasley to inform ECHA at the forthcoming AGM (18th May)
 Club Secretary to notify other bodies (English H.A., CCHUA, CCHA, Leys School,
 Unicorn Pub, Sawston Ladies H.C., members of the club who were unable to attend
 the AGM, Cambridge Library)
 Colin Warboys to notify the Perse School, when making pitch bookings.
 Press Officer (see below) to publicise in Cambridge Evening News.*

Pitches: 1sts and 2nds to remain at the Perse School - *Colin Warboys to confirm slot (change to 11.00am start time).*
 Veterans to remain at St Catherine's pitches.

Training: Remain at Leys School, same slot, half-pitch - *Stephen Fleck to book.*

Subs: Increase by £10 for seniors, £5 for juniors/unwaged.

Match Fees: Same as 1997-98

Teas: Same as 1997-98

7. Election of Officers

El Presidente: Peter Mercer (same as 1997-98)
 Lifers: Frank Allen, Eric Jacobs, Richard Jacobs, Harry Rider, Keith Westley (same as 1997-98)
 Vice Squad: Paul Tomson, Noel Sutcliffe
 Mr. Fix-it: Colin Warboys (same as 1997-98)
 Mr Moneybags: Kevin Pride (same as 1997-98)
 Club Typist: Will Benedikz
 Club Chair: Roger Craigen (same as 1997-98)
 1st XI Skipper: Ken Sharpe, until he leaves the country (same as 1997-98)
 1st XI Deputy-Dawg: Owen Howell
 1st XI Secretary: Mick Beasley (same as 1997-98)
 2nd XI Aye Aye Cap'n: Peter Carey (same as 1997-98)
 2nd XI Secretary: Andy Lewis (same as 1997-98)
 Veterans HC & BW: Mike Gronow (same as 1997-98)
 League Liaison: Mick Beasley (same as 1997-98)
 Mr. Motivator: John Speirs (*to be persuaded by Ken Sharpe*)
 Gutter Press Officer: Martin Grove
 Recruitment & P.R.: Everyone!

8. Any Other Business

Fixture Cards: Will be published by Stephen Fleck Printing Enterprises again.
 Club Dinner: Just for the record, another great night was had by all at the Arundel House hotel. Thanks to Mick Beasley for doing most of the organisation again. The club trophies were presented at the dinner, including the Clubman of the Year award, which was presented to Stephen Fleck, who resigned from secretarial duties after 10 years.

Newmarket 'Merger': Ken Sharpe reported that Newmarket were keen to 'merge' with us, since they were likely to acquire a new Astroturf pitch, but have insufficient players. The general view was, 'Thanks, but no thanks.'

Summer Games: Roger Craigen has organised 4 summer games (22 May, 2 June, 24 June, 7 July) and needs good support from the 1sts.