



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

~ 2019 ~

Held on: Monday 17th June, 8.00pm
at: Cantabs Rugby Club, Cambridge

MINUTES

Resolutions of the Club are shown underlined.

1. Quorum

1.1. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

2. Chairman's report

2.1. The chairman congratulated the club on its success this season and thanked the captains and committee for their efforts. The Men's 1s have reached Division 1 for the first time in our history. The club continues to thrive and as a result we will be entering a 5th Ladies' side in the league next year, as well as trialling a 'Men's 6' friendly team from the Men's 5th squad.

3. Honorary Secretary's report

3.1. Teams:

South men's and ladies' teams again each won divisional titles, the Men's 1s finishing top of Div 2N and the Ladies' 2s with a 100% record in Div 4NW(S). South teams have won 7 league titles in 4 seasons compared with 3 in the previous 16! M2s are also being promoted to 3NW. No South teams were relegated.

3.2. League changes:

The Suffolk Women's League has decided to join the Cambs and Lincs leagues in merging with the EWL. In addition, teams from the Essex Women's League and the 5 Counties Leagues (Bed, Bucks, Herts, Cambs & Essex) have also decided to switch to the EWL. As a result, 3 new divisions are being created in the EWL for next season: a Div 3NE and 3S alongside the current 3NW, with a 4NE below 3NE. Due to the reorganisation, the L2s will go up to 3S rather than 3NW next season.

The England Hockey League is expanding from 4 to 6 divisions of 10 from next season, meaning teams being pulled up from the regional leagues and a 'filtering up' to fill the gaps.

3.3. Pitch space:

With 10 club league teams next season, the Long Road match slots (10.30, 12.00, 13.30, 15.00 and 16.30) will be full each week. Running an M6 friendly side will mean using another pitch: we are booking a slot at the Stephen Perse pitch on Latham Road, the closest available pitch to Long Road. For fairness, use of this will be shared around between the teams (excluding 1st XI matches, which as the most popular for spectators will all be at Long Road).

3.4. Training:

Splitting ladies' training into 2 groups worked last season, but having both groups on the same night meant a late finish. For next season we are looking at running them on different nights, to allow both groups an earlier finish.

Junior training has also grown and numbers are now pretty much at pitch capacity on Saturday mornings. To create space we will be moving training for the older players, age 13 upwards, to Wednesday early evenings before senior training.

3.5. Kit and equipment:

The current storage shed is looking full. We have decided to buy a second shed of the same size, to add space and allow junior and senior equipment to be stored separately, which will be installed over the summer.

The club has purchased goalkeeping kit for our regular keepers to be kept by them on permanent loan. If a regular keeper leaves the club, the loan kit will either be returned or purchased from the club at an agreed price. We will also be reviewing and upgrading the shared kits to ensure we have 3 complete kits in working condition for each of the men's and ladies' sections.

The current sets of yellow away shirts are now 8 seasons old, and each has several shirts missing. The growth from 6 to 10 league teams since we purchased them also means that we now need a 2nd set each of men's and ladies' shirts, as multiple teams may need them on the same weeks. We are therefore purchasing 4 new sets of Adidas away kit to replace the current 2 sets.

The price of the hockey balls we use has gone up by 20%. We have found an option to bulk buy 500 balls from a leading Dutch supplier for $\frac{2}{3}$ of the price of the current balls, and these can also be branded with the club badge.

3.6. Pitch shelters:

Our longstanding offer to Long Road to pay half the cost of installing pitch shelters remains in place. Progress is dependent on college budget being available for their half.

3.7. Other:

Two new social events were launched last year: a Centurions' Dinner in September for current and former players who have reached 100 appearances for the club, and a President's Dinner in January for those who have served the club as a captain or officer. Both were well attended and received, and we hope will become a regular feature.

After a 10 year abeyance, we also have a new club President: Louise Tonkin has been appointed as the ceremonial figurehead of the club who can offer the benefit of her experience to the committee.

4. Honorary Treasurer's reports and approval of accounts

See attached Financial Summary for full details. Junior section finances are separate and not included in this report.

4.1. Balance sheet and profit and loss account for 2018/189

Club income was £63,486 v expenditure of £68,826: a deficit of £5,340, down from a surplus of £3,716 in 2017/18. This includes a significant investment in new goalkeeping and away kit, and a second equipment shed. The Junior section and Pay & Play contribute a surplus together of over £10k, without which the senior club would run at a significant loss from subs and match fees alone.

Total reserves in June were £38k, approximately the same as last year

4.2. Projected budget for 2019/20:

Assuming that kit and equipment expenditure will be significantly lower next year after this season's purchases, forecast is that other increase in costs and fees will balance out, allowing the club to return to a small surplus. Fuel payments will increase from 15p to 17p per mile to reflect fuel prices. The senior section will continue to run a significant deficit on subs and match fees though, relying on P&P and Juniors to balance the books.

4.3. Recommendations for subscriptions and match fees:

To aim for the senior-section to be self-sufficient, and surpluses from elsewhere to be used to build a fund for future expansion or exceptional expenses (a club house...we can dream), match fees could be increased to £10/5 from £9/4.50. This would raise a similar amount to last year's increase in subs. Match fees have been frozen since 2011 (as had subs until last year). This rate should be uniform, including for Mixed matches which have charged a lower rate.

Other options would be to reduce the student/unwaged subsidy from the current 50% level, or differentiate between student and unwaged rates. Nuclear option: reduce

match teas from 8 pizzas to 6 (due to increase in pizza prices we now spend more on pizza than on pitch hire). A general outcry ensued and the option was quickly tabled!

In discussion, it was felt that as long as the club's overall finances remained positive, an increase in fees could be deferred for the time being. There was consensus on the need to ensure all money due is collected across the club.

5. Fixing of subscriptions and fees for 2019/20 season

5.1. Subscriptions:

Senior subscriptions were maintained at £110 (£50 unwaged).

5.2. Match fees:

Match fees were maintained at £9 (£4.50 unwaged) for all senior teams.

6. Election of Officers

6.1. Chairman – John Greaves was nominated and elected.

6.2. Honorary Secretary – Neil Sneade was nominated and elected.

6.3. Honorary Treasurer – Amalia Thomas was nominated and elected.

6.4. Fixtures Secretary – Jan Brynjolffssen was nominated and elected.

6.5. Umpires' Liaison Officer – John Gourd is stepping down to take on the Men's 4th XI captaincy. Douglas Gibson indicated he would consider the role if he is in Cambridge next season.

6.6. Training Co-ordinator – Alice Wright was nominated and elected as Training Co-ordinator for the Ladies' section. Andi Caddy was nominated and elected as Training Co-ordinator for the Men's section.

6.7. Welfare Officer – Jack is stepping down and Jim Lucraft, a Juniors' parent who has also held a safeguarding role at a youth football club, has agreed to take on the role subject to completing the necessary safeguarding requirements. Jim Lucraft was nominated and elected.

6.8. Juniors' Liaison Officer – Jack Chalk was nominated and elected.

6.9. Communications Officer – Jan Brynjolffssen will continue to collate the weekly press match report summary.

6.10. Men's and Ladies' League Liaison Officers – Rob Barton and Ellie Raffan were nominated and elected.

6.11. Men's and Ladies' Social Secretaries – Harry Lewis and Alice Hug were nominated and elected.

6.12. Team captains:

- 6.12.1. Men's 1st XI Captain – Harry Chalk was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.2. Men's 2nd XI Captain – James Menzies was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.3. Men's 3rd XI Captain – Matt Kern is not continuing. No other candidate was offered so the role was left vacant and may be filled by the committee *pro tem*.
- 6.12.4. Men's 4th XI Captain – John Gould was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.5. Men's 5th XI Captain – Howard Steed was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.6. Ladies' 1st XI Captain – Robyn McLean was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.7. Ladies' 2nd XI Captain – Isabelle MacDonald-Parry was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.8. Ladies' 3rd XI Captain – Rhiannon Davies was nominated and elected.
- 6.12.9. Ladies' 4th XI Captain – Zara Bradley and Louise Walker were nominated. After a show of hands by the ladies' members present, Zara Bradley was elected.
- 6.12.10. Ladies' 5th XI Captain – No candidate was offered so the role was left vacant and may be filled by the committee *pro tem*.

Vice-captains will be selected by the team captains in due course and notified to the Honorary Secretary.

Mixed Team, Men's Veterans XI and Men's Indoor Team captains are appointed by the club committee and will be chosen in due course.

7. Any other business

- 7.1. Following the initiation of the Women's Masters (over 35s) Pay and Play sessions, an interest was expressed by some of the players in starting a Ladies' Veterans XI side to play occasional friendly games. It was suggested that the Hon. Secretary and Fixtures Secretary should be consulted to make arrangements and try and identify possible opponents.
- 7.2. Shin Kim proposed that the club initiate a mid-season 'community day' to support good causes, possibly linking with another club to hold joint events. Agreed this would be a good initiative if Shin wished to put a proposal together.

The meeting was declared closed at 10pm.

CLUB OFFICERS 2019/20

Elected Officers

The Officers elected for the 2019/20 season were as follows:

•Chairman:	John Greaves
•Honorary Secretary:	Neil Sneade
•Honorary Treasurer:	Amalia Thomas
•Fixtures Secretary:	Jan Brynjolfssen
•Umpires' Liaison Officer:	[vacant]
•Men's Training Co-ordinator:	Andi Caddy
•Ladies' Training Co-ordinator:	Alice Wright
•Welfare Officer:	Jim Lucraft
•Juniors' Liaison Officer:	Jack Chalk
•Men's League Liaison Officer:	Rob Barton
•Ladies' League Liaison Officer:	Ellie Raffan
•Men's Social Secretary:	Harry Lewis
•Ladies' Social Secretary:	Alice Hug
•Men's 1 st XI Captain:	Harry Chalk
•Men's 2 nd XI Captain:	James Menzies
•Men's 3 rd XI Captain:	[vacant]
•Men's 4 th XI Captain:	John Gourd
•Men's 5 th XI Captain:	Howard Steed
•Ladies' 1 st XI Captain:	Robyn McLean
•Ladies' 2 nd XI Captain:	Isabelle MacDonald-Parry
•Ladies' 3 rd XI Captain:	Rhiannon Davies
•Ladies' 4 th XI Captain:	Zara Bradley
•Ladies' 5 th XI Captain:	[vacant]