



CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on: Monday 23rd May 2016, 8pm
at: The Panton Arms, Panton Street, Cambridge

MINUTES

Resolutions are shown underlined.

CLUB COMMITTEE

I. Quorum

1.1. In attendance: John Greaves, Neil Sneade, David Aston, Graham McCulloch, Jim Hockley, Jack Chalk, Douglas Gibson, Colin Troll, Jan Brynjolffssen, Sophie McComish, Ania Rygielska, Cath Anthony, Lottie Alves, Howard Steed, Emma Fairlie

Absent: Rob Barton, Louise Walker; Charlotte Moss, Georgie Hurford, Diane Eichelsheim, Louise Tonkin, Stuart Rimmer, Simon Cooper; Tom Anns, Hannah Kenyon

1.2. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

2. Finances

2.1. Dave reported that he was forecasting the club to have an operating surplus of ~ £2,500 for 2015/16. This does not include the £2k 42 Technology sponsorship, as this has not yet been received. We have not had any major exceptional kit expenses (e.g. new goalkeeping kit) this season. Membership numbers, and ∴ subs, have increased again this season. Pay & Play made a profit of £3,130 over the period April 2015-March 2016.

The club bank account has a current balance of £16,870. This represents about half a season's operating costs.

2.2. Dave's projection for next season is a surplus of ~£2,200. Based on this projection and the current bank balance, his recommendation for the AGM is that fees and subs be maintained at their current level for next season.

2.3. Match fee collection by captains has been good: key to strong club finances has been high fee recovery rate. The treasurer and team captains will continue to monitor payment and ensure fees due are paid. All subs should be paid by 31st October. There have been a few incidents of repeated poor payment of fees, despite repeated reminders and chasing. This is an issue of fairness to the rest of the club membership as much as finance - the club is funded by its members and it is a principle of fairness that all members should pay their share.

Resolved that persistent late payment, whether of subs, match fees or other sums (e.g. Pay and Play fees), will mean suspension from all club activities until fees are paid up to date. Repeated offences may lead to revocation of club membership.

3. Pitch

3.1. Gary Woolley, Long Road Estates Manager, has indicated the college are happy to renew our hire agreement [update: since the meeting, Gary has said the college would be happy to enter into a multi-season agreement]. Pitch hire rates are yet to be confirmed.

Agreed that we wish to renew the pitch hire agreement, and would be glad to have a multi-year deal.

Problems with the showers are being investigated. Gary has said that the college will install a water fountain by the changing rooms. We can also have a key to the disabled toilet next to the changing rooms, which can be used by umpires when both changing rooms are occupied by teams of the other gender (e.g. a male umpire umpiring a ladies' match).

We may also be able to use the sports hall for indoor hockey during the winter months, subject to reassuring Gary that the sticks and balls will not damage the hall floor.

3.2. External funding is not available for fixed infrastructure such as pitch dug-outs, but we may be able to obtain funding support for other club activities and use this to free up finances to contribute towards installation of dug-outs. Agreed that having dug-outs would be a major benefit - somewhere dry for kit bags and substitutes.

Cost of dug-outs is ~£1700+VAT each: £4000 total. Would also involve fitting costs of adjustment to spectator fencing. Long Road may have funding to contribute from August, if the club can also assist.

Agreed that we would be willing to contribute towards costs of installing dug-outs, contingent on securing a multi-year pitch hire agreement with Long Road.

4. Club house

4.1. Cantabs' chairman has indicated that the club are happy to renew the agreement for us to use the clubhouse for match teas for next season, at the same rates (£1,000 p.a.).

Agreed that we wish to renew the agreement to use Cantabs' clubhouse.

4.2. The new arrangement for match teas this season of having pizzas delivered was reviewed. Agreed that it had worked well, and should be continued.

5. Training and coaching

5.1. The contribution and efforts of our coaches were noted and appreciated. The most pressing issue was having only a single coach on the Tuesday evening session. Jon Mann has his coaching badges and has indicated an interest in coaching club training sessions (currently does this informally with the M2s). Considered whether we could use Jon as the second coach for the Ladies training, and David and Colin for the men's training.

Jack and the new Training Co-ordinator (Jack will not be standing for re-election) will confirm what evenings David and Colin have available for next season and produce an appropriate plan (Colin will also be leading Junior training 9-10am on Saturday mornings).

6. † Indoor hockey tournament at Perse School

6.1. Taking place in October. Level will make it suitable for M1/M2s. Jim confirmed he is interested in entering a team. Tournament will be on Thursday evenings, so will consider potential clash with training before confirming. Jim will take the lead on this.

7. Kit and equipment

7.1. Loopy had reported that the L3s' goalie kit is no longer in an acceptable condition and we may need to purchase a replacement kit. Neil will co-ordinate with Loopy and Emma Saynor about this. We will also ask Loopy and Jason to conduct a general audit of the club's goalkeeping kit and identify any items that need purchasing or replacing.

8. Back to Hockey

8.1. We will be running a Back to Hockey session 7-7.30pm before Pay & Play on the 4 Wednesdays in July. Jon Mann, Chris Graveling and Steve Riches will be coaching.

Agreed that the fee for the 4 weeks should be £10.

9. Junior section

9.1. Plans have been confirmed with Colin. We intend to run a session 9-10am on Saturday, running 13 weeks before Christmas and 10 weeks after Christmas, starting on 10 September.

The fees for the full 23 weeks will be £100 but we will be offering a "taster programme" of 3 weeks for £15, before signing up for the rest of the season for £85.

Will be submitting Sport England funding application to support the costs of this and co-ordinating with Living Sport to advertise it and promote it to local schools.

Still want more assistant player-coaches from the club to go on the junior coaching rota - coaches will get a free smart club training top with "COACH" on the back!

10. Player recruitment

10.1. Of continuous and ongoing importance, particularly as higher teams are losing several people due to moves away from Cambridge.

Need to ensure we have good promotion on the web site, as well as maintaining our profile in the Cambridge News where we have events with reporting - Jan is very good at doing this, and we have also had articles around our sponsorship agreement and One Thousand Hockey Legs.

Should produce an updated club poster and distribute it - Jim will lead on this.

11. 2016/17 Committee

11.1. We currently do not have confirmed candidates for the following positions.

- M1 vice-captain - intentions unknown
- L2 vice-captain - intentions unknown
- Training Co-ordinator - Jack is stepping down but continuing as Welfare Officer
- Social Secretary - Cath and Emma would like to hand over if suitable candidates are forthcoming.

Candidates to be identified and approached before the AGM.

12. AGM

12.1. Will be held at 8pm on a Monday evening. Cath and Emma will see if Cantabs' clubhouse is available (and has beer). Dave will order pizzas! If not, will be at The Panton Arms. Neil will send out the notice calling it.

† *Men's playing matter - only men voted.*

‡ *Ladies' playing matter - only ladies voted.*