



## **CAMBRIDGE SOUTH HOCKEY CLUB**

### **COMMITTEE MEETING**

Held on: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013, 8pm  
at: The Mill, Mill Lane, Cambridge

### **MINUTES**

Resolutions are shown underlined.

#### **CLUB COMMITTEE**

##### **1. Quorum**

1.1. The presence of a quorum was confirmed.

##### **2. Finances**

2.1. The Men's section is projected to show a profit of £3,729 on income of £18,404. This is up from £1,079 last season. Bank balance is £7,998.

The Ladies' section is projected to show a small loss of £244 on income of £6,244. This is down from last season's loss of £730. Bank balance is £2,173.

The improvement is largely due to an increase in match fees and a greater increase in subs revenue, together with the absence of a large net outlay on kit this season and a reduction in pitch hire costs, owing to more use of Catz.

2.2. Match fee recovery rates were good, only 6% below projected for the Men and 5% below for the Ladies. 9 men and 6 ladies played 3 or more games without paying subs. Membership was stable, with 29 paid-up members for the Ladies, the same as 2011/12, and 68 for the men, up from 65.

2.3. Projection is for profit to reduce in 2013/14, to £1,980 for the Men and -£430 for the Ladies. After several seasons of sustained losses, recommendation is to continue rebuilding our financial position and leave subs and fees unchanged.

### **3. Pay and Play**

3.1. Attendance has been good, averaging mid-20s for summer hockey and mid-teens for pay and play. Profit over the year was over £1200. Decided to keep price at present level. Given the weather this year, we will look into sports hall options for indoor pay-and-play next winter (John, Graham and Neil to do this).

### **4. Club kit and equipment**

4.1. Captains and Training Co-ordinator will notify Neil of any required equipment, who will place a single order with our supplier. John will ask The Leys about the possibility of storing training kit there. The M4 keeping kit needs fixing - John will speak with Shahbaz and Steve about this. Loopy requires new kickers (buy and reclaim cost from club).

### **5. Pitches**

5.1. Fixture congestion remains a major issue. Cambridge City will apparently be entering a 6<sup>th</sup> Men's team. The Catz surface continues to deteriorate but we may have no option but to continue to use it. Neil will co-ordinate with George about approaching St John's for a pitch slot.

### **6. Training**

6.1. Given the space/date constraints we have, there is general satisfaction with training. Propose to maintain the current arrangements, subject to looking into putting on specialist sessions for beginners.

### **7. Club mailing lists**

7.1. Our current GroupSpaces subscription limits us to 10 mailing lists. With prospect of forming an Men's 5<sup>th</sup> team next season, as well as suggestion to create L1 and L2 team lists, we need to increase this. Agreed to upgrade to a Pro subscription. This is £13 per month but we will sign up for 2 years to get a rate of £234.

### **8. Summer tournaments**

8.1. We will enter teams to the Ely and Saffron Walden summer tournaments and the M1s will consider whether they wish to enter the Peterborough 7s. M1s and M2s will enter the pre-season Bishops Stortford tournament. The L1s are keen to play pre-season friendlies. Agreed there was not the enthusiasm for friendlies on mid-season slip dates and these should be left clear for their intended purpose.

### **9. Mixed team**

9.1. We will elect Mixed captains at the AGM to try and revive this. Neil suggested trying to organise a 7-a-side (to make it easier to get teams out) mini league with other local clubs (1 game per month during the season).

### **10. Cambridge hockey development**

10.1. There was felt to be no demand or interest for participation in the EH initiatives. Many are aimed at junior players and we already provide summer hockey for new joiners or casual players.

## **11. Club dinner**

11.1. Venues for next year. Sidney Sussex College may be possible but would have to be after Easter. Otherwise, will have to enquire with colleges and local hotels. Priority was felt to be trying to reduce the cost for next year, as it has been climbing in recent years and attendance was down this year compared to last.

## **12. 2013/14 Committee**

12.1. All committee members to encourage club members to consider standing for positions, particularly if they are not intending on standing for re-election!

## **13. Club AGM**

13.1. Will be held at the end of May. Venue TBD.

## **14. Merger of Cambs Ladies League and Lincs Ladies League with EWL**

14.1. Loopy, Serin and Neil attended the CLL EGM. It looks as if the merger will be going ahead, despite some reservations from clubs who would have increased travelling, particularly Oundle and Rutland. 3 CLL divisions likely to be replaced by 2 EWL divisions. Our interest is primarily to increase the divisions to 11/12 to provide a full fixture list.

## **MEN'S PLAYING COMMITTEE**

### **1. Proposal to form a 5<sup>th</sup> XI**

1.1. It was unanimously agreed to form a 5<sup>th</sup> XI. Neil will contact the league about entering it for next season.

## **LADIES' PLAYING COMMITTEE**

### **1. No business to discuss.**