

Minutes of Shefford and Sandy Hockey Club
Annual General Meeting
1st April 2012, Sandy Village Hall

Present: Interim Chairperson Pete Seward, Treasurer Liz Infield, Minutes Secretary Kirstin Rayner, Ladies Club Captain Julie Barnes, Mens Club Captain Trevor Bridger, ,14 other members of the Club

Apologies: Membership Secretary- Tessa Chiswell, Hannah Bartram, Tony Payne, AmandaWood, Mr Houghton, James Graham, Mike Tipper and William Hollington

1. Welcome by the Interim Chair – Pete Seward

Pete welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking the Committee, captains, umpires and others that help keep the Club going. A lot of work goes on unnoticed behind the scenes, and often unappreciated, so he took this opportunity on behalf of all club members, to thank all those that contribute.

Additional items for AOB- First Aid Kit (JB), Coaching (PS), Fixtures Secretary role-MT/DT

2. Treasurer's Report – Liz Infield

LI investigating an independent audit for end of year accounts in the future. Accounts circulated. Match fees are on budget, however need to record who has paid and how much next season (each captain). Still some outstanding monies from games awaited. End of Season made £20 profit after the raffle. Previous EOS have been the main fundraiser for the club. JB advised that this year due to late change in venue there have been exceptional circumstances. HB has raised £600 grant for teaching in schools. Pitch hire- increase in rates this year – increased outgoings. Mick & Audrey have been great with teas and this change has worked well. Additional outgoings-2 people supported to do level 2 coaching. Some outstanding moneys awaited for Olympics tickets. Provisional closing balance to date for the year is £1,638.34.

Next season: pitch hire will remain unchanged; A new budget line is to be set up for juniors- to support juniors and the development squad and sponsorship will be required. Resolved:-**No change to match fees levels or to subscription rates.**

3. Men's Club Captain report- TB congratulated the mens 1sts who gained promotion this year, the senior pros helping the youngsters and creating a good team. 2nd team had a mixed season- lots of changes- needs some restructuring. 3rds did well- finishing 3rd- full team moving forward. Reformed 4ths-not in a league but had a good season.

TB to confirm captains for next season- likely to be Shaun (M1), M2 tba,M3&M4 may be swapped around between Andy Cusak and Trevor (TBC).

The committee extended a big vote of thanks to Trevor who worked exceptionally hard this year. An additional thank you went to the vets who made a big sacrifice ending vets league entry for the good of the club.

4. Ladies Club Captain report- JB

L1 relegated –tough season after double promotion last year and previous year. Nicky and Rachel did everything they could . Amanda to captain next year.

L2-Nina has done a sterling job with a new team started 3 years ago. Now rewarded with promotion to the premier. Thanks to Nina. Laura and Jo to take on joint Captaincy next year.

L3 had a struggle this year without enough players at the end of the season. Sammi and Jo did well with a tough job. Lorraine Croft to captain next year.

Particular thank you to Hannah and Rachel doing so much with the youth section this season. Mick and Audrey are happy to continue. Thanks to Nina/Jo/others for keeping the club up to date on Facebook. Scott Davies coach has done a fab job, especially with juniors -staying on next season. Thanks to all umpires- Martin and John. Special thank you goes to Adam Symons for arranging the umpires.

5. Committee Elections

Officers of the club (committee positions)

- Chair: Mickey Danson has stood down as chair. Pete Seward to stand in temporarily over next few months **Resolved:** all agreed.
As no other nominations were received and all the following were happy to stand again they were all elected un-opposed:
- Treasurer: Liz Infield
- Mens Club: Trevor Bridger
- Ladies Club: Julie Barnes
- Minutes Secretary: Kirstin Rayner

The position of membership secretary was seen as vital and the committee should take steps to make the post a full officer of the club.

Tessa has done a very good job in the position but is standing down having nominated someone to take over:

- Membership Secretary - Nomination received- Tim Cakebread.

Resolved:Appointed (Committee position- to be enacted)

Other posts that do not appear on the list as committee members but nevertheless need to be officially appointed were resolved as follows:-

- Child Welfare Officer – Vacancy- Jacqui Burke to speak to Karen about what is involved with a view to taking it on..
- Fixtures Secretaries - Di, and Mike Tipper to continue (Mike would like to stand down- anyone interested- please contact Mike or Di)
- Umpire Co-ordinator - Adam Symons happy to stand.
- Junior Hockey Co-ordinator – Hannah Bartram to stand down. Tessa Chiswell has been nominated and will take it on.

- Social Committee - Jo Hare /Nikki Hart /Laura Thompson/Rachel happy to continue.

6. Any other business

- a) Junior Hockey academy- HB report
- b) Rush hockey- HB report

Hannah Bartrams report on a) and b) was given by the Chair:- Sub Committee to be set up to manage junior section. Rush hockey has been started- more suited to juniors. Hockey camp and Hockey Academy organised.

On behalf of the members the Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Hannah for all her hard work in establishing good working practices, and to Tony for their commitment to the club over the past 10 years.

- c) Start date for training Start back Tues 4th September training.
- d) First Aid equipment

Issue raised to ensure each team has first aid kit available on pitch in case of injury. Incident with Doc Hollingworth was reported. Orders from Captains to Mens/Ladies Club Captains are required prior to start of season. Jo Hare is willing to help co-ordinate this. JB is to send info pack to TB for use to brief captains. Mixed teams and Vets also need First Aid kits available.

- e) Coaching

Mens coaching- PS/TB reported some Men's players unhappy with some aspects of coaching being provided. Clubs First require Level 2 coach at all training. Club is supporting two individuals to ensure we continue to comply with Clubs First requirements. May be some flexibility once all individuals have qualified. The incoming committee must address this issue without delay.

Final ad-hoc items

Collection of money- Social events- Rachel asked question about whose responsibility it should be to collect monies for events- General agreement this should be stipulated /suggested by Social committee with regard to each event. Committee view previously that monies should be collected by Captains/or members of the Committee only. TB suggested further investigation of paying on line as alternative to cash collection-Tim/Tess to discuss.

Club membership Sandy Village Hall- subscription £200 required this year- can run 2 events here free of charge. Need representative to attend meetings here.

Constitution- 2010- PS is to look into updating this particularly with reference to the roles of officers and membership issues surrounding juniors and umpires.

AGM ratification of minutes-Minutes are available on the website. Signed and agreed by interim chairman.

Possible start event Saturday 1st September- but will depend upon organisation/pitch availability.

Meeting closed at 1.35pm
Minutes agreed at Club meeting 23rd May 2012.