



**Minutes – THIRSK HOCKEY CLUB**  
**Committee meeting at 7.30pm**  
**The Black Lion**

1. **Apologies:** Hannah Secouet, Lorna Wilkinson, Andy Young, Patrick Hunt, Mike Rushmere, Richard Taylor. **Present:** Bev Longthorne, Jane Tart, Myra Woods, Olwyn Dunning, Sarah Webster, Kate Webster Jones, Darren Bradford, Jill Fox, Rachel Garlick
2. Welcome & actions from previous minutes
  - 2.1. 2019-20 volunteer spreadsheet
  - 2.2. Send a message next season to remind parents to collect their children from the gate.
  - 2.3. Outline cost for refurbishment to see if it is achievable and feasible with funding. – see item 10.1
  - 2.4. Pitch hire contract, new agreement and implications for club – see item 10.1

*Action: add Jo Gray and Julie Bower to the committee mailing list*
3. Treasurers' report
  - 3.1. Senior report - £5421 in bank, all invoices paid up to date including £1500 approx. for club insurance in July. Approx. £3000 membership fees going into a/c shortly.
  - 3.2. Junior report - £9269.84 in bank, no outstanding invoices. Approx. £11K junior membership fees to transfer shortly.

*Action: send Stripe link to Darren & Gill - KWJ*  
*Action: over this year review coach and payments discounts for playing*
4. Secretary's report – steady stream of junior new membership enquiries over the summer, mainly the younger end and a mix of girls and boys; so positive.
5. Club Rep report – RT now chair of TAC committee on behalf of THC. Thank you. Nothing to report from TAC in connection with THC as yet this season. With regard to TAC and Sowerby Gateway, we are assuming that rugby will eventually move away and hockey may well use the new clubhouse if it ever gets built. However, work seems to be very slow so potentially no impact for another couple of years while pitches are laid. TAC want it to happen soon to alleviate parking pressure on Sunday mornings. We are still searching for a new bar manager to take over from Malcolm Hartley.
6. Welfare Officer's report – N/A
7. Captains' team updates
  - 7.1. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> – positive start to season with a strong team of 15. The team has a new club player with some interest from players previously at the club.
  - 7.2. Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> – not played yet, but has enough players.
  - 7.3. Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> -
  - 7.4. Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> -
  - 7.5. Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> -
  - 7.6. Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> -
    - Ladies selection night had worked well, but at present it was difficult setting selection for games throughout the teams, as the process had to start from the 1<sup>st</sup> and work down, so 3/4s waiting for decisions before making late selections, which wasn't ideal or the way they wanted it to



work. On the books it looks as though there are many players, but availability is very mixed, some with little flexibility.

*Action: see how it goes for next couple of weeks, but call an early meeting, if it doesn't improve.*

7.7. Selection Policy proposal from Ladies 1 team – adopted.

8. Umpires schedule & umpire course – the schedule will be on a monthly basis combined with Northallerton, due to uncertainty of umpire availability. A new to umpiring course has been booked for parents and juniors to encourage new umpires for junior section and beyond.

*Action – to publicise with leaflets, FB and ask parents.*

9. Junior & Coaches Committee report – a lot of juggling of coaches and co-ordinators to get people in place, still some gaps. – Namely u10/u12 boys and u14 girls. It was felt that some organising jobs – rotas etc., could be encouraged through the co-ordinators. We are waiting for some young leaders / DofE to come along to offer support

*Action: agreed to move young leaders to different days.*

*Action: BL to send coaches and co-ordinators list to RW, to send out job role.*

*Action: coaches to remind boys to register before going onto the pitch.*

10. Pitch & facilities – EH negotiating on our behalf with Hambleton DC to be able to use the pitch to 9.30pm. Planning permission allows this, but there is a community agreement that states 9pm, which HDC are sticking too. Mike has spoken to HDC about changing room refurb and EH will discuss this with HDC too.

*Action: keep committee informed of outcomes.*

10.1. Future of club structure within Gateway sports village – as the sports village starts to take shape with the possibility of rugby using pitches there next season THC needs to look at its structure and how it interacts with TAC, Gateway sports village, HDC and other local sports clubs now and in the future. It was proposed and agreed to set up a sub-committee of business-minded members to specifically look at this.

11. Social / fundraising

11.1. Social – Xmas club dinner & End of Season plan – proposed and agreed to hold the Xmas party at The Angel, Topcliffe, as previous years. Date agreed Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, as most league matches have finished for Xmas that week.

*Action: Jo Lightfoot to arrange and get in touch with Gill for THC to provide a deposit.*

12. AOB

12.1. £500 cheque passed over for the sale of a GK kit.

12.2. THC will be 100 years old in 2023 (men's team), 2026 (as part of TAC)

12.3. Club socks at the pitch side are selling well, but running low on size 2-6.  
Agreed more could be bought.

12.4. A delay in personal order player shirts arriving. THC ordered junior shirts had arrived but players were still waiting for individual order.

*Action: MR to speak to the supplier*

Date of next coaches meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Date of next committee meeting: 26<sup>th</sup> November