

South Berkshire HC
AGM 14th May 2019



Agenda



- Welcome & Introduction
- Playing Section review
 - Adults (Laura)
 - Juniors (Nigel)
- Management Committee Agenda
 - Facilities, short and long term (Ian)
 - Communications
 - Finances
- Tonight's business
 - Election of Officers (Robbie)
 - Proposed New Structure (David)
- Next meeting
- Questions



Playing Section review

Current Playing Section Committee



- Playing Section Captain – Mary King
- Ladies Captain – Laura Kennedy
- Mens Captain – Ravi Patel
- Junior Manager – Nigel King

Playing Section review



- 3 promotions (Mens 4s, Ladies 2s & 3s) & 5 teams retained place in leagues
- Welcomed 2 new coaches who brought their experience and expertise to the Club
- Introduced more goal keeper training which we plan to continue
- 1 Junior (Harrison Scott) invited to England U16 training camp
- 3 Ladies & 1 Man selected into Regional Masters Squads

Playing Section Review - Juniors

- Coaching provided to about 200 Juniors (U8s to U16s) on Sunday mornings
 - Team of dedicated coaches & parent helpers
- Number of Juniors have successfully been transitioned into adult teams, & regularly playing in 1s/2s
- Josh Chapman was Berkshire U16 Boys Player of the Year
 - Aneesa Rashid (U16 Girls) & Matthew Reid (U14 Boys) also recognised
- Club planning to support Hockey Heroes project for 5 – 8 year olds run by England Hockey next season

Playing Section Review - Umpires

- 4 Ladies were successfully assessed as Level 1 umpires
- Level 1 umpiring course held in April attended by 9 club members
 - 6 from Ladies teams, 2 from U16s & 1 parent
- Still indebted to David Lumsden & Mark Sayers
 - nominated pool umpires for league appointments
 - regularly umpire a 2nd game for us
- Thanks to Graham for all his efforts as umpire co-ordinator
 - New volunteer needed for next season



Management Committee

Current Management Committee



- Chair – Ian Wilson
- Vice Chair – Ben Dudley
- Treasurer – David Murray
- Secretary – Robbie Champion
- Playing Section Captain – Mary King
- Welfare Officer – Jess Morgan
- Development Officer – Nigel King

Management Committee Agenda



- Facilities
 - Review
 - Short term plans (next season)
 - Long term plans
- Communications
- Accounts

Pitches/Facilities - review



- Juniors play Sundays at Wellington College, Crowthorne
- Adult matches and training split between Birch Hill, Bracknell and Cantley Park, Wokingham
 - Split Mens/Ladies to support umpiring, this did work
 - Mens trained Wed at Cantley, Ladies Tue at Birch Hill
- New surface at Birch Hill
- Mens/Ladies split feels like two clubs
- Running two clubhouses has stretched resources

Current Locations



Quality of facilities



- Clubhouses:
 - Cantley Park: cold, needs cleaning, repairs, décor, needs better layout and equipment
 - Birch Hill: better equipped, more space but its hockey identity compromised by Fitbox equipment
 - Neither bar is as well used as people would like
 - Wellington College: cafeteria a bonus
- Pitches
 - Cantley Park: good surface has a proper fence
 - Birch Hill: new surface and is better for viewing
 - Wellington College: one pitch superior to the other, but it definitely helps to have two

Facilities – Next season

Consolidation of Adults?



- New MC need to decide whether to consolidate Adult matches at 1 location as far as possible
- Benefits:
 - More of a one club feeling
 - Mixing Ladies and Mens sections
 - Reduced workload (1 clubhouse)
- Choice between Birch Hill and Cantley Park

Consolidation of Adult Hockey

- Practicalities/risks



- Scheduling issues
 - 10 adult teams, scheduling leagues' hands, likely we will overspill at times
 - Can schedule up to 5 home games on 1 pitch with pb times: 10:30, 12:00, 13:30, 15:00, 16:30 – the early and late times not the best
 - May be difficult to find umpires for overspill matches
 - Also need to confirm training schedule - competing with other sports
- Need responsible volunteer to oversee the running of the Clubhouse
 - Even if we have a paid manager
 - Don't currently have anyone, willing and able to oversee Birch Hill
- Risk of burning bridges with one or other council
- Recognise that there may be emotional attachments to one or other venue
 - Particularly for longstanding members of Bracknell HC, Wokingham HC
- Could result in some members may switch to a club closer to home

Facilities – Longer Term



- Vision remains a two pitch venue
- We have had preliminary discussions with Wellington College
 - Not an option for Adults for next season
 - Different model / shared facilities (catering, changing)
- We'd also be interested if Wokingham / Bracknell council are willing to consider additional pitch

Facilities – Next Steps

- The new Management Committee needs to decide soon whether to consolidate adult hockey for 19/20 and where
 - Would like input from members
 - The survey and the AGM is the start
- Do you think we should consolidate?
- For the longer term: A further discussion with Wellington College is planned next week

Accounts



- Audited Accounts to be presented to Management Committee by end of July
- Approved by members in September



Pitchero

Communications

Season objectives

1. Bridge the gap between the committee and its members
2. Increase frequency
3. Improve delivery
4. Raise adoption rate of Pitchero





Election of Officers / Next Meeting

Election of officers



- Chair (Ian Wilson) – standing down
 - Nomination: David Badger
- Vice Chair (Ben Dudley)
 - Willing to continue if no other nominations
- Treasurer (David Murray)
 - Willing to continue if no other nominations
- Secretary (Robbie Campion)
 - Willing to continue if no other nominations
- Welfare Officer (Jess Morgan) – standing down
 - Nomination: Mary King
- Playing Section Captain (Mary King) – standing down
 - Nomination: David Badger (see next slide)

Proposed change to MC structure



- Simplified structure to bring playing section and management closer together
- Six “permanent” posts
 - Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Juniors, Ladies, Men
 - Flexibility for MC to appoint other roles according to what is required and what people can offer
- A proposal to change the constitution to go to EGM 31st August
 - Will be circulated well in advance

Volunteers needed



- Improving Communication
- Improving website
- Recruitment of new adult members
- Sponsorship

Next Meeting



- Plan to hold a EGM on the Club Open Day
 - Saturday 31st August
- Agenda to include
 - Playing Section plans for 2019/20
 - Captains, Coaches, etc.
 - Subs and Fees for 2019/20
 - Presentation of the Accounts
 - Revisions to Constitution
- No date yet for next AGM



Questions

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