



## MEETING REPORT

MEETING	Annual General Meeting
LOCATION	Keynsham Scout Hut
DATE	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2016
PRESENT	Katherine Janes, Richard May, James Clarke, Debbie Weids, Charlene Fleck, Will Harris, Andy Tymkow, Tim Sears, Sarah Clifford, Kelly Evans, James Evans, Louise Bale, Dionne Dickens, Cara Williams, Tom Cole, Danny Voisey, Claire Jones, Gemma Winsely, Heather Pillinger, Becky Cottrell, Jessica Murray, Rose Side, Christine Chubb, Elissa Britton, James Collins, Charlotte Foley, Kelly Pressy, Amanda Haskins, Grace Clarke, Ellie Martin & Will Harrison.
APPOLOGIES	Karen Tape, Trudy Gale, Tim Cummins, Liz Cummins, Kat Allen & Toby Weids

DISCUSSED	WHO
<p><b>ACTION POINTS:</b></p> <p><b>Meeting started at 2:00pm</b></p> <p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(See above)</li> </ul> <p><b>APPROVAL OF 2015 MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All approved by Heather Pillinger &amp; Seconded by Charlene Fleck.</li> <li>All action points have been completed: Second coach, mixed training, coach email set up, captains to chase IOUs and new subs envelope.</li> </ul> <p><b>CLUB REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair's Report - Katherine Janes (See Appendix)</li> <li>Treasurer's Report - James Clarke (See Appendix)</li> <li>Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report- Becky Cottrell (See Appendix)</li> <li>Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Report - Toby Weids but read by Danny Voisey (See Appendix)</li> <li>Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report - Claire Jones (See Appendix)</li> <li>Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Report - Tom Cole (See Appendix)</li> <li>Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Report - Charlene Fleck (See Appendix)</li> <li>Mixed Team Report - Jemima Murray read by Jess Murray (See Appendix)</li> </ul> <p><b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Chair - Katherine Janes</b> / Nominated by CF / Seconded by HP</li> <li><b>Vice Chair - Richard May</b> / Nominated by HP / Seconded by DW</li> <li><b>NEW ROLE to learn the chair roles etc. Joint Vice - Kelly Evans</b> / Nominated by JE / Seconded by RS</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Treasurer – James Clarke</b> / Nominated by CF / Seconded by WH</li> <li>• <b>Secretary – Vacant</b></li> <li>• <b>Finance Officer – Tim Cummins</b> / Nominated by TC / Seconded by KJ</li> <li>• <b>Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain – Vacant</b></li> <li>• <b>Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Vice Captain – Vacant</b></li> <li>• <b>Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Claire Jones</b> / Nominated by KT / Seconded by JE</li> <li>• <b>Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Vacant</b></li> <li>• <b>Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain – Kelly Pressy</b> Nominated by KP / Seconded by AH</li> <li>• <b>Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Grace Clarke</b> Nominated by KP / Seconded by AH</li> <li>• <b>Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain – Danny Voisey</b> / Nominated by WH / Seconded by JS</li> <li>• <b>Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Vice Captain – James Evans</b> / Nominated by JS / Seconded by TW</li> <li>• <b>Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Tom Cole</b> Nominated by DV / Seconded by JM</li> <li>• <b>Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Vice Captain – Andy Tymkow</b> Nominated by AT / Seconded by JE</li> <li>• <b>Mixed Team Captain– Jem Murray</b> / Nominated by TS / Seconded by DW</li> <li>• <b>Mixed Team Vice Captain – Will Harrison</b> / Nominated by JM / Seconded by JC</li> <li>• <b>Club Welfare Officers Male – James Evans</b> / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by TC</li> <li>• <b>Club Welfare Officer Female – Elissa Britton</b> / Nominated by EB / Seconded by TS</li> <li>• <b>Kit Officer – Will Harris</b> / Nominated by CF / Seconded by BC</li> <li>• <b>Media Officer –Ellie Martin</b> / Nominated by AH / Seconded by KP</li> <li>• <b>Social Secretaries – Kelly Evans/Elissa Britton</b> / Nominated by JE / Seconded by DW</li> <li>• <b>NEW Role Keynsham Hockey Academy Manager –Charlotte Foley &amp; Kelly Evans</b> / Nominated by KJ / Seconded by DW</li> <li>• KJ to outline the role of Keynsham Hockey Academy Manager and let them know the full extent of the role. KJ to also email out again all the vacant committee roles to the club.</li> </ul> <p><b>MEMBERS' PROPOSALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>COMMITTEE PROPOSALS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee propose the combination of match and annual membership fees. This will be an advantage from an admin prospective and ease the role of the captains as it will mean no longer collecting money or chasing IOU's. We have discussed at length the structure and received advice and guidance from others clubs who have introduced this.</li> <li>• We are in a good financial position – our source of income is the members so we want to give back to everyone in the club by reducing membership feed and abolishing match fees by moving everything to Fixtures Live and having one flat fee for all subscription types that include match fees.</li> <li>• Everyone would save money over year, and could play in instalments, Adult membership £180, Student (U18-U21) &amp; OAP £120, U18 £60 or casual membership £60 for blocks of 5 games.</li> <li>• This would be for the winter season.</li> <li>• Summer League stays separate. We will invoice players for just the games they play £5 per game. This invoice will come half way through summer and again the end of summer.</li> <li>• Some members are concerned about casual memberships and whether it will mean some players do not play more than 5 games. However, it</li> </ul>	<p><b>KJ</b></p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>was discussed that we actually think it will increase commitment.</li> <li>We know we will be losing money but we have a surplus that is the member's money and this will buffer this. We will reassess this next year if the price needs to change.</li> <li>Still cheapest hockey club around and this may attract new members</li> <li>Committee was thanked by Tom Cole and the rest of the room for their work on this.</li> <li>TS suggests we use the surplus money to start indoor hockey. The idea is to fund indoor hockey stick and balls. TS to take to task to find out and set up teams etc. and a taster session?</li> <li>Yet to apply for Town Council grant. Indoor hockey use for that?</li> <li>Is there anything else we can use the money for? Training equipment bouncing reflex net – buy that instead? Goalie kit, academy kit, Thirds need goalie kit. However this does not benefit the whole club whereas reduced membership does.</li> <li>Umpires to be paid £7.50 per match and paid back in a lump sum twice a season.</li> <li>Vote moving to new subs system - unanimous</li> </ul>	<p><b>TS</b></p> <p><b>KJ</b></p>
<p><b>MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The survey was based on the 7 things England hockey says makes a good club.</li> <li>Leadership: 92% of members were happy with the leadership</li> <li>Ground: With the pitch the bulbs on floodlight are out. Mark at Wellsway is looking to replace them this half term. KJ to ask about sorting out the goals as are in bad condition. Had matches cancelled due to flooding. They needed to treat the algae. They are re doing the surface before the winter league starts. A lot is out of our control apart from make them aware of it.</li> <li>Facilities: KCC – last season we didn't pay for teas they paid for them (So we couldn't say anything about the quality etc.) but it isn't financially viable for them and we don't want them to be out of pocket...but we will have to budget for it in the future once we have our meeting with them. But it means we can have a say a bit more on what we want. We need to make KCC it more of a base and our home. Suggested that we have a casual drinks night? Social secretary to organise. We are going to have our own notice board there and maybe AT could make us our own cabinet.</li> <li>Training: Longer training session will be extra cost. We now have too many ladies to mix with the men and will put others off if we have all mixed session. The same amount of men came to the early as late sessions so going forward in the winter season we will do one half of the season with men on the early training time and the other half of the season with the ladies on early. As this is the fairest possible outcome. Otherwise training will be kept pretty much the same as the majority were happy with it. Suggested that every 4<sup>th</sup> week we have a 2 hour mixed training session. Members can dip in and out the 2 hour session and then end the night at the cricket club for a social. Also suggested to make this before mixed games to help recruitment but decided to have the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month if KJ can organise with KCC. First training back to have mini games and mixed tournament for all abilities.</li> <li>Wellsway have indoor hockey equipment to trial it. Indoor. Run indoor sessions as a social thing.</li> <li>Badger hockey – academy managers can look into it.</li> <li>KJ and JM have a grant to be coaches. TS and WH are also keen to do this. Prices are out now and so we are looking at Westport coaches. Charlotte is a level 1 coach.</li> <li>Sheridan coaches training may have changed to a Wednesday. She has been an amazing asset to the club. Ladies section in particular. Too many ladies just to have 1 coach. Their AGM today to decide so we</li> </ul>	<p><b>KJ</b></p> <p><b>Social Sec</b></p> <p><b>AT</b></p> <p><b>KJ</b></p> <p><b>Academy</b></p>

<p>may or may not have her. So then there may be a paid position in the club for coaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will decide as a committee if we offer her just a ladies session and save the club some money. If she continues the coaches need to communicate and organise their coaching.</li> <li>• Coaches could alternate each week then Andy could train as well. Possible. Sit down with the coaches.</li> <li>• KJ will forward some answers from the survey to the relevant members of the committee.</li> </ul>		<b>KJ</b>
<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprentice of Chair and Vice Chair not working. Kelly Evans suggested she would be vice to learn the role.</li> <li>• Katherine to stand down next year.</li> <li>• When minutes go out, job descriptions will also go out.</li> <li>• Debbie stepping down as Secretary.</li> <li>• Men's and ladies' captains will arrange them how should we organise friendlies? So are now responsible for organising their own friendlies.</li> <li>• Summer League info is now on the website</li> <li>• First Sunday before going back to school and academy festival where they don't train and just play but hire the pitch for a few hours.</li> <li>• Charlene available for mentoring or assessed every 3 years can do over summer league. Please contact her.</li> <li>• Face masks for short corners. Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team has been using them Avon Juniors. Large cost to £60 each. We have 2 already to use. Not sure we want to buy more yet.</li> <li>• Academy – Danny Voisey to use his contact to get in touch and organise games.</li> <li>• Event Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Mixed tournament annual memorial event.</li> <li>• Money easy fund raising. Have a tab on the internet and get a % back. On purchases. James to look into</li> <li>• Shed is shocking it needs to be sorted out. Kit manager to sort it out? Goal keepers, they organise their own kit. Need a kit clear out? All the goal keepers there for it, (only toby turned up). Buy a new kit for men and one for women. Need itintery first of what we need and will put it forward for the committee. Will and KJ will email out and arrange a day to get together and go through the shed.</li> <li>• Some manufacturers do sponsor goalies and kit? Discussed and not a high enough level.</li> </ul> <p><b>Meeting ended at 4:25pm</b></p>		<b>KJ</b>  <b>KJ</b>  <b>Umpires</b>  <b>DV</b>  <b>JC</b>  <b>WH &amp; KJ</b>
<p>END OF ACTION REPORT</p> <p>Prepared by: Debbie Weids</p>		

# **APPENDIX**

## **Chairman's Report Season 2015-16.**

Firstly thank you for attending today, so good to see so many of you here. It's crazy to think that Keynsham Hockey Club has, on paper, only been established for two years. I obviously appreciate the hard work of those before when we were Fry's but we really have made ourselves known as Keynsham Hockey Club, so much so that our new England Hockey rep emailed me only yesterday to say that she wants to meet us to learn from us! To learn how we encourage our younger players to choose hockey, how we have enticed players back after years of not playing and how we kept our current members happy and playing week in week out! That in itself tells me that we should be proud in what we have achieved.

Our efforts haven't gone unnoticed elsewhere either. We were proud to attend Sport England's Celebration of Sport evening at the beginning of the season and to receive the runner up award for "Sports Club of the Year" Although hard to see at the time due to disappointment of not taking home the first prize, just to be nominated in the first place was a great achievement.

I sat here last year saying how we were going to try some Back to Hockey sessions to encourage ladies in the area that hockey wasn't what they remembered from school and I could never have dreamt that it would have been as successful as it was. 17 ladies came along, with 16 of these now full league or training members! I have to say that these ladies have rejuvenated our ladies section, with their laughter, enthusiasm and determination to win and score that very important first goal. We have started these sessions again this season but in honestly is going to be tough to top that.

I mentioned at the presentation how strong our Academy was, with 65 members across the two schools. These members are now slowly starting to trickle into the senior game, in both the ladies and men's sections you will see them playing in the Summer League games, so please give them the support and guidance that they will need to develop their game and confidence. Our first Academy awards went down well, it was lovely to see the parents proudly standing on the side line watching their sons and daughters being rewarded for their hard work and dedication.

The Academy also had a special visit from GB Hockey Goalkeeper Kirsty Mackay, the youngsters gathered round her asking her questions, getting their sticks signed and taking selfies. They were all inspired by her and the advice she gave them, we are looking forward to seeing her and the rest of the ladies GB team in London next month when over 40 of the club's member are visiting the Olympic Park to watch them in the Championship Trophy.

There is a whole range of people that we owe a massive thank you to for their on-going work and endless hours volunteered. Our wonderful team of umpires is growing each season with Grace Clarke, James Evans, Charlotte Foley and Ellie Martin all now looking to complete their practical assessment, we welcome them and thank you them for volunteering. We have also welcomed Sheridan to our coaching team, along with Andy they have put together some excellent training sessions, for which the feedback from the players has been positive and reflected through the increased number of players seen on a Wednesday night.

The KHC committee works solidly each season to ensure your club runs smoothly, I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their commitment and dedication. A special mention to Kelly, Jess and Lissa, their hard work and organising has meant we have had social events throughout the season, from an amazing Halloween party to probably the best presentation evening we have had to date. Our captains have been exceptional this season, keeping motivation high even when the goal tally was not, we really do all appreciate the effort you guys put in each week to ensure our games go ahead.

I would like to thank James and Debbie for their "behind the scenes" work and a personal thanks to Rich, our vice Chair. Since being Chair Rich has always been my Vice, he has

kept me grounded at times when I thought we could take over the world of hockey and has always had the club's best interest at heart.

Playing hockey for Keynsham might mean different things to each of you, it might be to improve your fitness, get some fresh air after a long week at work or to improve your game. For me it's all of these but mainly it's about friendship, I have made lifelong friends in this club and one I have even agreed to spend the rest of my life with! I am truly grateful to Keynsham Hockey Club for being such a big part of my life and I thank you all for making it so great.

### **Keynsham Hockey Club**

#### **Accounts for the season ended 31 March 2016**

I am pleased to present the finance report for the Keynsham Hockey Club for the season and year end 31 March 2016.

Overall, it is pleasing to report that the club made a small surplus for the year of £2,956 and now has a cumulative surplus of funds of £7,799 to carry forward into next season.

Total income for the year was £22,807 which is slightly higher than last year and significantly ahead of the budget set for last year by £2,230. This reflects impact of moving to fixtures live for the collection of membership which appears to have been a real success as well as the expansion of the Junior academy to both Wellsway and Chew Valley School.

Membership continues to remain strong at 110 paying members resulting in an income of £7,172 which is an increase over the prior year of some £130 and reflects an average membership cost of £65 per member and the impact of the return to hockey campaign and the increase in female adult memberships.

The income of the club is significantly increased by the Junior Academy supported by Wesport at both Wellsway and Chew Valley schools and generated income of £3,886 including £2150 received from Wesport which will continue for the next 2 years. Over 51 children have attended the Academy programme many of who have attended all 4 terms over the year. Special thanks must go to Andy and Katherine in getting this programme set up and the success it has attracted. The ladies summer league also continues to be an important contributor to the club finances with income of £2,700 last year. Both these programmes support your hockey club and ensures that membership is as low as it possibly can be.

Match fees were slightly lower than the prior year which continues to reflect the impact of high numbers of junior player participating in the adult league which can only be good for the future of the club.

Total expenditure during the year was £19,851. The main element of cost will always be pitch hire and this totalled £11,132 which was less than the budget but reflected the revised costs from Sport Wellsway and how we have been utilising the pitch. Other key costs are coaching which this year reflected the fact we had a men's and ladies coach.

Other costs such as England Hockey registration and insurances rose modestly on the prior year at £1,044 and £1,160 respectively and I anticipate these will rise again in line with inflation next year.

Kit purchases continue to be a large cost to the club with a significant amount of goalie kit replacements this year. Again, thanks go to Will for organising this and ensuring we are getting the best prices as well as negotiating some volume rebate which again will help the club finances next year.

As the club continues to run at a small profit it is pleasing to report that the club can support attendance at events such as the Celebration of Sport run by Wesport as well as small donations of thanks or condolence to club members.

## **Budget 2016-17**

Proposed budget for the year assumes the following:

1. Membership fees remain as they were at £47 junior, £92 senior and £137 for family
2. Match fees remain at £7.5 for seniors and £5.5 for juniors
3. I have assumed 9 teams Keynsham playing in the ladies summer league at £330 each
4. England Hockey, insurance and pitch hire all increase by 5%
5. Spend on events and admin are £1000
6. Spend £1000 net on equipment
7. We continue to receive teas free of charge
8. Successful at claiming sponsorship from the Council at £500

This would bring in a small profit of £407 for the year although there is contingency included in the increased costs as well as net surplus funds in the back of £7,700.

### **Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captains Report:**

I think we were so unlucky in so many games this year so often losing by the odd fluke goal but we knew this season was always going to be a tricky one to follow up on bearing in mind how close we came to winning the league last year. I have to say though that I am so proud of the effort the boys put in throughout the season and I loved the fact that no one gave up even when we had a really tricky period in the middle of the season.

We also gained a couple of new faces in JC and Andy B who not only slotted straight into the side, in whatever position they were asked to play, but got thoroughly involved with the off field antics as well which was great to see given the various player losses to Uni, injury etc.

I'd like to thank the many 2nd team players who stepped up to help us out on many occasions, sometimes at a moment's notice, and who all played exceptionally well often in unfamiliar positions. I'd also like our coaches, umpires, KCC and anyone else who contributed in any way to enable us to play this season.

We actually finished 10th in a league of 12 with 6 wins, 3 draws and 13 losses scoring 41 goals and conceding 62 meaning we unfortunately will be starting next season in the league below. I'm sure though that if we show the same effort and determination we did throughout this season we will be able to bounce straight back up!

### **Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captains Report:**

It sounds a contradiction to say Keynsham Seconds have had a positive season despite ultimately being relegated but I cannot emphasise enough how happy and proud I am of the players individually and as a group.

The season began with a bare 11 with 4 players making their debut and James Stockall deputising in goal.

A tough start and a game that we ultimately lost, but a game which highlighted what the focus of the season had to be, namely giving new players and younger players a chance and really developing a team.

It was clear to me early on that although obviously we wanted to win games, this year would have a huge significance on how the seconds and indeed the Men's firsts would fare for the next 2 or 3 years, as we looked to build a team and squad again after being decimated by departures for university and players needing to work weekends.

Of those players making debuts in our first game Ed, Will Harrison, Jack and Greg all went on to feature for the first team. A great testament to their commitment to the club and to

improving and developing their game. It is also no fluke that those named were ever present at training this year.

As the season progressed we strived hard, trying to find a formation and positions that new players were comfortable and able to perform in. Again a testament to the effort and commitment of the team is just how many positions players have been asked to cover.

The performances began to come together however results remained poor. A lack of cutting edge in both D's the main problem. A further disruption to the season came with Andy Cranham having to undergo knee surgery leaving a goalkeeping vacancy. Again recruitment and youth were the answer with Joe Fletcher the Wellsway School keeper joining the team. Andy returned and Joe has since excelled on the pitch, whilst providing much needed back up as keeper.

We picked up a much deserved win in late November which lifted us as we headed toward the Christmas break.

After Christmas our performances were exceptional, it is the worst phrase in the world to have to utter on a Saturday evening but 'played really well but lost' started to become a catch phrase.

Those of you present who watched or umpired our matches can testify to the good hockey we were playing and how desperately close we were to picking up results in some matches. The lack of a natural striker and finisher being our downfall.

As the season progressed frozen pitches and rearranged games lead to a period of 4 games in 7 days, where we battled to a couple of draws before eventually succumbing to fatigue and injuries with Jack and myself both having trips to A&E. With 2 games to go relegation was confirmed, something none of us wanted but with a young team who are developing at a rate of knots we look forward to progressing over the summer and mounting promotion challenge next year.

I need to give credit a few people who have been exceptional this year. The younger players who have come in and shown such dedication and talent I have already highlighted however the squad still has at its core a group of experienced club players who have known many successful times with this club and the second team. I am hugely grateful that they chose to stick with it through this tough season and provide guidance and encouragement to the rest of the squad. To name a few, Dan Sawyer, Andy Tymkow, Mike Herring, Gareth Brown and Rich May. Thank you for your positivity and support this year. It's important to note also Mr Tymkow being top scorer despite playing defence all year!

I also need to thank members of the first team who played for us, encouraged, coached and supported us all through the year helping to bring the men's squad as a whole together in a way that hasn't been the case in recent seasons, but that will provide a the starting point as we both look to rebuild next season.

Everyone knows my attitude towards hockey and giving up your weekend is that it has to be fun otherwise what is the point? So my final thanks go to those club players who have been there week in week out having a laugh and enjoying their hockey. Turning up at all the events and all the football and other nonsense we try to do, so thank you to Mr James Collins, Sam Warren, Douglas Whiteside, Andy Cranham, Tay Jay and special mention to Greg Scullion who joined the club at the start of the season, new to the area and to the sport and has been a fantastic addition to the group on and off the pitch.

Finally I just would like to say that it's been a hell of a season and not the one any one planned for. But through the ups and downs everyone has stuck with it in such a positive way as to make it oddly enjoyable! You find out the best of people in the difficult times and next year we will put those skills to the test in a promotion challenge.

### **Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captains Report:**

After finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league last season I think it is fair to say the expectations for this season were fairly high. For many reasons things didn't turn out quite as successful as we had hoped and it hasn't been the easiest of seasons.

Although the in the end it was a lot tighter than I would have liked we have still had many great performances this season, including getting draws against Nailsea and Cheddar who went on to finish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our 11-1 win against Clevedon 2nds was our highest scoring game, in which Lisa scored 5 and Katherine got 4! Our away game against North Somerset although we didn't win; we managed to cut the goal difference by coming back from 5-0 down to lose 6-4. The last few games really stick in my mind where I feel we really pulled together as a team when the outlook wasn't great and managed to get a few results which eventually was enough to keep us up.

This season we played 18 won 4 drew 6 lost 8 scoring 43 goals. Our top goal scorer this year is Katherine with 11 goals, followed by Lisa with 9. Huge thanks goes to everyone who has played for the 1<sup>st</sup> team this season, for the efforts that you have all put in this season. I hope I haven't missed any one... Lissa, Katherine, Jess, Jem Murray, Karen, Kat, Sadie, Meg, India, Gem Winsley, Lisa, Claire Scott, Julie, Vix, Emily, Maddie, Gail, Mandy.

Special mentions go to Gem Winsley, our captains choice for being so flexible and understanding when it came to what team she played in, to those from other teams who have helped us out when needed including Maddie and Mandy, to those who came and watched our vital games towards the end of the season providing much needed encouragement from the side line and finally to Emily who came from the academy into the 1<sup>st</sup> team, scoring on her debut showing great potential.

I would like to thank a few more people, Lissa for being my Vice and offering support when needed and being the only 1<sup>st</sup> team player to play every game, Katherine for being a great chair and always being there to answer my questions, the rest of the captains, Jess, Claire, Charlene and Joyce for their support with selection, also to Andy and Sheridan for their coaching this season.

We all know that our games on a Saturday wouldn't be possible without umpires, so I would like to thank everyone who has umpired for us this season including Rich May, James Clarke, Claire Jones, Rose Side, Tim Sears.

This year hasn't been without its struggles but with a bit of luck and good fortune we survived the drop and look forward to improving on this in the next season.

### **Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captains Report:**

This season saw the ladies seconds newly promoted to Brunel division two, so a challenging time was ahead of us.

The season started with a varying squad and some, often, disappointing results having gone out short on occasions with only nine players.

On the running up to Christmas the team started to settle and had formed a good number of regular team members which in turn made some of our results start to reflect this. Unfortunately despite the team's best efforts once into the new year it wasn't to last and some of our matches went against us, critical outcomes proving to be detrimental to our position in the league.

Sadly by the end of the season after eighteen fixtures, including two friendlies, the ladies seconds were in the bottom two positions of the league thus meaning relegation back down to division three.

However, thanks to the intake of new players, through the back to hockey sessions last year that saw many of them progressing into higher teams, I am confident we will gain promotion again in 2017 back to Brunel two where we belong.

So in summary, we lost twelve, drew two and won four, conceding forty nine goals and scoring eighteen. Top goal scorer was Jess Murray with five closely followed by Rose Side with four.

My thanks first and foremost has to go to everyone who played for the women's 2nds this season. Their passion, commitment and dedication has been nothing short of superb during a very difficult season. I also thank Kelly Evans for her support when I had to step up to the captaincy.

Finally I would like to thank all the umpires who give up their time and sometimes their own matches for the good of the club.

Here's to a great 2016/17 season for all at Keynsham Hockey next year and for those playing see you on the pitch for Summer League.

### **Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captains Report:**

Firstly, we would like to thank Katherine and her committee for the relentless and sometimes unseen work they have carried out on our behalf all year round. We really owe a huge thank you to every one of you.

We would particularly like to make special mention of thanks to Katherine for her great leadership, constant help and support. She has been a truly brilliant chairperson and we sincerely hope she will continue to take Keynsham Hockey Club forward for another season.

We would like to thank all the umpires who not only gave up their time to facilitate our games but had to give up their own playing game on occasions to ensure we had umpire cover.

What a season the 3<sup>rd</sup> team have had! It has been an absolute pleasure to have captained, along with Joyce, this wonderful bunch of ladies.

We have decided not to dwell on the Won, Drawn & Lost facts as we mainly had losses which do not in any way reflect on the overall performance of the team. However, the couple of wins and draws we did have were well won/drawn and totally down to the amazing team spirit of the 3<sup>rd</sup> team ladies. It's fair to say our losses were nowhere near the "Rugby" scores of last season with only one or two goals in it! Having a full squad and quite often a full subs bench has proved very challenging but clearly helped and a huge improvement on going out with 8 or 9 players as we did last season! The players have been very supportive of each other and of the usual chopping and changing of positions we have imposed on them throughout the season. The back to hockey ladies and our new group of youngsters have brought an absolute breath of fresh air into the team. We are very proud of the progress they have all made. A special thanks to those players who have moved up and down between teams. To Grace for embracing our rather desperate appeal for her to umpire having never umpired a senior game before, well done. To Lou & Kelly for stepping in to run the team when Joyce and I went on holiday at the same time! To Lou when I had a few meltdowns on how to sub 5 extra players given we never fielded a whole squad last season let alone 5 subs, your calm sensible advice was really appreciated at 10 o'clock on a Friday night or 7 o'clock on a Saturday morning!!

Our scorers were:

Lou Bale 3, Katie-May Reuter 2, Rachel John 1, Trudy Gale 1, Lisa Terry 1, Amy Teal 1

Lastly I would like to thank my wonderful sidekick and truly amazing friend Joyce! No matter how many times we said to each other "remind me why we're doing this" we have loved (mostly) every minute of our captaincy, thanks to the amazing people we spend our Saturdays with!

Joyce has absolutely decided to retire from playing this year (although she will probably keep her kit in the car just in case!!) I'm sure you will all agree she has been a true legend for the best part of 30 years she has played at Fry's then Keynsham hockey club.

On a final note: Joyce and I would like to hope a couple of players from the 3rds are going to stand for captain and vice. If for whatever reason this does not happen and you are desperate!! We will stand as non-playing captain/vice this coming season.

### **Mixed Team Captains Report:**

As captain, I've enjoyed every minute of mixed. At the beginning of the season I was very nervous and wasn't too sure what I was doing but with encouragement of members of the club (Katherine, Jess, Voisey, Tom) and annoying Jess and Katherine with so many texts all the time so thank you to you all. We managed to get a team most weeks but many had to be cancelled unfortunately due to lack of players and weather. Of course the times when we had 14/15 player's matches were cancelled! But our last game was a great game to end on, 16 members of Keynsham hockey club turned up to play, some playing for the opposition and the sun was shining! In this match Tim Cummings managed to win dick of the day for the season, partly to do with his own goal to stop Lissa scoring at hat - trick against us!!!

Despite us getting our ass kicked most of the time, we all had a great laugh and there was always a positive vibe on the pitch which is what playing mixed hockey is about. It was so nice to see players helping one another and giving other team members advice and acknowledging their standards of play so everyone could enjoy it without being nervous. I think positiveness in the team has helped us succeed in gaining a few new players which will hopefully still be keen to play next season and hopefully grab a few more on the way! Thank you to everyone who made effort to play this season and give 100% on the pitch :)