



CHARD HOCKEY CLUB AGM

Date:	27 July 2021
Location:	AGM was online only on Zoom
Present:	Hannah McGown, Kyle Wheaton, Andy Swain, Anthony Millett, Harvey Denning, Kevin Mooney, Stephen Mahoney, Jade Dunning, EJ Hines, Sue Applegate, Amy Goss, Trevor Goss, Jim Sainsbury, Keri Oaten, Steve Dare, Julie Saxby, Kerry Mullis, Lyndsay Blackshaw, Ali Long, Katie Lee, Gareth Eggle, Tom Eames, Lois Butcher, Sasha Taylor, Ros Clemmans, James Spurdle, Jason Goddard,
Apologies:	Sheila Bland, Jonny Crease, Clare Clements, Alec Evans, Philippa Evans,

1. Minutes

- a. Read and Signed

2. Matters Arising

- a. Amendment to Subscriptions. Did not make a loss this year (albeit it is difficult to determine as we have not yet accounted for all costs with the summer training sessions taking over from the second part of season. Appeared to work well in practice – particularly in respect of new family memberships. There aren't any proposals for these to be amended for the upcoming season.
- b. Membership Forms – the electronic form saw the collection of far more forms than we would usually see from members over a season and from a personal perspective – was a much easier way to collate the data.
- c. Attendance at Training – for the juniors and ladies training has continued to be very successful in numbers. For the men, whilst improvement was definitely seen we do still need to increase numbers and we are still looking for coaching support.

3. President's Report

There is little I can say regarding the past season with so little hockey taking place but I am sure what did occur was enjoyed by all. The committee managed to keep the club operating in challenging circumstances and I thank them for that. Reorganisation of league and umpiring administration has only added to the difficulties facing the committee. Looking forward to a new and hopefully complete season I am sure we can put Covid behind us and in the words of some politician bloke "build back better".

Jim Sainsbury

4. Chairperson's Report

Let me start with my apologies. It has been a somewhat hectic last couple of months with a combination of COVID, SDLT reliefs and general client ends of year that has led to my working life taking over all of my spare time so I am less organised that I would usually be and far less organised than I would like to be for the AGM this evening.

It has been another difficult but still somewhat enjoyable season as Chair of Chard Hockey Club. COVID has again disrupted our season and left us with an abrupt finish to the season with our teams only being able to get in a handful of games and our training season being cut



short at Christmas. As such, there is little to comment on in terms of results and team performance and a reason why as a committee we decided not to proceed with season awards for this season. I sincerely hope that this is now the turning point in terms of disruption due to COVID and I can hopefully (touch wood) have a complete start-to-finish season as Chair of this club! I hope that all of our club members and their families are doing well in the current climate and also hope that nobody was badly affected by the recent flash flooding in Chard.

As always, there are a lot of thank yous to be made! I firstly wish to say thank you to all of our committee members for giving up their free time to help the smooth running of the club. I'd like to give a particular thanks to Ros and Sheila who are stepping down from the committee this season following a much appreciated long service to the club.

Whilst there haven't been so many matches to umpire I'd like to say thank you to our umpires who continue to give up their time to ensure that our games can be played. Particular thanks to Gary, Chris and Jim who continue to umpire despite not regularly (or ever) picking up the stick themselves. At this time I'd also like to request if there are any members who wish to take up their umpiring qualifications to please speak to me. We will be in desperate need of umpires this season.

Finally, I would like to thank our coaches who also kindly agreed to put in place coaching over the summer months to make up for the missed training after Christmas. Attendance numbers have been great for this so I can see it has been enjoyed by members and we have seen a really good influx of juniors into the senior training which is testament to the fantastic junior training programme that Andy runs. We will be running 'Pay and Play' over the month of August before commencing training as normal in September.

In addition to COVID commencing play it has also caused challenges in the provision of our Kit. Our kit supplier Silver FX has entered liquidation as a result of COVID implications on its sourcing of supplies and orders. I am aware that there are several members who have outstanding orders, including myself. Whilst we will be reviewing this internally within committee I would ask that these members review their options in terms of registering as a creditor to see whether they are able to recover some monies through the liquidation purposes. As a club we cannot give advice on this but the Government have some really helpful guidance and support sections in place. Lois is currently in the process of co-ordinating with a new kit supplier and we hope to have details in place soon.

With sad news I must also announce that the Bell and Crown is closing its doors and will soon be a children's nursery. As such we are reviewing our options for the provision of teas after matches. If anyone has any ideas for the same please do let me know. I am currently in discussions with the cricket club as an option.

We will see a lot of change in playing next season with a brand new structure introduced into the men's side. This does see our men's 1st XI dropping into the same league as our 2nd XI following a restructure by England Hockey and I therefore am hopeful for a promotion for the team this season.

Finally, to end on a positive, for the first time in my duration as a senior player for the club we have introduced a second league Saturday team for the ladies. I am really looking forward to seeing how this helps strengthen the ladies sides and wish them all the best for their first season in Sedgemoor 2.

Thanks all

Hannah McGown

5. Treasurer's Report

Please see profit and loss account which accompanies these minutes.



As you will see from the accounts, the club made a profit of just over £3k for the 2020/21 season. This is mainly due to a large percentage of members paying their subs in September and October 2020, before the 2nd and 3rd lockdowns began thus preventing the 2020/21 season continuing, I would like to personally say a big thank you to those members.

As it is not the intention of the club to make profit, the club has invested this profit into providing training sessions to paid up members in June and July 2021 which, based on high levels of attendance, would appear to have been welcomed by many.

Looking forward to the upcoming season, with costs ever increasing, the prompt payment of subs and match fees remains paramount. Unfortunately, too frequently I observe players "forgetting" match fees and whilst the captains/vice captains do their best to keep track of who owes what, they also have many other tasks and responsibilities and therefore naturally payments get missed. It is the clubs desire to keep fees as affordable as possible and therefore we all have our part to play. To put it into perspective, currently a home game costs a minimum of £80, which is before we pay for any league fees, insurance and England Hockey affiliation!

Please may I ask every single member of the club to support the club by not only paying subs promptly and bringing match fees to every game, but also by encouraging team mates to do the same.

Lyndsay Blackshaw

6. Captain's Reports

a. Men's 1st XI

Coming off the back of a reasonably difficult but positive season, the team were keen and excited to get back to it. After a team reshuffle, losing a few players and gaining some youthful members (thanks to working with the 2nds and 3rds) the season was set to be challenging.

As expected, the first few games proved hard work. Some good individual performances meant that goals were scored but the lack of team work that only comes from playing together regularly cost us victories.

As the season progressed, the team work began to come together. Having a regular group of players and being well stoked with substitutes, our performances improved. Creating impressive passages of play and implementing a 'sensible hockey, keep possession' tactic yielded positive results.

We were slowly creeping up the league table, undoing our slow start, when COVID-19 put an end to our run. We ended the season early in 4th position. The team worked extremely hard and are very positive going into the new 'post COVID' year of hockey.

b. Ladies 1st XI

There really is very little to say about the 2020/2021 season as we have not been able to have any sort of season to report of.

Chard Ladies First Team only managed to play three games. The first we lost 3.0 to ECVH, the second we lost 6.0 to an impressive Exe 3's and the last we won 5.1 to Exe 4's. Just as we were getting into our stride the season was curtailed by Covid19.

We will lose a lot of players this summer to University, as always happens at the club. However, the attendance at ladies training continues to be extremely positive and the with the introduction of the second ladies Saturday team I am confident we will be able to field a strong squad each week next season.



Lyndsay and I would like to thank Spud and Kyle for their support at training and on the sideline. We would also like to extend a thank you to the umpires who (hopefully) will continue to give up their time to rain or shine, to ensure we can play a game of hockey.

Fingers crossed we will have a full season in 2021/2022!

Amy Goss

c. Men's 2nd XI

Tom had not had opportunity to prepare a report for the season but would circulate a note following the AGM.

Tom did comment that playing within the men had become political but that this season communication between all three teams had really started to improve this season and that the men's sides were making real improvements on this before COVID 19 struck.

This was positive going forward into the upcoming season.

Tom Eames

d. Ladies 2nd XI (Ladies Sunday)

COVID-19 had other ideas about the 2020/2021 hockey season and so we were only able to play two games before we went into another national lockdown.

Both games were against Weymouth, the first was away where Chard won 4-1. The second game Weymouth travelled to us, and unfortunately we lost 2-0. Weymouth scored their two goals in the first 5/10 minutes, and for the rest of the game was a tough battle for both teams.

Just as our players were starting to settle into the season and their positions it was cut short. Following on from what Lyndsay and Amy have said, the attendance at ladies training has been amazing which means the club has been able to introduce a second ladies Saturday team, where a lot of the Sunday players will be stepping up to play in that league.

Julie and I will continue to be captain and vice captain for this new Saturday team, and we hope this provides clear links and progression opportunities for the club. The Sundays would like to say a big thank you to Spud and Kyle for all their support at training and for specific advice on player positioning and substitution order. This was an area we felt we had the most improvement in those two games. I'd also like to say a big thank you to Hannah, Lyndsay and Amy who have given me plenty words of wisdom and helped me in my new role as captain. I hope we are able to play a full season in 2021/2022, and make an impact in our new league.

Keri Oaten

e. Men's 3rd XI

A collaborative report from the Men's 3rd XI was given which really emphasised the impressive influx of youth into the team:

Steve Dare – the one game that he did play, new bunch of young lads that have come through the youth system were brilliant. You could see that they'd been playing



together for a number of years and they fitted in brilliant/stepped up into the men's team and Steve would take his hat off. We have coming through the youth system that will blossom in the third team who will hopefully move their way through the club.

Andy – very pleased with the new youngsters coming through. First game Andy had reservations but couldn't fault the team and their work rate and performance. Again had really good performance from the youngsters. There are also a lot of young players pushing through.

Trevor – Confirmed the team had four games – two wins, two defeats. Trevor though Andy too modest to mention, but Andy was top goal scorer this season.

f. Juniors

Managed to fit in a tournament with Bruton for U10s and U12s – did really well and lots of parents watching which was encouraging.

Lots of numbers.

Five weeks – had about 70 boys and girls there for the two hour session – really encouraging. More people asking to join as well.

Set up a new tournament and looks as though there will be two tournaments a month to help with coaching volunteering numbers. Each side will have 4 tournaments a year before the County tournaments. New tournament grouping structure to reduce timings on tournaments as well.

Big thank you to all coaches who come along to help.

Volunteers needed for age groups.

7. Proposed Amendment to Constitution to allow AGMS to take place up until the end of August

Given the uncertainty of the season and that we have had to carry out the last two AGMS outside of the rules of the constitution due to COVID uncertainties, Hannah McGown submitted a proposal for the amendment to the club constitution to allow AGMs to take place up until the end of August.

Proposed by Hannah McGown

Seconded by Andy Swain

Vote – Passed by majority vote

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Election of Officers



POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
President	Jim Sainsbury	Hannah McGown	Trevor Goss
Chair	Hannah McGown	Amy Goss	Andy Swain
Vice Chair	Ben Larcombe	Hannah McGown	Jim Sainsbury
Secretary	EJ Hines	Andy Swain	Lyndsay Blackshaw
Minutes Secretary	Amy Goss	EJ Hines	Trevor Goss
Public Relations/Press	Steve Mahoney	Hannah McGown	Tony Millett
Website	Hannah McGown Lois Butcher	Steve Mahoney	EJ Hines
Treasurer	Lyndsay Blackshaw	Andy Swain	James Spurdle
Junior Development	Andy Swain	Hannah McGown	Lyndsay Blackshaw
Welfare Officer	Trevor Goss	Andy Swain	Amy Goss
Social Secretary	Sasha Taylor	EJ Hines	Kyle Wheaton
Umpires	TBC		
Fixtures Secretary (Ladies)	Now redundant – captains to be responsible		
Corporate VPS	Lois Butcher	EJ Hines	Steve Mahoney
Captain - Men's 1s	Jonny Crease	Tony Millett	Lyndsay Blackshaw
Vice – Men's 1s	TBC		
Captain – Men's 2s	TBC		
Vice – Men's 2s	TBC		
Captain – Men's 3s	TBC		
Vice – Men's 3s	TBC		
Captain – Ladies 1s	Lyndsay Blackshaw Amy Goss	EJ Hines	Jade Dunning
Vice – Ladies 1s	Hannah McGown	Lyndsay Blackshaw	Amy Goss
Captain – Ladies 2s	Keri Oaten	Sue Applegate	Andy Swain
Vice – Ladies 2s	Julie Saxby	Sue Applegate	Keri Oaten
Captain – Ladies Sun	TBC		
Vice – Ladies Sunday	TBC		

Co-Opted Members of the committee – Anthony Millett

All committee members appointed by majority vote.



10. Date for Next Meeting

Tuesday 10 August 2021.

Meeting closed at 20.16 PM

Profit and Loss

Chard Hockey Club

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	2021	2020
Turnover		
Back to hockey	-	581.00
Christmas match fees	-	58.00
Donations and other charitable receipts	-	1,019.00
Juniors match fees	177.00	528.00
Ladies 1s match fees	259.00	1,178.00
Ladies 2s match fees	283.00	1,055.00
Membership subscriptions	9,420.00	10,008.00
Mens 1s match fees	356.00	1,582.00
Mens 2s match fees	225.00	1,905.00
Mens 3s match fees	211.00	1,277.00
Other match fees	389.75	65.00
Presentation night	-	520.00
Quiz night	-	193.00
Raffles	-	132.00
Sponsors	-	260.00
Summer league match fees	-	305.00
Sundry income	-	65.00
Total Turnover	11,320.75	20,731.00
Cost of Sales		
Coaching fees	500.00	1,270.00
Courses and training	30.00	138.00
EH affiliation fee	934.57	935.00
Entry fees	-	500.00
Equipment	256.73	1,760.00
Insurance	725.00	721.00
League fees	140.00	728.00
Pitch hire	4,808.00	15,520.00
Presentation night costs	-	440.00
Trophies	-	121.00
Umpire fees	67.50	-
Total Cost of Sales	7,461.80	22,133.00
Gross Profit	3,858.95	(1,402.00)
Administrative Costs		
Cleaning	115.00	-
Depreciation Expense	175.00	175.00
General Expenses	17.00	-
Printing, postage and stationery	-	230.85
Website costs	330.00	244.00
Xero fees	12.00	-

Profit and Loss

	2021	2020
Zettle fees	32.05	50.00
Total Administrative Costs	681.05	699.85
Operating Profit	3,177.90	(2,101.85)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	3,177.90	(2,101.85)
Profit after Taxation	3,177.90	(2,101.85)