



IHC AGM Friday 28th June 2013

1. Welcome and apologies

CG reported that there were no minutes of the previous meeting. CG asked if anyone knew of the whereabouts of the minutes, if they did to forward them to CG.

CG asked if all were still in acceptance of no minutes and the meeting continuing. All were in acceptance of the meeting proceeding.

CG gave a welcome speech:

'Welcome to the AGM of the Hockey Section, it is good to see so many people here supporting and interested in our sport and club.

Apologies were received before the meeting from:

Mark Wrinch; Shyam Patel; Steve Askins; Roisin Anderson-Hurst; Niki Doig; Kristy Moore; Esme Barber; Abi Elsom; Alice Youngman; Marc Stacpoole; Jasper Mayhew; Marly Jones; Dan Overett; Sam Beveridge; Ariane Hanman, Fiona Lane

Minutes of last AGM

• I am sorry to have to report that no minutes of the previous meeting can be found from last year's meeting. I propose that when or if they come to light they will be shown as an additional item on next year's A.G.M. Agenda for approval.

• Therefore, I ask the approval of this year's meeting to the proposed action.'

2. Chairman's Report - CG

Having been involved with organising and managing hockey over the last seven years I have held a number of roles including Women's 2nd team Captain, Club Captain, and Vice Chair. This season I had the honour of taking on the Chair for the first time in the New Year. In that respect, I address you as your Acting Chair and you will have the opportunity to vote me down later in the meeting!

It has been another successful year for adult and junior teams alike on the pitch. There have been a few disappointments along the way, but on balance we finish on the up and look to the new season with an expanding Men's section with 4th team reformed for this season, ever developing Juniors, and Women pushing for top flight at the National level once more.

Seniors

- Aside from the usual challenges of the hockey season, this year has been beset with problems due to the extended period of snow and bad weather
- Special thanks to the Captains, Kat Wrinch (Fixtures Secretary), Vanessa Allen (Club Captain), Debbie Charles (Umpire Liaison Officer), who worked so hard to get all the games rearranged
- Debbie is standing down as ULO and we thank her for all the hard work this year.

- W1 National League East Conference 3rd, qualified through to the promotion weekend of National Indoor Div 2 which was then delayed to the end of 2013 due to snow
- W2 East Division 1 (North) 1st Champions and promoted to East Prem
- W3 East Division 1 (North) 12th Relegated to East Div 2 Central
- W4 Suffolk Premier 4th

- W5 Suffolk Division 1 4th
- M1 East Premier A 11th Relegated to East Prem B
- M2 East Division 3 (North East) 2nd Promoted to East Div 2 NE
- M3 East Division 6 (North East) 1st Champions and promoted to Div 5 NE
- Happy to announce the reformation of Men's 4th team, who enter East Div 7NE
- Men's O40 and O50 again entered the England Hockey National Cup

Juniors

- Thanks to:
 - Mariette Rix for all her efforts as Head of Juniors over the last season, she has decided to step down, and we are grateful for her energy and dedication to the Juniors at the club. Mariette will continue to coach juniors and adults alike in different roles next season
 - Ian Driver for continuing to volunteer his time to coach, taking the U16 Girls to both Indoor and Outdoor National Finals, as well a number of other coaching roles during the year
 - Helen Davies and Debbie Charles for their work as Managers of the U16s girls and boys
 - To all the managers and organisers, including Liza Bueno de Mesquita, Tracey Baldwin, and Niki Doig, and all the parents who have helped and supported this season.
- Girl's U16 – National Outdoor Club Finalists
- Girl's U16 – National Indoor Club Finalists
- Boy's U16 – National Indoor Club Finalists
- Boy's U12 – National Outdoor Club Finalists
- England U21 – Hannah Martin, Fran Tew (and Faye Curran, was W1, left to go to uni this year)
- England U18 – Fran Tew, Kitty McWhirter, Clare Poole
- England U16 – Sophie Sunderland, Sophie Hart

Future of the Section

Off the pitch there has been a lot of work done exploring potential options for the future of the Hockey Section. The condition of the two artificial pitches has been an area of concern for several seasons. The deterioration due to their age needs to be addressed in any immediate plans going forward. New regulations for the quality of facilities required to play National League and top flight regional hockey gives us a period of only a couple more seasons before we will no longer have an asset suitable for our top teams. The potential cost of replacement is significant; previous efforts to address this issue have been well documented but have failed to deliver results.

Discussions have continued with Ipswich School who acquired the Rushmere Sports Club site last year and laid a top quality new pitch which is now being played on. They received planning permission for two more top quality pitches last Thursday and we continue to explore the option for the Women's 1st team to play on the new surface as an interim measure.

There has been interest from a sponsor in securing the site at Tuddenham Road for hockey going forward. Discussion on this has been slow in recent weeks but remains an area for potential discussion going forward.

There is an ongoing conversation with Council about ways of working in the coming season as Hockey continues to be a principle sport of Ipswich Sports Club.

All those who attended the ISC AGM last Wednesday will know there are many people keen to be involved in supporting and shaping the future of the Hockey Section. This is extremely pleasing to those dedicated volunteers who have given so much of their time over the last few years. With a range of options to be considered for the future the time is right to invest effort in defining and exploring each of them in order to

make the right decisions going forward. It is for this purpose that a Hockey Working Party was proposed and accepted at the ISC AGM. I am very happy to say Claire Webb and Judy Wright have agreed to Chair this group and they will briefly speak on this subject at the end of the meeting.

We have much to put in place before the start of the league season and your Committee will be working hard over the next 8 weeks to confirm coaches, training times, and pre-season arrangements. Thank you for your attendance and good luck for the coming season!

CG gave thanks to all the managers and organisers who give a lot of time to the club. Thanks also the parents for giving up their time.

CG asked if there were any questions on the playing aspect of the club - no questions asked.

CG gave her thanks to all.

EM gave thanks to CG for stepping in half way through a very tricky season.

3. Election of club officers

Position	Name	Committee Post (*)	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Claire Gould	*		
Vice Chairman	Vanessa Allen	*	Lizzy Aldous	Donna Mills
Secretary	Ellen Turner	*	Mariette Rix	Sarah Daley
Finance Manager	Pete Glading	*	Lucy Southgate	Claire Gould
PR & Comms Manager	Emma Millar	*	Donna Mills	Simon Cass
Umpire Coordinator		*	Lizzy Aldous	Kat Wrinch
Women's Club Captain	Kat Wrinch	*		
Women's fixture manager		*	Simon Cass	Vanessa Allen
Women's 1 st XI captain	Emma Millar		Claire Gould	Kat Wrinch
Women's 2 nd XI captain	Ariane Hanman		Lucy Southgate	Sarah Daley
Women's 3 rd XI captain	Fiona Lane		Mariette Rix	Lizzy Aldous
Women's 4 th XI Captain				
Women's 5 th XI Captain	Nat Bass			
Men's Club Captain	Mark Wrinch	*	Lizzy Aldous	Mariette Rix
Men's Fixture Manager		*	Pete Glading	Kat Wrinch
Men's 1 st XI Captain	Shaym Patel	* (co-opted)	Ed Driver	Simon Cass
Men's 2 nd XI Captain	TBC after meeting on 02.07.13			
Men's 3 rd XI Captain				
Men's 4 th XI Captain				
Men's Vets O40 Captain	Andy Swindon		Andy Cook	Ed Driver
Men's Vets O50 Captain	Pete Glading / Howard Walker TBC			
Junior Coordinator	Helen Davies	*	Pete Glading	Donna Mills
Junior Coordinator	Ed Downie	*	Pete Glading	Donna Mills
Junior Coordinator	Iain Bott	*	Pete Glading	Donna Mills
Disciplinary Manager	Ariane Hanman	* (only as required)	Mariette Rix	Kat Wrinch
Kit Manager				
Social Secretary	Sub-Committee Names TBC			
Women's 1 st XI Manager / Chair of Suffolk HA	Donna Mills	* (co-opted)		
Women's 1 st XI coach	Sandie Lister			
Women's 2 nd XI Coach	Sam Beveridge			
Women's 3 rd XI Coach	Mariette Rix			
Men's 1 st XI Coach	David Hacker			
Men's 2 nd XI Coach	Andy Swindon			

Men's 3 rd XI Coach				
Men's 4 th XI Coach				

4. Membership Fees 2013 – 14

I am very pleased to announce only a small inflationary rise in hockey only membership fees has been approved by Council; Hockey only fees from 1st September are Adult £180, U16 £165 and U12 £114

KW asked if the Ipswich school rate was still. Andy Yorke said that this would still exist, but possibly at a slightly different rate. Members will know within the next couple of weeks.

5. AOB

Hockey working group

CG handed over to Claire Webb to discuss the hockey working group.

At the AGM there were a number of questions about the future of TR. The outcome of the discussions at the sports club AGM was that we would set up a working party to looking at the options for hockey in the future.

Various meetings have happened, but nothing has been concluded. The working party would like to be open with all about meetings held. Terms of reference have been drawn up for the working party. Claire Webb and Judy Wright have been elected to sit on the sports club council for the life of the working group. Alistair Livingstone has also offered to stand on the working group. A maximum of 7 people to be on the working group, ideally an additional 2 men from the men's section. The life of the working party to be a maximum of 6 months.

The working party would like to seek approval from the sports club for any decisions made. Minutes will be accessible by all on the website. Members will be asked for their opinions and ideas. The working party would like it to be a very open process. They want to see hockey progress in the future.

At present, there is no agenda or conclusions as to what the outcome will be.

Three areas to address:

- Facilities
- How the hockey sections sits in the sports club, and how this could be improved
- Funding

Membership this year has got to sustain. Positive that the men's section have got another team which is good. Judy encouraged members to get others to join the club.

This is a critical period. Seething needs to be done quickly at TR as it is in a very dilapidated state.

CG thanked Claire and Judy in advance for their work.

Umpires

CG handed over to Vanessa to speak on this point.

IHC currently have 9 adult teams to support on a weekly basis. We have to supply 5 umpires per week, plus a possible extra 3. We need more umpires in our club. 2 clubs have hosted their own course - spaces in Haverhill next month. CG is going on this course. KW offered to go on the course, but said she didn't have much time. SD may be interested.

Action: Dates to be sent out via CG/Pascale.

Mariette Rix suggested that each team provided one volunteer from their team to be trained as an umpire.

Action to club captains - to ask people within the club to get involved with umpiring and possibly run an umpiring course at Ipswich Sports Club. Dave will charge £120 for his time, plus £10 per person for course materials. It would be a good message to get out that Ipswich Hockey Club are dedicated to their umpiring.

Chaperoning - should be 18 or older. If under 18, still have to have a level 1 umpire on the side of the pitch anyway. Level one can still be achieved at age 13,14 or 15 and they can umpire in the youth games.

Club Day

Committee discussed the 7th/8th September as this is the National Club Day, but also a Women's 1st XI preseason tournament. General consensus was to have it the weekend before (31st August) so that the ladies 1st team can be there.

It was decided that Saturday 31st August was the best date to go for. A suggestion of having a bouncy castle for the children would be good.

Action: Ant has offered to help organise it. Jeremy has offered to help. CG to liaise with volunteers about organising Club Day.