

Southend Hockey Club Annual General Meeting

17th May 2017

Attendance

Full committee attendance
20 members in attendance

Apologies for Absence

Val Ottaway
Sam Maddocks
Hannah Richards
Beth Gregory
Martin Allen
Cliff Lockwood
Ben Aldridge
Lee Styles
Michaela Dowley
Sarah Brooks
Steve Halliwell
Liane Iles
Gemma Fitzgerald
Rachel Crawhurst
Kristina Drake
Neil Utton
Mike Tetley

Reports

Reports were distributed to all members pre-meeting and on the night and are attached for ease of reference.

All attendees voted in the reports

Merger Update

Richard Hill gave an update on the latest merger discussions:

- Over the last year discussions had stalled
- Joint teams such as the vets had discussions

- Richard Hill and Meg Hawkins had initial chats with Tom Cawcutt and Kate Ferris from OSHC
- Both clubs agreed that discussions should be picked up again and that groups from both clubs (with a mixture of members) will meet every 6 weeks to talk through different views
- Updates will be posted on the website
- Members with any questions should approach someone within the group, being:
 - o Meg Hawkins
 - o Richard Hill
 - o Gail Swain
 - o Hayley Wren
 - o James Lockwood
 - o Ben Aldridge
- Richard Hill advised of the recent meeting with England Hockey and how they believe collaboration between clubs is important – bigger clubs tend to have more options with umpires etc.,

Club Development Update

Nicola Wells provided an update on the youth training and club development:

- There are now 15 regular attendees at youth training up from just a handful at the beginning
- More assistance with youth training (both coaching and organisation) would be appreciated
- Aim going forward is to create a stronger presence within primary schools and to promote the club
- Richard thanked Nicola and Mel for all their hard work

Annual Subs Deadline

- Ty advised that there are still a few outstanding members to pay subs and talked through payment options again
- If those members outstanding do not pay they will not be able to play

Overview of Accounts

- Ty advised that it had been a good year for the club, both the dinner dance and tour had contributed
- However, there had been considerable investment in youth training
- Income of £7K this year compared £8k last year with the outgoings being more than previous years
- Ty advised that there is £25k in the bank and that the committee will need to consider what this could be best invested in for the club over the next few years
- Kate Harding raised the issue of subs not being paid by the indoor teams

- It was raised that the men's team struggle to get a full team out and therefore the amount of revenue from indoor is minimal
- AP – New committee to discuss whether we propose to Essex indoor about dropping 1's to division 2
- It was suggested that the treasurer should be involved in team selection to ensure no members picked who have not paid subs

New Committee

Treasurer

Ty Barrett

Nominated: Andy Shute

Seconded: Rachel Garfirth

Men's Club Captain

Barry Puncher

Nominated: Meg Hawkins

Seconded: Mel Taylor-Lamb

Ladies Club Captain

Mel Taylor Lamb

Nominated: Zoe Harker-Smith

Seconded: Nicola Wells

Umpire Liaison

No volunteers

Fixtures Secretary

Jenny Gallot

Nominated: Richard Hill

Seconded Rachel Garfirth

Club Development Officer

Joint position- Andy Chute and Nicola Wells

Nominated: Ty Barret

Seconded: Keith Arnold

Press Officer

Tom Campbell

Nominated: Richard Hill

Seconded: Ty Barrett

Social Secretary

Sasha Cornell and Bobby Lockwood (when available)

Nominated: Harrison Marshall

Seconded: Zoe Harker-Smith

Club Secretary

Louise Wheatley

Nominated: Mel Taylor Lamb

Seconded: Meg Hawkins

Chairperson

No volunteers

Two positions remain unfilled currently – Keith Arnold would stand for Chairman if the umpire liaison role is filled. However, this requirement was not met and two positions still remain vacant.

President

Richard Hill was nominated as President by Kate Harding and accepted the position.

Team Captains

Men's 1s – James Lockwood

Men's 2s – was vacant but post meeting Keith Arnold agreed to take the position

Men's 3s – Jack Harding

Men's 4s – position empty due to uncertainty around the continuation of the 4s

Ladies 1s – Zoe Harker

Ladies 2s – Hayley Wren

Ladies 3s – Gail Swain

AOB

A discussion was had around whether the club should continue with the Men's 4s team as last season it was difficult to get out a team. A decision ideally needs to be made by 31st May as this is the deadline for entering the team. It was noted that a team could still be entered and then withdrawn but this would not be ideal.

The use of Tommy Moore was discussed and Ty advised that he had been trying to discuss with the school but was not receiving any responses. Kate Harding noted she may be able to assist with contact information.

A discussion around coaching was had and this was noted as an action point for the committee to consider how best to utilise the coaches for the entire club.

Consideration was also given to new kit and whether personal shirts could be included within subs rather than having team shirts. Further action point for the committee to consider. The committee will also look into buying additional spare socks for the club.

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