



Alton Hockey Club Annual General Meeting Friday 20th May, 7.30pm, Alton Rugby Club Minutes

Attendees: John Smith, Dave Harvey, Matt Steven, Gayle Moir, Vicky Small, Lawrence Jones, Andrew Stratford, Kevin Scowcroft, Forbes Hamilton, Martin Kercher, Nigel Downing, Robin Kemp, Pete Tynan, Charlie Johnson

Apologies: Jose Smith, Steff Millington, Joe Yeadon, Louise Yeadon, Grev Coomer, Richard Moffat, Ian Southgate, Gary Ward, Colin Gamble

Proxy yes votes to proposals: Grev Coomer, Ella Coomer, Alice Coomer, Jose Smith, Steff Millington, Louise Yeadon, Richard Moffat, Ian Southgate, Sophie Reading, Kat Gilbert, Naomi Jones, Jenny Rust, Seth Tynan, Joe Tynan, Katie Steven, Molly Steven, Henry Steven, Annabel Steven, Alexander Stratford, Liz Stratford, Isobel Stratford, Evie Hamilton, Evie Kercher, Jess Kercher,

MINUTES

President's Welcome - John Smith

John Smith opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Chairman's Remarks - Dave Harvey

It's been a really successful year in terms of player numbers especially in the Juniors section. The adult teams have had a mixed year but nevertheless we've had 3 men's teams, 2 ladies teams and a vets team.

We've had a very strong committee for which I'm very grateful. Thanks to Matt and Gayle as secretary and treasurer. Pete's done a fantastic job with juniors, Richard as social organiser and all the captains (Lozz, Vicky, Annie, Jo, Strats & Simon, Trimmer). We've also had a development committee working very hard on Push for a Pitch which is moving forward rapidly. We hope to have 2 Astros (maybe 3) in the town in the next few years which is great since the limiting factor for the club is pitch time. We have got a major fundraiser planned in September at Eggars.

The Juniors have been the outstanding this year. Under 10 and under 12 girls won regionals which was fantastic especially since no Hampshire club has ever won the Under 10's. The team's won 6 games to take the titles including beating teams from top National clubs.

Looking forward, we're changing the men's team structure to 4 teams all in Hampshire leagues and the vets will join these. Very exciting news is that we've appointed Soma Singh, who's an internationally renowned coach for next year which is going to attract players and also grow the club. This really reflects the aspirations of the club. Thanks to Matt who did all the negotiations. Final thanks are to all the parents who support the club in so many ways.

Treasurers Report - Matt Steven (*Excel document attached*)

Income

We've almost doubled income for juniors which is testament to the brilliant training that's been on offer. We've had over 100 kids every week and we're around £10k up on last year. Match fees are almost the same as last year. We need to ensure next year that junior match fees are collected and someone is designated to do this on the day. This year we used PayPal for membership for the first time. This costs an extra 2.5% but it does encourage people to pay and for next season we'll be able to take card payments too.

Outgoings

Pitch hire costs have increased because of the number of junior matches on a Sunday. Matt anticipates that this will rise again next year as Soma's going to run extra junior training, this will be affordable. Charlie asked for more information about how the club will be funding the increase in costs for next year. Matt responded the next year we'll be paying Soma Singh to run all men's and ladies coaching as well as development for juniors training. Soma also has ideas around developing the club e.g. Forming a partnership with Lord Wandsworth College which would help us boost our 14+yrs junior members and give them an opportunity they're looking for to have access to more hockey coaching. Matt's confident that the club has the funds.

Subscription Rates - Matt Steven

There will be no changes to next years subscription rates except that we're going to introduce a family subscription of £250 for any families with 1 adult + 1 child or more. Our subscription rates are very competitive. The closest club in price is Aldershot & Farnham, they're also our local rivals for players so we need to remain competitive with them.

Changes to the Constitution - Dave Harvey

Dave introduced the changes to the constitution (below) which were unanimously approved by 38 votes (including proxy votes)...

Current wording

2. THE AIMS

The aims of the Club are:

- a) To run teams at all levels; male, female, mixed and juniors.
- b) To further interest in the game in local schools and the Community.
- c) To carry out other such activities as the Executive Committee shall decide.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Any person may become a member of the Club either as a player or non-player (including umpires) on payment of the annual subscription as decided at each Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Executive Committee shall be empowered to reserve the right to suspend or refuse any persons membership at any time, with or without explanation.

Proposed new wording

2. THE AIMS

The main purposes of the club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of Hockey in Alton, Hampshire.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

- The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

- The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

Election of Officers - Dave Harvey

Dave thanked everyone again for all their efforts this year. Elections are below. All officers were elected unanimously by 38 votes (including proxy votes).

Closing Remarks - Dave Harvey

The next committee meeting is on Thursday 13th June at the Greyfriars at 8pm. We'll be discussing options for extra 'Back to Hockey' as well as cost model for junior membership.

Position	2015-16 post holder	2016-17 post holder	Proposed	Seconded
President	John Smith	John Smith	N/a	N/a
Chairman	Dave Harvey	Dave Harvey	Gayle Moir	Vicky Small
Treasurer	Matt Steven	Matt Steven	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
Secretary	Gayle Moir	Gayle Moir	Dave Harvey	Pete Tynan
Membership Secretary	Matt Steven	Matt Steven	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Junior Chairman	Pete Tynan	Pete Tynan	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Child Protection Officer	Gayle Moir	Gayle Moir	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Social Secretary	Richard Moffat	Richard Moffat	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Fixtures Secretary	Ian Southgate	Ian Southgate	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Publicity Officer	Victoria Small	Victoria Smail	Dave Harvey	Andrew Stratford
Director of Coaching	ADVERTISED POST	Soma Singh	Appointed	Appointed
Umpiring Officer	Lawrence Jones	Colin Gamble (tbc)	Dave	Kevin
Club discipline officer	Dave Harvey	Dave Harvey	Vicky	Pete
Sponsorship and Funding Officer	Beverley Nash	To go to Dev Committee	N/a	N/a
U16 Junior Team manager –Boys	Jo Ryan	Jo Ryan	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U16 Junior Team manager – Girls	N/a	Gary Ward	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U14 Junior Team manager –Boys	Gareth Morgan	Gareth Morgan	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U14 Junior Team manager – Girls	Grev Coomer	Grev Coomer	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U 12 Junior Team manager –Boys	Pete Tynan	Andrew Stratford	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U 12 Junior Team manager – Girls	Nick Godfrey	Nick Godfrey/Sig Watkins	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U10 Junior Team manager –Mixed	Sig Watkins	Martin Kercher/Richard Housley	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
U 8 Junior Team manager –Mixed	Andrew Stratford	Carolyn Orange/Forbes Hamilton	Dave Harvey	Matt Steven
Men's 1 st XI Captain	Lawrence Jones	Nigel Downing	Lozz Jones	Kevin Scowcroft
Men's 2 nd XI Captain	Simon Millard / Andrew Stratford	Simon Millard / Andrew Stratford	Dave Harvey	Vicky Small
Men's 3 rd XI Captain	Adrian Trim	Adrian Trim	Vicky Small	Matt Steven
Ladies 1 st XI Captain	Victoria Small	Jose Smith	Vicky Small	Gayle Moir
Ladies 2 nd XI Captain	Annie Carter	Annie Carter	Vicky Small	Lozz Jones
Men's 4th XI Captin		TBC	N/a	N/a

