



East Grinstead Hockey Club AGM

Thursday 26 July 2018 7.30pm

Attendees:

Donna Sadler, Shelagh Legg, Mark Hollis, David Thomson, Helen Prinsloo, Luke Leman, James Leman, Will Arthur, Simon Longhurst, Shelley O'Brien, Giles Dakin, Peter Malkin, Roger Hanspal, Owen Hill, Felix Cole, Chris Gregory

Apologies:

Kirstie Beedle, Steve Remfry, Adam Halpin, Lottie Gregory-Young, John Gregory-Young, Georgina Richards, Richard Leman, Jordan Torilla, Bob Garton, Jo Malkin, John Malkin

Approval of Last Year's Minutes

These were approved.

Matters Arising

None.

Chairman's Report

Chris Gregory presented his report. He started by stating that the club has 519 members, which qualifies it as one of England Hockey's Big 50. This has been bolstered by the additional men's team and Back to Hockey. There are 85 juniors on the waiting list.

The chairman outlined the recent strategy review meeting which culminated in the decision to continue to fully support both elite teams. Bob Garton is heading up the fundraising unit. It has been highlighted that the club needs to improve its profile. A 200 club is being established and this will be run by Felix Cole, who gave a summary of how this will operate. It is planned to commence in September. It is essential that the club taps into its members for help. Simon Longhurst expanded on how this should be developed.

The re-vamped website is up and running and input from members including match reports is needed to keep it current.

EGSC – Wave has now taken over the running of the facility. The recent issue with the split water tank, which has kept the water-based astro out of action, is being dealt with. A new company has been sourced and they are expected to commence repairs 1 August. A change to LED floodlights is being investigated.

Subs are going up by £5 across the board.

The chairman concluded by stressing the need to spread the workload. He thanked Mark and Siobhan Hollis, Shelley O'Brien, Helen Prinsloo, Donna Sadler, Shelagh Legg, Owen Hill, the team captains, managers, coaches, umpires, ball patrol organisers and all who have helped around the club.

Governance

Richard Leman has volunteered to chair a group to drive this and sent his apologies. The group also comprises Mark Hollis and Martyn Cremin. Due to diary pressures the group has not met yet.

Financial Reports

Steve Remfry sent his apologies as he was away. Highlights include that the men's section has made money, partly due to the addition of a second vets team. Men's expenditure on teas is more as they have more teams. Junior pitch hire has increased as they have booked the 3G pitch which is more expensive (this is due to it being funded privately, although the club does get a discount). Simon



Longhurst pointed out that the possible need to book external facilities needs to be carefully managed carefully in light of the club's relationships with local schools.

The sinking fund stood at £45k as at December 2017.

Simon Longhurst said that the men's and ladies' subs are shown including the sinking fund contribution but the juniors subs are shown net. He asks these are shown with the contribution henceforth for clarity.

Captain's Reports

Helen Prinsloo reported on the ladies' section. 5 teams were entered into the adult leagues. Performance was consistent but there were no promotions this season. The 1st team finished 3rd qualifying them for the play offs where they lost in the semi-final. In the EH cup they met Surbiton away (again)! Indoors – they could not replicate the previous season's victory. The 2s were in a new division and after a strong start, which saw them unbeaten in 9, availability after Christmas led to a mid table finish. In the Sussex cup they reached the semi-final and in the EH 2nd XI cup they made the final at Lea Valley but ultimately were disappointed with their performance on the day. The 3s enjoyed having Giles Dakin as coach and finished strongly to be 4th in Sussex premier. They went out in round 1 of the Sussex Vase. The 4s had lost a number of players to university but a number of youngsters had stepped up and they finished 10th to keep their place in the league. The Bluebirds finished 5th in their league with some good performances.

The U18s played in the EH cup and made the indoors finals. The U16s have some talent. They played in the Home Counties league and EH cup, winning the Home Counties. They did well indoors. The U14s finished 5th in the Home Counties but found Tier 1 in the EH cup a bit too strong. Helen thanked the coaches, managers, captains and umpires.

Will Arthur presented the men's report. The U14s and 16s had decent Mercian League performances and the U18s had a good cup run. The Badgers had lost many players who had moved up and consisted largely of U14s – they finished 4th. The Saints had switched to the London League which was a challenge but they will do it again. The Vets were winners of the London League. The 4s had a tough season, with many of the previous season's Badgers. They were relegated but players are progressing. The 3s had a tough season. The 2s showed promise but were relegated, though they had a good cup run. The 1s were encouraging, just missing out on the play offs. Indoors they were back to business and will now play in Croatia in February.

Election of Vice-presidents

The committee proposed that Mark Hollis, Siobhan Hollis, Helen Prinsloo and Anna Lewis-Martinez be added.

Simon Longhurst proposed the removal of Matt Jones and Ann Needle. This was seconded by Donna Sadler and voted 9 to 2 in favour.

The Vice-Presidents were then voted in.

Election of Officers

Position	Proposed	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman	Chris Gregory	Will Arthur	James Leman
Vice-Chair	Georgina Richards	Mark Hollis	Donna Sadler
Hon Secretary	Kirstie Beedle	Donna Sadler	Peter Malkin
Treasurer (men)	Steve Remfry	Continuing	
Treasurer (ladies)	Mark Hollis	Donna Sadler	Shelagh Legg
Men's Captain	Will Arthur	Continuing	
Ladies' Captain	Jo Malkin	Donna Sadler	Helen Prinsloo



Junior Chair	Adam Halpin	Owen Hill	Roger Hanspal
Fixture Secretary	Rachel Coleman	Continuing	
Membership Secretary	To be devolved		
Welfare Officer	Peter Malkin	Donna Sadler	James Leman
EH/Sussex Rep	David Thomson	Continuing	
Social	Lottie Gregory-Young	Will Arthur	Donna Sadler

Any Other Business

Owen Hill asked what control the club has over Wave in terms of funds from the council. Chris Gregory advised that EGSC decides on this. Owen also stated that he felt that service at the club had gone down hill since Wave had taken over. CG, while not defending Wave stated that they had been short staffed at the outset but they have been recruiting to address this. There is a User Agreement to sign.

Felix Cole mentioned that the 200 Club competition rules will need to be approved. Also, a decision is needed on the correct flow of funds.

Owen Hill mentioned that he wishes to step down from his role as club archivist in favour of a younger member, who has more current knowledge.

Owen Hill raised the question of a second pitch. CG stated that when the 3G is to be replaced, EGSC will consider a possible hybrid pitch to cover all bases. This issue is on the long-term wish list with the trustees. Felix Cole wondered whether it could replace the netball courts.

Chris Gregory advised that next Easter is the 70th anniversary of the Jacques Paloume Tournament and there is a group working on a marquee dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.