



East Grinstead Hockey Club AGM Thursday 25th June 2020

Attendees:

Mark Hollis, Paul Adams, Dave Thomson, Wes Jackson, Kirstie Beedle, Adam Halpin, Roger Hanspal, Donna Sadler, Jason Coleman, Rachel Coleman, Georgina Richards, Siobhan Hollis, Phillip Coote, Peter Malkin, Mary Booth, Alan Collinge, Shelley O'Brien, Bob Garton, Luke Leman, Ann Needle, Richard Leman, Chris Vallis-Wilson, Jordan Torilla, Oliver Harley, David Sumpter, Andy Portman, Rohit Nathaniel, Sandra Nathaniel, Dan Faulkner, Simon Faulkner, Tess Howard, Chloe Brown, Jimmy Leman, Guy Workman.

Apologies

Graeme Forsyth, Chris Gregory, Lottie Gregory – Young

Approval of Last Year's Minutes

These were approved.

Proposer – Georgina Richards

Seconded – Donna Sadler

Matters Arising

Constitution unclear around Vp's. No Non election criteria.

Anne Needle & Matt Jones reinstated.

Proposer - Adam Halpin

Seconded - Georgina Richards

Chairman's Report

Summary Well that was a season to be remembered unfortunately as much for the COVID pandemic as well as the hockey!! Despite further reductions in membership numbers we have maintained the number of senior teams playing on a Saturday with 4 Ladies teams and 6 Men's plus 2 Development teams. We have continued to see the progression of the Ladies 1s who secured the runners up place in the Premiership and with the play offs cancelled has seen them secure a place in Europe next season. Following a positive start from the Men's 1s the second half became a struggle and they finished a disappointing 7th. Elsewhere a strong season for the Men's section with 3 of the other sides achieving promotion whilst the Ladies 2s & 3s suffered from the lack of experience and overall reduction in playing age across the section. That said, there are a number of great younger players in both sections, so the future looks positive, particularly if we are able to achieve the membership growth we require in the young adults. Indoor both 1st teams made it to The Copper box again and hopes were high for the teams and the 300 travelling supporters, but



it was not to be this year. We certainly made the Arena blue and white and it would be great to replicate it both indoors and at Saint Hill next season. #Watchyour1's Our age group sides kept our indoor tradition going with both U18 boys & girls and the U16 girls reaching the National finals with the U18 boys lifting the trophy for the first time. In the juniors it is great to see the children and the coaches on a Sunday morning. Once again, we have seen our younger sides dominate the junior hockey scene in Sussex with increasing numbers of them moving forward to represent the Club in the England Hockey performance set up.

Governance

England Hockey have proposed a change of governance structure for hockey throughout England resulting in the removal local and Regional Associations. This motion was tabled for the EHB AGM but due to the virus this has been suspended. Having considered the matter and the proposed resolution the Committee have voted in favour of the change although EHB will need to address the proposed timescale in view of the potential impact by COVID19 on the coming season. In addition to the above changes are being discussed within the leadership team with regards to the possibility to utilize our Companies in a different way and bring them back within the direct control of the Committee. As such it is hoped that the Clubs governance can be resolved following the conclusion of these matters. There have been a couple of matters this year, including the election of VP's, which have led to discussions around the constitution and needing to take action based on its current structure. As a result of its wording these have proved to be challenging and have highlighted that the new constitution needs to be brought to a conclusion during the term of the next Committee. The Committee consists of a number of newer members and they continue to undertake the majority of works that are required across the club. Each Company (EGHC Elite and EGHC Academy) also require new independent directors in order to maintain their current status. As such, in addition to the day to day roles of volunteers helping to run the various teams across the club we are now seeking more people to support the committee members within their sub committees (Finance, admin, marketing & comms, playing, social and welfare). If you think you are able to help with some spare time or expertise in any of these areas please speak to the Committee members.

Web Site

As part of the review undertaken during the season a number of technical issues were identified with the website. This prohibited some of the changes that we wanted to undertake. Recently resolved, enhancements have just started to be loaded such as the revised membership system and shop. A general update is still required which requires input from all of us. We still need to keep the news current and ideally this review. We are asking captains and managers to submit a simple match report of their game, maybe with a photo. It doesn't need to be a long, but it will flesh out the scores so ably input by Dave Thompson. We also need to make more use of our Twitter and Facebook and other social media pages. The formation of a comms group to support this worked incredibly well in the first half of the



season but as the season progresses they still require input to ensure that we keep the members and wider hockey family up to date on our upcoming matches, the results and social events otherwise our communication drops off. Prior to the pandemic, relationships with Wave were good and had seen the development of a mutually beneficial relationship which was supported by a resolution to some of their recruitment issues at the club. As a result of the issues caused by the pandemic there will undoubtedly be changes around the operation of the clubhouse and our sport. At the time of writing this report I do not know what those changes will be or what their impact will be on how we can operate but they are hopeful that they will be able to re-open the club on the 6th July. On what basis this will be has still to be resolved and a working group from Wave, EGSC trustees and various club representatives is now in place to work through the issues that we all now face. These members form part of the TLC group and if you have any views throughout the year, please share these with the Committee so they can be shared across the group. Over the last two seasons we have been undertaking a significant capital project to replace and update our floodlights with a newer LED version. This was completed earlier in the year and should improve the issues we faced of inconsistent lighting on the pitch. We are grateful for the support of the Trustees with their fundraising efforts which enabled the Committee to confirm utilisation of sinking funds to complete the project. In total £45k was used of the fund and as part of that agreement Wave and EGSC will reimburse the sinking fund £3kpa each for the next 5 years and the club would need to raise additional funds of a similar amount in addition to the funds required to replace the pitch, when that time arises. The current balance of the sinking fund is now £23,231. We have further deposits to make before the end of this financial year and believe that this will be around £15k. The membership/booking system which was introduced last year is now fully operational and if you want to continue getting you discount at the bar and access to other onsite benefits members will need to go to Reception to get your photograph ID card.

Subs

Unfortunately, another delay in launching our membership last year did not help and a further drop in numbers across the whole range in our membership was seen. Membership has dropped by over 10% in the last few years and like other clubs a great deal of those are in our “young adult” age group. The lack of numbers in this age group is now being reflected in our efforts to attract new members so we have taken action to address this issue in the new season. With a revised membership structure incorporating new membership categories, no increase in subscriptions and various incentives we hope it will be attractive across the entire club and to the wider hockey family which we hope to attract. Ever mindful of the impact that COVID19 has had on the sport and our members we have also added the option to pay subscriptions over a 4-month period. This is the first proactive change we have seen for some years and further enhancements have already been discussed and will be seen as the club move forward into the new season. Thanks I have had fun. It has not always been easy, and I have enjoyed working alongside quite a few of you. We



are a great club when everyone pulls in the same direction and works for the benefit of the Club. Unfortunately, this is not always the case, but if you are to move forward it must be as one club. Can I thank team captains, team managers, coaches, and umpires for all their support in making the hockey happen. The ball patrol organizers and volunteers that helped on those Saturday's and Sunday's together with those that make of 1stXI games happen. The BBQ's are a great addition this year. It is regrettable that the Awards Dinner, Paloume and SWS tours, have all be postponed due to the pandemic. I know that the team organising the dinner are well advanced in its preparation and I am sure a suitable celebration of last season will be organised just as soon a practically possible. Hopefully we will soon be free of COVID19 restrictions so we can all enjoy the opportunity to socialise with each other as we would have done in May. Finally, my thanks go to the committee members and volunteers who I have worked with and alongside over the last 15 years. The club has changed significantly over that time and with a new structure proposed by England Hockey for the future, I now feel it is the right time to stand aside and let the next generation develop the strategy to clear the numerous hurdles which may be placed in their way. I have some great memories including hosting EHL and European indoor, promotion of the Ladies to the Premier league, indoor titles, numerous across the club.

Thank you for those and good luck in the future.

Mark Hollis

Chairman 21st June 20

Proposer - Adam Halpin

Seconded - Donna Sadler

Thanks

Richard Leman gave thanks to Mark Hollis for all his efforts over the last 15 years.

Mary Booth reiterated this and gave thanks to Mark aswell especially in regards to the ladies section.

Financial Reports

The below document was circulated online and questions were then taken by Roger.



EGHC Ladies', Men's and Junior Sections Income & Expenditure 1st September 2018 to 31st August 2019								
Income	Ladies'		Men's		Junior		Consolidated 2018 - 19	Consolidated 2017 - 18
	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18		
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions & Match Fee Income	30980	35,478	28,965	32,778	41,010	46,226	100,955	114,482
Commercial Activities		2,625					0	0
Finals Ticket Sales							0	2,625
Cost Of Tickets								5,111
								-5,030
							0	0
Home Game Ticket Sales							0	3,003
Contribution to Sinking Fund							0	3,003
Events							0	0
Other Income			532	652			532	652
	30,980	38,103	29,497	33,430	41,010	46,226	101,487	117,840
Expenditure								
Pitch Hire	12,381	11,912	12,968	14,120	15,186	16,005	40,535	42,037
Teas	3,103	4,478	3,682	5,792			6,785	10,270
Umpire/Affiliation Fees	3,797	2,455	1,762	2,996		1,010	5,559	6,461
Kit/Equipment	0	2,025	181	166	5,279	4,036	5,460	6,227
Coaching	4,692	5,861	2,080	1,770	13,281	11,584	20,053	19,215
Sinking Fund Contribution	2,640	2,740	2,000	1,919	3,820	4,060	8,460	8,800
other	1,470	8,337	748	6,552	1,971	3,630	4,189	18,519
Elite costs	3,723	0	6,164				9,887	0
	31,806	37,808	29,585	33,315	39,537	40,325	100,928	111,529
Surplus/Deficit	-826	295	-88	115	1,473	5,901	559	6,311
Accumulated Fund								
Reserves Brought Forward	27,130	26,835	4,577	4,462	23,448	17,547	55,155	48,844
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	-826	295	-88	115	1,473	5,901	559	6,311
	26,304	27,130	4,489	4,577	24,921	23,448	55,714	55,155
Represented by								
Cash at Bank	26,304	27,370	4,489	6,305	15,606	24,198	46,399	57,873
Debtors/Prepayments	0	0	0	0	10,815	0	10,815	0
Creditors	0	-240	0	-1,728	-1,500	-750	-1,500	-2,718
	26,304	27,130	4,489	4,577	24,921	23,448	55,714	55,155

Proposer - Bob Garton
Seconded - Andrew Portman

Captains Reports

Kirstie Beedle read the following report for the **Ladies** section on Lottie Gregory – Young's behalf

This year has been a mixed bag of results all of which we can learn and grow from in the coming seasons.

Ladies 1's – They had a slow start to the season, losing the first 3 games and then getting into a rhythm and moving steadily up the table. The ladies finished second in the league and due to Covid, playoffs did not happen and have now qualified to play in Europe which is a first for the ladies' section in our history and a great achievement. Sophie Bray was the leading goal scorer for the league with an impressive 24 goals in 17 games. We were fortunate to have several international players in the squad this year from GB, Malaysia, Irish and New Zealand and several players returning after finishing university. Ladies indoor this season did not finish how they would have like, not getting into the final at the Copperbox arena. As a club it was well supported with over 300 Club members attending which is a record for the club and I believe the most amount of supporters from one club in England Hockey's records as well. But the team will be back next year to improve and get back to winning ways.



Ladies 2's – the season did not go how we would have liked, having been relegated, unfortunately not being able to play the last games of the season which could have made the difference. There was a struggle with availability throughout the season from preseason and through the league games, due to conflicts with school games in the main. As the season progressed steady improvements were made with personal skills, but lack of experience with only 4 senior players showed at the beginning, and the inconsistency of the same team every week came to the forefront but we have several good players in the team which we can build on, in the coming season.

Ladies 3's- had a mixed season, after finishing in the top 4, last season to finishing in the bottom 4 this season. The main reason for this is losing half the team to university, so at the beginning of the season the team had to grow a new squad with new players from outside the club and developing players from the 4's with most of the team being under 18. This was a big learning curve for the team and is still in the process of moving forward and being developed. With many of the games early on being draws and loses it was hard to gain momentum and sustain that momentum. Great moral and team spirit in the team, and a great base to start the new season.

Ladies 4's – Was a great season from the 4's having gained the best defensive record with B&H who finished top, ultimately finishing 4th in the league. Both training and matches were well attended and even if they were not available for games they would still come training. The enthusiasm of the girls during games was clear to see and were happy to play in any position on the pitch to help the team. The senior members of the team were fantastic with the youngsters and helped develop and encourage when ever they could. We lose a few to university in the coming season 20/21 but we have several youngsters that show great promise. Helen (coach) and Chris (manager) worked very well together and were always very well organised.

Bluebirds – Had a great season finishing 2nd only 3 points off 1st place. And with the season finishing early this could have been different. With a large training squad, of both bluebirds and the under 14 girls. The management of the team Andy and Ollie had a task on his hand to ensure all the girls got equal time on the pitch for both the Bluebirds and age group which they did very well. There is a lot of great talent in this group which we hope to build on and see them progress within the ladies' section once they are of an age and feel comfortable to do so. The parents of this group were also great and were very vocal and supportive on the side lines for both home and away matches

Under 18's and Under 16's indoor squads both got through to the indoor finals with great team spirit and enjoyable weekends away thanks to Sophie and Dave who looked after the U16's and Georgie who was in charge of the U18's. The results did not go our way in the end, but a great experience for the girls and will look forward to next season to improve on these results. Looking to next season we hope to regroup and build from the mistakes and issues we had this year. We need to look at ways to increase senior members in the ladies' section and develop the talent that we have from within the club to bridge the gaps between the teams. Big thanks to all



the coaches and volunteers who have helped during the season, without these guys the ladies section would not be able to function so THANK YOU.

Ladies 1st Team Season 2019-20 Outdoor Once again, the Ladies 1's had an extremely good outdoor season finishing in their highest ever league position, second in the Premier League. This follows three consecutive third place finishes. Although the season started off poorly with narrow away defeats to Surbiton and Holcombe and an anomalous home defeat against Loughborough, we were undefeated for the rest of the season. After the first three games two draws followed and then we went on to win all our remaining games apart from one more draw at home to Bowdon. The rocky start to the season unfortunately left us playing catch-up to Surbiton who eventually finished seven points clear at the top of the table. At the end of the season having played all eighteen matches East Grinstead had the best defensive record conceding just 21 goals and, thanks to Sophie Bray, scored the second most goals. For fuller statistics see appendix 1. With the league season curtailed due to the Corona virus the normal end of season League Finals did not take place and East Grinstead were awarded the second European competition place for season 2020/21. Indoor The indoor season proved less successful than we would have hoped. Although we qualified for the Super6 finals at the Copper Box Arena finishing top of the group we were not able to repeat our success of last year, losing out to Buckingham in the semifinal. Based on our performance in the 2018/19 competition we had the privilege to represent England in the top tier of the European Indoor Club Championships in The Hague in February. Having experienced the high level of indoor competition in Europe two years ago when competing in the second tier where we finished in third place, a much tougher campaign was expected. This turned out to be the case and, although we put in some good performances, we were unable to secure England's place in the top level for next season. The overall experience will however stand the team in good stead in future.

Personnel

The overall great achievements of the 2019/20 season were gained against the backdrop of considerable changes to the playing squad for both outdoor and indoor competitions.

Members of the squad from the previous season who left the club included: Zoe Burrell – moved to Scotland and started a family Xenna Hughes – left to study for a master's degree Georgie Blackwood – joined Wimbledon Pip Lock, Coca Hall, Laura Graham, Robyn Bentley and Lauren Workman – left to go to university Tash Brennan – retired Lucy Holder and JoJo Blunt – took a break from hockey part way through the season Two stalwarts of the first team, Ruth Gordon and Pip Chapman, both remained with the club but were unable to be active on the playing side because both had started families in the summer of 2019.

On the plus side new recruits brought more experience and depth to the squad. These included: Tess Howard (GB and England) – from Durham University Hannah Cozens (Wales) – from Loughborough Amy Costello (GB and Scotland) – from Birmingham University Nuraini Rashid (Malaysia) Harriet Mitchell and Lydia



MacDonell – from Birmingham University Katerina Lacina (Czech Republic) Elizabeth Jones – (Wales) from Wimbledon Courtney Hansford – from Team Bath Buccaneers

Ladies 2nd XI

The season unfortunately was an unsuccessful one as the 2s were disappointingly relegated from the league they had just been promoted to. We were also unfortunate that we couldn't play our last games which could have made a difference to the end result.

Preseason was fairly slow to start, with only 1 preseason tournament which was mainly due to availability. Availability throughout the season tended to be inconsistent which can be put down to school games but also some lack of commitment. The season started off well in the new league with a win against Reading. We had a few first team squad members playing with us which helped bring strength to the team but also some experience. However, the following week we had a very different team and success didn't last long. We had some very tough games but also some close games which we were unlucky not to win.

The main issue throughout the season was the inconsistency of the team which has been the case for the past few seasons. This causes issues with team morale and team play during games. The other major issue was also the inconsistent numbers at training sessions which made it difficult to practice team play and any set pieces. However the season was enjoyable with many aspects to work on for next season. There was good intensity at training regularly, good individual skills and generally a very positive team atmosphere despite not being successful on the pitch.

We have also found an extremely gifted goalkeeper in Issy Fields who has gone from strength to strength. There are several things to learn from this season. The first would be to focus more on team game play during training sessions rather than individual skills. Some work still needs to be done on passing and working together as a unit. We also need a consistent core of players who are selected every week with others added in when they can play to create a more solid team unit. The final suggestion for next season would be to integrate more with the 1s and have more training sessions to practice gameplay with a faster paced team. Possibly every week/ every other week for 15/20 minutes would be useful. Overall, it was a disappointing season but with positives which can be worked on to create success next season. I would suggest, if allowed in the current circumstances, that we get started early with preseason and praise commitment from the offset.

Ladies 3rd XI

The ladies 3s had somewhat of a mixed season. After finishing in the top four last year there was a lot of momentum that could have been taken forward to this year. However, with pretty much half of the squad moving onto university the team had a change of personnel. This meant re growing as a new squad with such a change up in personnel. It was great to welcome some girls up from the ladies 4s to give them the chance to grow and develop. This has been a learning curve for the team this year, and it is still in the process of moving forward and developing, somewhat of a transitional period the team is going through so to speak. However, there were too



many games drawn and lost at the start of the season which then made momentum hard to continue. On the positive note training sessions, the squad worked hard and always strived to do better and to improve as a team on match days. For us team moral was never a problem and training was always met with a smile and a giggle but in the pursuit of working hard. In some ways not all the scores reflected on how the team played. And towards the end of the season the squad had started to find its groove much better. With newer players coming in it was always going to be a transitional season. Some games were often met with frustration as trying to get a consistent team from week to week often proved difficult. But by the end of the season, match play was improving, but throughout team moral was always high. Unfortunately, the season was cut short due to Covid however the team had thought they still had more to give. But with the talent within the squad there is optimism and confidence they we can bounce back better next season and continue to keep the team in the Sussex Prem for now before all the leagues change.

Ladies 4

XI Overall it has been a fantastic season. The team finished 4th in Sussex Div. 2 (P:19 W:10 L:4 D:5 GF: 57 GA: 22) We had the best defensive record, only conceding 22 (Tied with B&H who finished top of the table). Games that we lost weren't big, only 1 or 2 goals in them. The players that scored the goals varied with each match. The players have been fantastic both at training and matches. Training sessions were very well attended even those not available for the weekends game turned up to train. During the matches they were keen and enjoyed every moment and happy to play any position. Donna, Judy, Kerry and Anna, as senior players looked after the youngsters well and encouraged them all the time. There are some really good youngsters and hope they return next session, we will also be saying goodbye to a few that are off to uni. Chris was brilliant as manager, on the ball and always well organised.

Wes Jackson presented the report for the Mens Section

This year has been the start of something interesting in the men's section as I have taken over as Club Captain from Will Arthur who served valiantly for 3 seasons. We have expressed a number of ideas and ways we can improve the club and improve the playing experience for all members of the men's section.

The 1st XI had a mixed season with the opening half being a huge success as they stayed in the race for the playoffs. The club rallied behind the 1st team and we had record numbers in attendance to home games and with the help of our amazing committee and local stalwarts, the music, BBQ's and home game atmosphere was fantastic to see. We applied for the #watchyour1's campaign to kick off the opening double header with the ladies 1st team and with the help from our marketing team, who we came second overall across the nation. To top the day, we managed to put a record amount through the bar that day. Plagued with injury, we finished the season



in a disappointing 7th and will be looking to bounce back with a successful 2020-21 campaign. A farewell goes out to Glenn Kirkham as he now steps down as Head Coach and says goodbye after 13 years commitment to the club, travelling 3 times a week from his home in Chelmsford and working at The Perse School in Cambridge, a staggering journey and such a commitment for so many years, thank you for everything you have given to the club and we wish you and your family well for the future. A new management team has been put in place to secure the squad for the coming 2020/21 season and we are excited about the current plans to get back to the top. With regards to indoor, the club once again had a successful campaign making it through to the finals day at The Copper Box Arena in January. The club travelled with over 300 supporters for the event but for the first time in over a decade (an amazing achievement in itself) the Men's and the Ladies teams were unable to get into the final. It is hard to adjust our expectations when we have had such success but we will be back next year, once again under the guidance of Chris Faust.

Mens 2s

Following last season's league/cup double, the Men's 2s were in high hopes upon their return to the London's Premier Division. Unfortunately, all but one of the sides from the London Prem chose to move into the South Leagues, meaning East Grinstead, as champions of Div 1, would be promoted along with the majority of teams into the London Premier Division.

The goal remained firmly on securing a second league title and a first in the London Prem for over a decade. Having started the season strongly, the Men's 2s found themselves second on goal difference to Bromley & Beckenham, having already beaten an Old Loughtonians team that pushed them all the way in the previous season. Unfortunately, as the season went on, the team's form came and went, and a couple of sloppy results allowed Bromley & Beckenham to take control of the title race. In a great show of character though, the 2s held the league leaders to a 0-0 draw which was followed by an eight-match winning streak to put the 2s back in contention for the trophy. As the season came to a close, the 2s travelled to Southgate knowing a win would put them top of the league for the first time in the season. This was however a test too great as they slumped to a 3-2 loss away from home. With this loss, the feeling in the camp was 1st place was now unachievable and in the weeks that followed the 2s struggled to find that winning touch that came so frequently earlier in the season. With the season now over, East Grinstead have been confirmed to have finished 2nd and we finished no less than 15 points ahead of Hampstead & Westminster in 3rd. As things stand, the Men's 2s are also in the Sussex Cup final which will likely no longer be played. All things considered, it was another successful season for a team that is building a strong core and bridging the gap to a performance 1st team.

Thanks go to Jordan Torilla for his captaincy throughout the season and drive to build a superb 2nd XI atmosphere. Thanks also to Dominic Male who made his return to the club from Horsham as Coach and leading a number of training sessions this year.



Mens 3s

The start of the season was very difficult as the team had a few new players who were playing in this team for the first time. It took some time for the team to gel and this was enormously helped by having a new coaching team in place specifically for the 3rd XI. The side was generally young, but the average age was brought up by the inclusion of the Club stalwart Martyn Cremin, who brought a great deal of calm and imparted his knowledge to the team.

We were delighted with the progress from our younger players who had moved up from the 4th team and also from Badgers at various times during the season. They equipped themselves very well. Having team selection meetings, it was great to see that we could identify players who were ready to move up to higher teams.

During the season we had a stable side and special mentioned must go to Will Thomas who played exceptionally well in defence. He was ably supported by the rest of the team and at times the team supported each other which meant that the end of season result was that the team have been promoted to Sussex Div 1.

A huge thank you to Lewis Beedle who captained the team on the pitch and Roger Hanspal for managing the team. Also thanks to Bram van Asselt who coached the side week in week out and drew out the maximum playing capacity from the team, certainly aiding in their promotion.

Mens 4s

Having been promoted from the 4th division the previous season and with quite a different team the original forecast was to establish ourselves in the 3rd division. However, it soon became apparent that we were one of the strongest teams in the league. Having drafted in several younger players from the Badgers and blended with some more mature players it soon demonstrated that it was a perfect blend for a team challenging for the league and by mid-October we were top of the league and remained there to the end. Throughout the season, there has been a constant transition consisting of many different players which demonstrates the excellent structure of the club for training and development of our young players. Throughout the season there were several teams that threatened our position but in the end the 4's were the only consistent team in the league scoring 91 goals and finishing with a plus 58 goal difference demonstrating our strength in defence as well as attack.

5s

A very enjoyable return to the Sussex league for the 5th XI (Saints). As a small club making the decision to put out a fifth men's team can be tricky at times and the season pretty much summed up in the first game where 9 players managed a 4-2 win. The season continued, lots of goals, trials, and jublations but everyone played their part. Goals were spread around the squad evenly but a special mention has to be to the youngsters who came in to men's hockey and were exceptional in all aspects of the game. The season finished with a fantastic promotion and we look forward to a new season and welcoming more young players to introduce to the men's game and Back to Hockey participants too. A huge thank you to Patrick Kyaing for captaining



the side and tirelessly developing young players and piecing a team together each week.

Vets Season 2019/20;

Another hard played league season for the Vets. With every game came a challenge from ever improving opposition. A dedicated group was further enhanced by some new players and we managed a respectful 3rd position. Always challenging and colourful, games were played with enthusiasm and determination, enhanced with some "still got it" moments. It was a pleasure to participate for all and thanks goes out to all who played and supported. New players are always welcome to a team that enjoys it's hockey both on and off the pitch, carrying many a pedigree player from East Grinstead past. Mikey Holland finished as top goalscorer once again and thanks goes to Julian Mogg for taking the captaincy and leading the team on and off the pitch.

U16/18 Indoor

The U16 side were shaping up to be a very successful side. Training sessions were ramping up in the build up to the regional tournament and we were very excited about the prospect. However, the team were hit with some last minute injuries and unfortunately they finished 3rd in the group with only the top 2 progressing through to the National Finals. A huge thank you to all the players (and parents) who made it to Friday evening training and we look forward to a promising future with this young group.

EG U18 Indoor National Champions!!!

On Sunday 19th January 2020 the club celebrated the first Boys U18 National Title winning the Super 6's Boys U18 National Championship. As 14x National Indoor Champions in the Men's Competition the club has a fabulous reputation for the indoor game and to see this pay off with the U18's side was an amazing achievement for the club.

The Boys qualified back in December after winning the Regional Competition in Southampton. The team was led by Dylan Holland as Captain and they made their way to Telford for the finals. The Boys were placed in Group A alongside Harrogate, Ashmoor, Belper & Saffron Walden with results below:

EG vs Belper – 5-1 (Holland 2, Farmer 2, Bithell 1)

EG vs Ashmoor – 5-0 (Holland 2, San Millan 1, Farmer 1, Jones 1)

EG vs Saffron Walden – 5-0 (Jones 2, Cleaver 1, Bithell 1, San Millan 1)

EG vs Harrogate – 3-2 (Bithell 1, San Millan 1, Farmer 1)

As top of the group we played second place in Pool B which was Bowden. The Boys got off to a good start going into half time 2-0 up, goals from Bithell and guest San Millan. Bowden came back sharp after half time converting a penalty stroke to bring the game within one. With 4 minutes to go Bowden pulled their keeper but EG stayed strong and converted to go to two goals clear at 3-1 sending them to the final.



Harrogate played Sevenoaks in the second Semi Final and from 1-1 at half time, Harrogate went on to win 3-1, which left another EG vs Harrogate match up. Dylan Holland led the way in the final getting EG off the mark 6 minutes in. Harrogate then levelled after 12 minutes and the match went into half time 1-1. With 6 minutes to go, Joe Farmer scored a screamer of a backhand to push EG into the lead. Harrogate pulled their keeper but again the boys stayed strong and in the last minute Jose San Millan sealed the title and converted another field goal, ending the game 3-1.

A huge thank you to Team Manager, Mike Farmer and all the boys who were a part of the squad.

Summary

As a small club we have aimed to integrate all our members into every aspect of the club, from playing, socialising, supporting, touring and club development, and we hope to continue this next season. A major aim for the new season will be to increase the membership base making life easier to field our ambitious six men's teams and maintain our promotion status from all teams that could have possibly been promoted. Our 1st XI, 2nd XI and Vets are all in the highest divisions of their respective leagues and so to gain promotion in our 3rd XI, 4th XI and 5th XI is a huge achievement. I hope we can bond closer as a club next season and encourage all our members to join the family we have been maintaining since we began in 1897. I encourage everyone to come and say hello or write to me to build a relationship which will make your time more enjoyable at the club. We have had a fantastic year, with plenty of youngsters coming through and plenty of old faces returning to their home. We have shown our support and unity for the club throughout the season and we will need this in abundance for the tough times we may face in 2020/21.

I wish you all the best over the summer and look forward to meeting everyone in September or sooner.

Best wishes,

Wesley Jackson Men's Club Captain

Adam Halpin presented the report for the Junior Section

Summary report of Junior Section 2019-20, and fairwell as Junior Chair. Even with the sudden and unexpected curtailment of the 2019-20 season, it has been encouraging to see the overall development of Junior talent continue, building on previous seasons' achievements. The Junior section's age groups have been involved in more organised league type fixtures than ever before, and I believe this exposure to game play as well as the consistencies in coaching delivery, have manifested in dominant displays at the Ron Easton and E.H. In2Hockey tournaments - across all ages. Nomination and representation at County DC/AC level has also been on the increase, and is another product of the coaching delivery at EGHC.



Thank you to all the coaches, managers, volunteers, and Director of Junior Hockey. The challenges going forward will be to build upon these successes, and encourage and welcome more members from the state school sector, and from other sports competing for our time. Undoubtedly, changes will need to be considered and implemented for this to happen, but especially in the current, rather extraordinary circumstances, standing still is not an option.

Whilst the Section has undoubtedly moved on in numerous ways during my time as Chair, there is still much work to be done to ensure we cement our place in the local community as well as the wider hockey family, whilst continuing to strive as a centre of excellence and a place of belonging. Adam Halpin Chair of Junior Section 2019-2020 Finally, I would like to thank Mark as Chair, Georgie as Vice Chair and Siobhan as Ladies Treasurer. Anyone who has volunteered for any role at EGHC, let alone those with the responsibilities of the above, will know it is often a thankless task requiring innumerable hours of personal sacrifice and dedication, but without them, we simply would not be where we are today. I wish you all well in whatever you now look forward to doing.

Proposer of all section summaries - Shelly O'Brien
Seconded – Mary Booth

Election Of Vice Presidents

Name	Proposed	Proposer	Seconded
	Vicki Griffiths	Mark Hollis	Simon Longhurst

Election of Officers

Position	Proposed	Proposer	Seconded
Chairman	Paul Adams	Shelly O'Brien	Adam Halpin
Vice-Chair	Phillip Coote	Richard Leman	Rohit Nathaniel
Hon Secretary	Kirstie Beedle (Continue)	Donna Sadler	Georgie Richards
Treasurer (men)	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Treasurer (women)	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Mens Captain	Wes Jackson (continuing)	Dave Thompson	Phillip Coote
Ladies Club Captain	Lottie Gregory-Young (Continuing)	Kirstie Beedle	Roger Hanspal
Junior Chair	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Fixture Secretary	Rachel Coleman (continuing)	Kirstie Beedle	Wes Jackson



Members Secretary	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Welfare Officer	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Re elect the officers		Roger Hanspal	Dave Thompson

Any Other Business

Chris Vallis – Wilson put forward the question of when would we be likely to be able to play again and what was our plan with this. Wes Jackson detailed that we could organise a Covid 7s tournament to bring everyone back together again. We would have to be cautious and flexible with how the pandemic continues. However the club is working very hard to get us all back on the pitch as soon and as safely as possible. Whilst trying to maximise the amount of people that can play.

Richard Leman - detailed that he is working with the Sports club to see when the facilities can open hopefully as soon as possible. All up in the air at the moment in terms of when the club house will re open. Could be unclear at the moment as to how the season will progress with Saturday fixtures when the season starts in September. Tournament would be a great idea to do as soon as safe to do so.

Mark Hollis - detailed that current water cannon issue would cost around £1,000 to repair. However he has had approval from the council which go towards financially helping with the work.

Paul Adams – Just reclarified Wes and Richards points of trying to sort ideas to get us back on the pitch as soon as possible. Making sure that we can make up for lost time.

Mary Booth – Detailed that she had been stalking other clubs in relation to their “Covid Plans”. Would be good to get 1st XI players running coaching sessions. Money could then go directly back into the club. It would be beneficial to get plans moving quickly and set up sessions. Wes Jackson – responded that all these ideas were already in the pipeline and such plans had already been thought of and initiated.

Donna Sadler – That we had received the risk assessments in from Wave Leisure so that we could respond with how we would operate when we can.

Paul Adams declared close of meeting 21.09pm