

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CLUB ON 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014  
AT SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CENTRE, 11 am.**

**128<sup>th</sup> AGM**

**Present:** John Willmott, Adrian Scott-Knight, Tina Hobday, Liz Moss, Caroline Rowe, Miriam Sherlock, Pauline Page, Alex Fenwick, Beth Connew, Jo Kitching, Nigel Spencer-Knott, Chris Gerrard, Rowley Charlton, Jim Wallington, David Lloyd-Williams, Neil Withington, Andy Thomas, Lorenzo Giunta, Tony Wizbeck, Drew Burkin.

**1 Apologies**

These were received from: Kathy Hammond, Hannah Fell, Robin Willmott, Pat Rowley, Ian Mixer, James Mason, Keith Lewis, Jonty Robinson, Jo Berndes, Danielle Hall.

**2 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

The minutes were agreed & felt to be a good representation of the meeting.  
Signed by John Willmott

**3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4 Chairman of the Management Committee's address**

Tina Hobday spoke of difficulties within the club. These include member engagement and integration, committee positions with multiple roles. There have been some new members volunteering for roles. There is the on going problem regarding the supply of kit from Reves. Tina is in the process of appointing a new kit supplier.

Sponsorship has been difficult to find apart from Blakedown. Looking at patronage rather than sponsorship. Neil Withington has been working to raise the profile of the club.

There have been a number of positives this year. The socials and Southgate Sixes have made a profit. Tina thanked Emma Keeling for her efforts with this.

Tina thanked all of the committee, Hannah Fell who is stepping down as treasurer and Caroline Rowe as umpire secretary, as well as all of the others.

Tina also thanked a number of other key people;

- Ann and Janice have been running the shop despite supply issues.
- Jim Wallington for his help with the M1s.
- Liz with juniors and all other coaches and volunteers.

There was a surplus in Hannah's report partly in thanks to team fundraising. We will look to reinvest in areas for club vision.

John thanked Tina for her hard work this year.

**5 Report of the Honorary Treasurer (Accounts year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014)**

These were prepared by Hannah Fell, but read out by John Willmott in her absence.

**Main Club**

The club has made a £12,500 profit this year. Main points to note were:

- Subscriptions were £2,739 higher than last year (including non players) –the increase mainly being seen in the lower ladies teams with numbers increasing from last year.
- Fundraising was key this year and a plan had been put in place at the end of last year. This has included everything from cake sales, raffles, obtaining advertising and our events. These have again been excellently run, thanks to Emma Keeling, with each event run yielding profits. The Men's 1s

secured advertising from Go Ape and Haileybury School and John Willmott obtained a 3 year sponsorship deal with Blakedown. All these combined have given us an additional £8,463 of income from last year.

- Profit on stock items also saw a small increase of around £1,000.
- Pitch hire costs were kept lower than last year, despite a small increase in our pitch hire rental, due to the juniors taking one of our pitch slots and reimbursing us for this.
- Contribution to the Men's 1s was also kept lower than budgeted due to the fact that they won the league and will be getting a £750.00 prize from the league – Well Done!

**Junior Club**

The junior club has had a fantastic year, making a profit of £14,404. Subscriptions and weekly fees came in a massive £12,552 over budget and £14,000 higher than last year. The increase seen has been mainly due to 2 reasons – the first the ever increasing popularity of the junior section has seen all groups full, with additional sessions having to be run on a Saturday to cater for the additional demand. The second being the change in how fees are collected – from children paying weekly as they turn up to collecting lump sums up front, as it is done in the main club. This has made payments a lot easier to track and collect.

Junior camps have again been successful and resulted in profits of nearly £5,000. Other events have also yielded profits.

Costs were again kept very much under control with total costs only coming in £1,743 over budget.

**OVERALL PERSPECTIVE**

It has been an excellent year overall for the club, one that we need to build on in the next coming years, continuing and improving our fundraising efforts, if we are to have the ability to support the club moving forward with the Men's 1s now back in the National League. Thank you to all the committee for all your assistance and support over my last 3 years as treasurer and to Howard Clayden for his help with the audit. I wish you all and the club every success for next season.

There is a typo on page 7.

The accounts were accepted. Hannah Fell was again thanked for all her hard work on the accounts.

Neil commented on the strong surplus and asked if there is an investment plan.

John praised the investment committee. Adrian spoke about running the investment fund since 1980. This was used when the club moved and towards pitch replacement. Adrian's view is that it should only be used for major projects.

DLW said that the club has been more successful in budgeting to make a surplus.

Membership:

The juniors now have 420 members and a waiting list with 150. There are problems with coaching and pitch space. Liz was asked about how juniors were chosen. This is by ability.

On the adult side of the club there are 140 men and 70-80 women. Neil pointed out that there is now a L5s team and participation in Back to Hockey sessions.

Tina said it could be that we could accommodate another ladies side.

Neil said that a lot of juniors returned to the club.

Chris Gerrard said that the junior section has made a huge contribution.

John thanked Liz who does a lot of work for the junior and senior section.

**6 Elections**

John Willmott was re-elected as president, proposed by Adrian and seconded by Chris Gerrard.

The following officers were properly proposed, seconded and elected, except where shown:

Position	Elected Member	Proposer	Secunder
Chairman of the Management Committee	Tina Hobday	John Willmott	Neil Withington
Honorary Secretary	Jo Kitching	Caroline Rowe	Tina Hobday
Assistant Secretary	Caroline Rowe	David Lloyd-Williams	Adrian Scott-Knight
Treasurer	Vacant		
Assistant Treasurer	Vacant		

Chair of the Selection Committee (Men)	Vacant		
Chair of the Selection Committee (Women)	Miriam Sherlock	Caroline Rowe	Tina Hobday
Fixture Secretary (Men)	Vacant		
Assistant Men's Fixture Secretary	Vacant		
Fixture Secretary (Women)	Lowri Jones	Tina Hobday	Jo Kitching
Membership Secretary (Playing Members)	Danielle Hall	Tina Hobday	Caroline Rowe
Membership Secretary (Past and Non-Playing Members)	Adrian Scott-Knight	John Willmott	Chris Gerard
Junior Section Manager	Liz Moss	John Willmott	Tina Hobday
Assistant Junior Section Manager	Matt McDonnell	Liz Moss	Jo Kitching
Management Committee Members (2)	1. Beth Connew 2. Neil Withington	Tina Hobday	Jo Kitching

## **7 Election of Vice-Presidents**

Unfortunately we need to amend the list to remove Warwick Hoyle. All other Vice-Presidents named in the Fixtures Card were proposed by Adrian, seconded by Tina Hobday and duly re-elected.

### **New vice presidents**

There have been 3 nominations for new Vice-Presidents.

- Chris Gerrard nominated by Adrian Scott-Knight, seconded by Keith Lewis. Chris has been at the club for 50 years. All were in favour.
- Caroline Rowe nominated by John Willmott, seconded by Tina Hobday. All were in favour.
- Chris Hibbert nominated by John Willmott, seconded by Jim Wallington. All were in favour.

## **8 Election of Honorary Auditor or Independent Examiner**

Howard Clayden was proposed by Adrian Scott-Knight, seconded by Chris Gerard and duly re-elected. There was a vote of thanks.

## **9 Any Other Business**

There are a number of members who are leaving the club. Thanks to Hannah Fell, Chris Fell and Andy Thomas, who left on a high winning the Men's 2s cup.

John Willmott reported on the following:

- 1) Sponsorship – the existing sponsor Blakedown has agreed to increase to £15,000 over the next 3 years (already paid £3333). Use name during events and promote around the grounds. John will thank them on our behalf.
- 2) Back to Hockey – generates new old and young players. John asked members to promote this to all.
- 3) Men's 1s promoted into the Premiership - will now be competing at a higher level. The task is to stay in the premiership against others that have a bigger budget.
- 4) Jonty Robinson will be the player coach but John reminded the membership of the efforts of Jim in accommodating guests. He thanked Jim as he is effectively one of the sponsors.
- 5) Tripartite meeting was held to discuss short, medium and long-term future. The Trust is going to assist the Centre in refurbishing the interior of the centre.

Nigel Spencer-Knott would like to support Chris Hibbert in his endeavours. He also thanked Back to Hockey as a veterans sport. Gold medals were won in The Hague. There was an over 60s for women's and he hopes that we can promote this within the club.

Kathy and Magda played in the South veterans side and George Howard played in LX World Cup side.

Neil said that the over 40s tournament was hosted at the club.

There are discussions to hold the European Grand Masters at Southgate next year but these are to be finalised.

Chris Gerrard says that youngsters should get help to find representational honours.

John thanked all members for attending

**Thanks**

The meeting ended at 12.06 pm.