

SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CLUB
Annual General Meeting - 22 July 2020 @6.30pm
Held at Southgate Hockey Centre and via Zoom
Draft minutes of the meeting

Present:

Richard Beechener (RB), Kathy Hammond (KH), Neil Murphy (NM), Neil Prior (NP), Elizabeth Moss (EM), Mark Langley (ML), Annette Woodrow (AW), Lynn Bryden (LB), Michelle Joubert (MJ) Simon Parker (SP), Jo Berndes, Will Hargrove (WH), Sophie Tingle, Milly Berndes-Cade, Jo Price, Howard Clayden (HC), Richard Weil (RW).

Present via Zoom:

Kim Bishop-Laggett (KBL), Justin Edwards (JE), Mark Thomsett (MT) , Matt McDonnell (MMc), Keith Lewis, Jatin Patel, Alastair Whatley, David Lloyd-Williams, David Kilpatrick, Duncan Trathen.

1. Apologies for absence received from:

Laurence Taylor, Graeme Welch, Adrian Scott-Knight, Ian Mixer, Brian Cade.

◆ RB opened the meeting with a minute's silence for two members who died during the course of the past season: vice-president Susy Duthie (née Prosser-Harries) who died in December 2019 and Alistair Scott who died in January 2020.

Welcome and thanks from RB to the committee especially to MMc who is stepping down from the committee after 15 years, to KBL for her work in increasing the past-player database, and to KH stepping down after a year. RB also expressed his thanks to captains, to parents and those who "do their bit" for the club. In light of Covid-19 and the gradual return to playing hockey, RB highlighted the opportunity to work closely with the centre and the trust and bring togetherness to the club.

2. Confirm and sign minutes of AGM 7 July, 2019

Proposed by NP, seconded by KH. Signed by RB.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

4. Report from Chairman of the Management Committee

Report from Neil Murphy, chairman (attached)

5. Receive and adopt Treasurer's report and accounts year ended April 30, 2020

NP gave his thanks to HC for auditing the accounts. NP highlighted the following points:

Income

- Every year there is a shortfall of some 20-30% between the income from members' subscriptions and funds required to run the club.
- The shortfall is made up by donations, sponsorship and fundraising.
- In 2019-20 the club cut back expenditure partly by design and partly as a result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Income from subscriptions rose year on year as did the number of members: men up to 165 plus 20 boys (143 and 29 in 18/19) and ladies up to 72 plus 20 girls (58 and 31 in 18/19). A total of 277 adult members compared to 201 in 18/19.
- Sponsorship/Donations/Fundraising income increased largely due to generous donations to the president's fund rather than any significant sponsorship or fundraising.
- Income from Southgate Sixes and tours relates to events in the 2018-19 season with outlay in the previous financial year and some income coming through in 2019-20.

Expenditure

- A conscious cutback on 2019-20 coaching expenditure apart from M1 and L1. This masks the fact that several coaches are coaching free of charge. This is not sustainable.
- Expenditure on teas was lower because the season was curtailed due to Covid-19.
- Pitch hire expense was slightly lower for the same reason. Discussions are ongoing with the centre.
- Significant saving on kit expenditure as no free shirts were given away with subs in 19/20.
- Other expenses are higher than previous season due a large bills for umpire affiliation for two seasons falling into a single financial year at the club.

Junior expenditure

- Lower coaching expenditure is due to the impact of Covid-19 as no summer term of training. Ways of compensating juniors for this are being considered.
- Increase league entries due to a strengthening in junior numbers and teams with more entries into competitions.

◆ NP highlighted the overall £55,000 swing from £37,000 deficit to £18,000 surplus for the club as a significant achievement.

◆ He indicated that the club runs "a tight ship" with the surplus over the past six seasons since 2014-15 standing at £3,758 making the need for sponsorship, donations and fundraising increasingly important.

RB thanked NP and HC and emphasised that without a large sponsor, survival relies on generosity of friends of the club.

6. Election of the President and other officers

President - Richard Beechener - proposed by NM seconded by NP (voted in unanimously).

Vice-Presidents - RB proposed the re-election of all VPs. Seconded by NM.

Chairman of the Management Committee **Neil Murphy** - Proposed by RB, seconded by HC.

Honorary Secretary - no proposal. KH stepped down. Role vacant.

Honorary Assistant Secretary - Lynn Bryden - proposed by RB ,seconded by Jo Price.

Honorary Treasurer - Neil Prior - proposed by RB, seconded by SP.

Honorary Assistant Treasurer - no proposal. Role vacant. Committee seeks a volunteer.

Chair of Selection Committee (Men) - Neil Prior - proposed by RB, seconded by NM.

Chair of Selection Committee (Ladies) - Annette Woodrow - proposed RB, seconded by MJ.

Honorary Fixtures Secretary (Men) - Mark Thomsett - proposed by RB, seconded by LB.

Honorary Fixtures Secretary (Ladies) - Mark Thomsett - proposed by RB, seconded by LB.

Membership Secretary - Michelle Joubert - proposed by RB, seconded by NP.

Honorary Secretary for past and non-playing members - Kim Bishop-Laggett - proposed by RB, seconded by MJ.

Junior Section Manager - Elizabeth Moss - proposed by RB, seconded by AW.

Assistant Junior Section Manager - no proposal MMc stepped down. Role vacant.

Umpires' Secretary - Justin Edwards - proposed by RB, seconded by WH.

Auditor or independent examiner - **Howard Clayden**, proposed by RB, seconded by SP.

Committee member without portfolio - **Mark Langley**, proposed by RB, seconded by HC
- **Simon Parker**, proposed by RB, seconded by HC.

7. Any other business

Vice-president RW told the meeting it is essential to get as much publicity as possible into the local press for the season ahead. RB agreed, highlighting player recruitment and indicating that part of the process will include promotion in the local community.

The meeting closed at 19.19pm.