



## **East Grinstead Hockey Club AGM**

### **Thursday 27th June 2019 8pm**

#### **Attendees:**

Georgina Richards, Bob Garton, Chris Vallis-Wilson, Mark Hollis, Richard Ieman, Simon Longhurst, Jo Malkin, Peter Malkin, Owen Hill, Jason Coleman, Rachel Coleman, Lottie Gregory-Young, Emma Doherty, David Thomson, Will Arthur, Roger Hanspal, Gavin Alldis, Kirstie Beedle

#### **Apologies:**

Chris Gregory, Steve Remfry, Adam Halpin, Donna Sadler, James Leman, Guy Workman, Philip Coote, Wes Jackson, Giles Dakin.

#### **Approval of Last Year's Minutes**

These were approved.

#### **Matters Arising**

This was only regarding the Vice President's, the first meeting with the committee will be finalising this.

#### **Chairman's Report**

Chris Gregory could not attend so Georgina Richards read out the following on behalf of Chris.

#### **Summary**

We suffered a slight drop in membership this season with the major decrease in our Girls U14/U16s. This drop meant we dropped below the 500 membership mark. The work going forward is to get our membership up to previous levels. This may have been caused by launching membership later than we had planned.

We have maintained our current adult teams with 4 Ladies teams and 6 men's teams plus 2 Development teams. Both 1<sup>st</sup> teams made the playoffs, Ladies 2s and Men's 2s got promotion. Both Indoor sides won their playoffs and will be in Europe again this coming season.

#### **Web Site**

As you know the web site is up and running and continues to be enhanced with again a group of people looking at this. This site needs input from all of us. We need to keep the news current. For this end we are asking skippers to put in a match report of their game. It doesn't need to be a long report but it will flesh out the scores so ably inputted by Dave Thompson. We also need to make more use of our Twitter and Facebook and other social media pages. At the start of the season it was very well used but as the season goes forward the communication drops off.

#### **EGSC/Wave**

We had some issues over food at the start of the season which took a huge amount of time and effort to resolve. Wave has struggled for staff recruitment but it is believed they are now fully staffed. They have just introduced a new membership/booking system and if you want to continue getting you discount you will need to go to Reception to get your photograph ID card. We will send your names through to them. It has been decided not to send the U18s until the start of the 2019/20 season.

There has been a working group set up between Wave EGSC and all associated clubs to discuss points of interest.

#### **Subs**



Subs have been increased again this year by £10 and it is to cover the 3% increase in teas and pitch hire

### **Thanks**

I am really sorry not to be with you today but I have had a mini stroke(s) and I am currently having an MRI tonight. I have been unwell since December with Shingles, Ocular Hypertension and now a mini stroke. I had planned to retire this season but this has pushed it out earlier. I have had fun with you all it has not always been easy but I have enjoyed working with a huge number of members.

Can I thank team captains, team managers, coaches, and umpires for all their work not just in the season but all year. The ball patrol organizers and ball patrol volunteers that helped on those Saturday's and Sunday's. In fact to all the teams of volunteers who cleaned the dugouts, chopped trees, set up the pitch and PA system. The teams who organized the Awards dinner. Even if this year's Award Dinner has been pushed out. A very successful Easter Tournament. Finally thank you to the players who make this club.

### **Governance**

We are still no further forward due to other issues but this still needs to be moved on and we hope Richard and his team can progress forward.

We do need to find some directors for The Academy so if anyone has the ability to help please volunteer.

Mark & then Richard Leman then went on to pay their thanks to Chris for all his hard work this season. They both gave personal thanks and again on behalf of the whole club.

### **Financial Reports**

Were made available to those present and questions answered by Roger.

### **Captain's Reports**

Jo Malkin presented the report for the Ladies section.

Will Arthur presented the report for the Mens section

Roger Hanspal presented the report prepared by Adam Halpin on the junior section

### **Election of Vice-presidents**

No new Vice Presidents were elected this year.

### **Election of Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Chairman	Mark Hollis	Simon Longhurst	Georgina Richards
Vice-Chair	Georgina Richards (continuing)	Mark Hollis	Kirstie Beedle
Hon Secretary	Kirstie Beedle (continuing)	Roger Hanspal	Emma Doherty
Treasurer (men)	Steve Remfry (as it stands)	No current nominations (vacant)	No current nominations (vacant)
Treasurer (ladies)	Mark Hollis (as it stands)	No current nominations (vacant)	Nu current nominations (vacant)
Men's Captain	Will Arthur (Continuing)		
Ladies' Captain	Jo Malkin (Continuing)	Mark H	Georgie R



Junior Chair	Adam Halpin	Donna possibly	But not officially appointed
Fixture Secretary	Rachel Coleman (Continuing)	Jo M	Owen Hill
Membership Secretary	To be decided	Vacant	Vacant
Welfare Officer	Peter Malkin (Continuing)	Lottie G-Young	Emma D
EH/Sussex Rep	David Thomson (Continuing)	Richard L	Will A
Social	Lottie Gregory-Young (Continuing)	Kirstie B	Jo M

### Any Other Business

Mark discussed that this coming year is a big year of change ahead for the club. A big emphasis is needed to look at the younger members of the club and how they contribute to roles within the club structure. This was highlighted in regards to the committee and what roles can be adopted by younger members throughout the club. With this it gives people a greater understanding of what happens within the club. This year conscious of the fact that captains and club captains need more support.

Emma D highlighted the fact that there hasn't been any ladies ops meetings recently. This would be a great opportunity every now and then to discuss the teams and to highlight any issues and relevant topics as the season goes on. Mark highlighted that it would be discussed nearer the start of the season to get relevant captains etc together. This would be a good opportunity for people to share roles if this was needed to help support the captains and club captains.

Chris Vallis Wilson eluded on the point that when bringing people into the club, for example when kids join up to get the parents involved from the go. Richard L gave the opinion that it is key to know exactly what we want from the parents, asking them in how they can help eg. presenting a parents evening which really incorporates the parents and shows them how their volunteering really benefits the club. Use current members as examples. If people are asked in the right way people won't have any issues with helping out.

Owen stated that he has memorabilia in his house and would need some assistance in retrieving them so they can be displayed in the club and if they could be kept elsewhere for future storage. Jo M suggested that some bits could always be donated to the East Grinstead museum.

Chris Vallis Wilson suggested that the Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI could get more involved with the U14 Girls to help motivate them for the forth coming season.

Emma and Dave T highlighted the fact that we need to encourage more younger umpires through the club, and to get them experiencing umpiring at a younger age. Dave and Emma always looking for more umpires to help out.

Roger highlighted if there was a better way to collect match fees this season. As sometimes at the start of the season it is hard to know who is paying what. A detailed list to each captain would be useful before the season starts.

Meeting concluded.



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