

Bishop's Stortford Hockey Club

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Annual General Meeting

Held on Tuesday 23 May 2019 at Cricketfield Lane, Bishops Stortford, 8pm

Present:

David Butcher (Chairman), Duncan Barber (Men's Club Captain), Amy Duffy (Secretary), Jamie Henderson (Treasurer), Jemma Pettit (Junior Coordinator), Gregg Pettit (Development Coordinator), Elizabeth Reay (Committee Member), Simon Martyn (Committee Member),

Belinda Appleby, Steve Appleby, Rachel Armitage, Chris Ashworth, Pippa Bull, Adrian Beale, M Brooks, Matt Brown, Vernon Brown, Denise Clark, Vicky Cox, Paula Frenzal, Colin Harker, Sophie Hoseason, Glen Lucas, John Kirton, Polly Murphy, Simon Murphy, Claire Pearce, Nick Prowse
Neall Range, Andy Round, Paul Round, Kanika Shaw, Ronnie Stott, Mike Tomkys, Jack Wheaton
And Hannah Wynne

There were apologies from:

Bernie Cotton (President), Richard Temple (Ladies Club Captain), Sophie Barc, Zoe Barford, Simon Berney, Rob Bishton, Clemmie Carr, Henry Carr, Jemima Carr, Lucy Carr, Rick Carr, Dan Chapman, Alison Clifton, Andrew Cox, Nadia El-Zanfaly, Suzy Fletcher, Gary Griffiths, Simon Hartnell, Bernard Judge, Charlie Leonard, Maddie Marnell, Katie Motson, Richard Owen, Sally Powell, Katherine Roach, Jack Shillito, Lilly Shillito, Mark Shillito, Megan Shillito, Charlotte Smith, Claire Smith, Anna Swan, Eric Watts.

Welcome, introduction to the meeting and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this Annual General Meeting.

Minutes of the previous AGM

The AGM agenda and the papers were circulated to members ahead of the meeting. The 2019 AGM minutes were accepted and were proposed by Neall Range seconded by Matt Brown and agreed unanimously,

Reports were circulated prior to the meeting and have been uploaded onto the website. This meeting will include key highlights from the reports and any questions.

Chairman's report

David Butcher presented an overview of the 2018/19 season focusing on 4/5 key messages:

- Much stronger year from a playing perspective with the Men's side achieving three promotions including the Men's 1's, strong potential from the Men's 3's and an accidental promotion from the Men's 4's
- A lot of new faces within the ladies' section with the juniors transitioning to playing adult hockey

The Management Committee have sent the year focusing on the relocation to the new pitch at Beldams Lane. After a few false starts this was now a reality.

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David wanted to send thanks especially to Simon Murphy, Gregg Pettit, Gary Griffiths and Duncan Barber for all their hard work in making this happen.

David welcomed some new volunteers this year including Adam Farley who is launching the new website. David also wanted to send thanks to all those that volunteer through the year, as a club we would not be able to operate without you.

Although exciting, BSHC will be saying farewell to the BS Community Sports Club. There have been many memories made over the last 70 years with the BS Community Sports Club and David wanted to show recognition to the Bar team on their recent recognition by CAMRA, with thanks to Neall Range and Sedge for their hard work to make the experience at Charles Edwards pavilion such a welcoming experience.

Hockerill Pitch Report

Gregg Pettit presented the Hockerill Pitch Report. There were no major changes.

The sinking fund ahead of budget at around £80k. Gregg advised what the booking administrator has stepped down which may cause some short-term issues.

Ladies' Club Captain's Report

In Richard Temple's absence due to attending the five counties AGM, David Butcher provided an update of the ladies section.

Five Counties were looking to expand their league, this will have an impact on the five counties depending on who transfers. This would be beneficial for the higher playing teams but would cause a lack of certain for the ladies 4,5,6's. Whilst the Committee had been supportive of the geographic benefit it had been decided that it was not the right time.

The main areas that the ladies' section could improve on is goal-scoring, set pieces and leadership recognising when things are not going that well and trying to work out a solution.

The pre-season training would start for ladies' 1's and 2's at Hockerill on the 31 July 2019.

Men's Club Captain's Report

Duncan Barber provided a review of the men's season:

A good season:

- Men's 1's were promoted back into Division 1, after 11 games undefeated in the second half of the season
- Men's 2's struggled to get an away team together, having a consistent team is an aim for next season
- Men's 3's won all of their second matches which lead to promotion. A great blend of youth and experience. This will mean both the Men's 2's and 3's will be in the same league.
- Men's 4's have also been promoted
- Men's 5's have been regulated after a poor start to the season. They will be strong contenders for promotion next season.

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Duncan commented that he would like to improve the number of players who attend training.

Junior Hockey Report

Jemma summarised the key highlights from the junior section.

- This had been another successful year with several juniors now playing hockey at the development centre and county level.
- U12's got into the East Regional Finals

Jemma said that she would be stepping down as junior manager this season, with Adnan Zakir now lead coach and Rachel Armitage as coordinator she was leaving it in good hands.

Butch thanked Jemma for all her hard work and ensuring the ethos that hockey should be for all. The partnership with Evo has been beneficial for both the juniors and coaches.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts

The club's financial year runs to 30 September which is in line with the Trust and other Clubs. Jamie Henderson provided some key highlights from the year:

- The finances had been a key part of the recent season with the huge focus on fundraising for the new pitch
- The club had invested £51k of its own reserves into the fundraising
- There had been £13k claimed in gift aid

For those that have pledged to donate but not paid you will be receiving emails soon. Jamie wanted to thank Polly for her help this season.

It was proposed by Simon Martyn that the Treasurer's Report, Financial Statements and Proposals be approved. This was seconded by Mike Tomkys and agreed unanimously.

Conformation of Subs

Jamie advised that given the current fundraising and the need to restore reserves, the proposal for the fees for the season 2018/19:

Category	2018/19	2019/20
Adult subscription	£160	£170
Junior subscription	£130	£140
Junior U8		£70
Graduate (first year return from university)	Free	Free
Students/New members	£120	Free
Adult match fees	£8.00	£10.00
Junior match fees (for adult games)	£4.00	£5.00
Student match fees	£4.00	£5.00

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Neill Range asked whether there would be a concession for those with more than one child. Jamie advised that this would be the case.

Butch reported that the Committee had considered the increase of subs very carefully and were mindful which is why it is a marginal increase.

Jamie advised that a professional coach, Adnan Zakir, had been appointed. The 18-game rule had been a success, with 54 players playing over the 18 games, with 25 being the highest amount of games played which is equivalent to two months of free hockey.

Funds had been received from Evo, £5k, East Herts Lottery, £3.5k which helps keep costs down.

Colin Harker queried the trustee levy currently being £13k, would this be the same at Beldams Lane. Duncan explained that there would be an expenditure of £21k with £10k towards the pitch and £13k the facilities. The club will still be contributing towards the Hockerill sinking fund.

Mike Tomkys commented that there used to be a contribution towards a thank you gift for the umpires for their time. Would it be possible to have a prepaid card behind the bar?

Simon Murphy agreed that the Pool umpires should be offered a drink as a thank you. At the new location it should be easier to ensure this is adhered to. He commented that the club did not have the best reputation for demonstrating they're thanks to the umpires.

David advised that the Committee take the points on board and consider a solution.

Matt Brown asked if there were plans to renew the kit provider. David reported that there were mixed views around kit, Silver FX made the job for the Committee easier, but it was recognised that there had been some delivery, quality issues. Changing provider would potentially increase costs which are reasonable at the present. A pre-season questionnaire would be circulated to all members.

Vernon Brown asked whether the club were anticipating saving for a third pitch. David explained that this is something that the Committee would like to work towards in the future, however if England Hockey had the appropriate grant or a benefactor was interested, it would be considered. BSHC were now inline with the East Herts Pitch Strategy.

Simon Murphy proposed the subs and match fees as agreed, Mike Tomkys seconded, with the motion being carried unanimously.

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Re-Election of Officers

David advised the following changes:

- Elizabeth Reay would be resigning as Ladies Representative, Hollie Mathison would be appointed.
- Jemma Pettit would be resigning as Junior Manger, with Rachel Armitage being appointed.

David thanked both Jemma and Elizabeth for their contribution.

All those officers that were to be elected and re-elected were completed as a collective:

Officer	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
President	Bernie Cotton	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Chairman	David Butcher	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Secretary	Amy Duffy	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Treasurer	Jamie Henderson	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Umpire Liaison	VACANT	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Junior Manager	Rachel Armitage	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Communications	Paul Round	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Ladies Club Captain	Richard Temple	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Men's Club Captain	Duncan Barber	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Men's Representative	Simon Martyn	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Ladies Representative	Hollie Mathison	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys
Development Coordinator	Gregg Pettit	Neall Range	Mike Tomkys

Election of New Officers

David explained that a very successful Vice Presidents dinner had been held recently, this had been organized by Peter Smith, Belinda Appleby with contributions from Ronnie Stott, Bernie Cotton, Bernard Judge and Neall Range. 75 vice presidents and alumni had attended.

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Vice Presidents

David was pleased to announce the following new Vice Presidents:

- Paula Frenzal
- Mike Tomkys
- Polly Murphy
- Amanda Smart
- Tony Robarts
- Ronnie Stott
- Jemma Pettit
- Gregg Pettit

The new Vice Presidents were proposed by Simon Murphy, seconded by John Kirton, and the motion was agreed unanimously.

Any Other Business

Andy Round queried whether Gary would still be the teas contractor at Beldams Lane. David explained that he had been invited to be, but this had not been confirmed.

Adrian Beale asked for an update on the construction of the new pitch. David reported that construction had started, there had been delays due to a bridge needing strengthening and the soil is softer than they had expected, concrete blocks were being added. It was estimated that the pitch would be ready by the start of the season with the pre-season training taking place at Hockerill. Richard Temple and Duncan Barber were currently looking at playing schedules, there is a slight issue that the planning states that the flood lights need to be off at 9pm. This will be revisited once we can demonstrate that the residents will not be disturbed.

Adrian Beale asked if the pitch will be rented out. David agreed that the pitch will be rented out, Herts and Essex school will have a significant programme and there are community use agreements for available slots. The school has appointed a dedicated Sports Centre Manager.

With no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:30 pm.

Chairman

Dated: