

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ROVER OXFORD CLUB
6 JUNE 2001

Present: Peter Howells, Chairman
Bridget Midwinter, Treasurer
Roger Bates, Witney
Dan Herbert, Henley
Steve Vermeulen, Rover Oxford
Gill Middleton, West Witney
Steve Say, Bicester
Sarah Lewington, Abingdon
Clare Halligan, Oxford Hawks
Nicki Couzens, Active Sport
Nick Malden

Peggy Cross, Secretary
Frank Cordrey, Coaching Co-ordinator
Phil Harding, Witney
Alex Cock, City of Oxford
Sue Barker, Southern Counties Delegate
Rob Gardner, Banbury
Penny Demczak, U21 Manager
Kathy Selley, Carterton & Mixed
Mark Scarth, Active Sport
Vincent Murphy, Publicity

Apologies for absence: Des Jenkins
Caroline Gould
Sheila King
Alec Graham
Lesley Roberts

John Padley-Smith
Pauline Swan
Mary Tullo
Joyce Washburn
Pauline Swan

The minutes of the Inaugural General Meeting held on 7 June 2000 had been previously circulated. They were proposed by Bridget Midwinter and seconded by Kathy Selley. All were in favour. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report

Peter Howells reported that we had had a very good first year with regular meetings, including representatives from the men's, women's, mixed, umpires, school and youth, all making valuable contributions. He thanked all members of the outgoing committee. There was a newsletter posted on the website and also sent out to all clubs. There was also information on Active Sport under Frank Cordrey's leadership. Henley was to be congratulated, winning both the men's and women's cups. Clubs had notable successes with Rover Oxford ladies gaining promotion to the National League, and U16 girl's victories over Bucks and Middlesex. The focus for the future was on developing youth hockey.

Treasurer's Report

Bridget Midwinter presented the accounts. Currently there was a profit of £2463, but there were bills to come in of approximately £1900. She had yet to pay someone to look at the accounts. Bridget proposed a drop in the affiliation fee to £30, Sue Barker seconded this, with all in favour.

Election of Management Committee

Peter proposed Frank Cordrey for Chairman, this was seconded by Steve Vermeulen, all were in favour. Steve thanked Peter for guiding the association through a difficult time, which he hoped was reflected by all clubs. Bridget proposed that Peter be elected as an Honorary Vice President, which was seconded by Penny Demczak.

Peggy Cross was not standing as Secretary and as there were no proposals, it was asked that clubs go and canvass for one. The names were required by the EHA before the 16 July.

Peter thanked Bridget who was prepared to remain as Treasurer. This was proposed by Peter and seconded by Steve Vermeulen, all were in favour.

Committee members – Alex Cock was proposed by Steve Vermeulen and seconded by Bridget. Des Jenkins is already on the committee, and Kathy Selley proposed Tom Johnson who was seconded by Gill Middleton.

Sue Barker indicated that she was happy to continue as our Southern Counties representative, this was proposed by Bridget and seconded by Rob Gardner.

The new management committee would appoint various sub committees at their first meeting.

Active Sport

Frank then took over the Chair. He introduced Mark Scarth saying that he saw Active Sport as part of the OHA with the challenge of integrating the youth sides with OHA. Mark had brought along his boss Nicki Couzens who gave a presentation to the meeting on how Active Sport can help hockey by working with clubs to obtain charter marks, recognised by EHA. They can provide bursaries for courses and coaching, and link in to other initiatives. Initial funding was from lottery grants with local authorities also involved. There were many issues still to address. Clubs need to realise that both Mark and Nicki can help the development of youth. They had already identified some clubs and needed to sit down on a one to one basis to write an action plan. Mark intended to visit every club to explain his role and what help he could give.

Publicity

Frank then introduced Vincent Murphy who gave his views on how he envisaged hockey could be promoted and published in the media. He had an ex BBC reporter Peter Richmond, who was willing to help and was experienced enough to submit copy to both papers and radio. They would try to obtain sponsorship so for now this promotion will not cost clubs anything, apart from nominal sums to cover phone calls. Vincent has set up a hotmail

address <http://www.hotmail.com> where copy can be downloaded, password 'pushback'.

Any other business

The AGM non-attendance fee was discussed. It was felt by some that the AGMs should improve so clubs wanted to attend. Bridger suggested that the fine should be £20 a team, but this could be capped with a maximum of £100. Alex Cock seconded this proposal. It was hoped to do away with the fine next year.

Clubs were asked if they wished cup matches to be continued. After discussion it was decided to hold a pre-season tournament which Alex agreed to organise for the men. Kathy for the mixed sides agreed with this and Bridget said that the ladies are happy with their pre-season tournament and she requested someone to run this.

Frank asked if clubs wanted county sides and it was left to the committee to document what was needed to run this, a proper competition structure was required. He also asked if clubs wanted an Oxfordshire handbook although all details could be found on the website.

Bridget agreed to remain as the County Disciplinary Officer with Sue Barker as her deputy.

Kathy reported that the mixed AGM in May decided they would like to amalgamate with OHA providing they could continue playing in the Midland region. They have team managers organised apart for the U21s. She suggested that Derek Holton be made an Honorary Vice President once the mixed are part of the Association.

Nick Malden had prepared a child protection paper which he asked Nicki Couzens to quality assure.

Penny Demczak congratulated Flo Cooke, Penny Malden and Maria Hayden on their successes and also Sue Barker on becoming a national league umpire.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.29 pm.