



Leeds Adel Hockey Club

Annual General Meeting

Date: 12th April 2016, 7.30pm.

Present: Mark Powley, Paul Lewis, Laura Summers, Jaclyn Smith, Sam Ransley, Anna Blyth, Helen Goacher, Katy Blyth, Pam Hardaker, Bridget Petty, Philip Bayford, Ian Phillips, Nathan Hemming, Ben Hendley, Sarah McCall, Gabby Nusenbaum, Robyn Lindsay, Sophie Powley, Hannah Jones, Tom Ibison, Rich Bingham, Rich Partner, Hannah Fisk, Ellie Pritchard, Nicole Sharman, Roisheen McEwan, Clare Hesselwood, Sam Ellis, Stuart Blair, Nick Cooper, Richard Poll, David Margerison

Apologies: Robin Walker, Rachel Barson, Tina Parson, Sophie Bunker, Sam Jackson, Emma Kiel, Katie White, Emily Harley, James Mayhew, Paul Watkins, Rory Jackson, Andy Bird

Welcome from Mark. Attendees held a minute's silence in memory of Geoff Berrington, Ray Patrick and Elly Sheard.

1. Minutes from last year

- Minutes from 2015 were handed out and confirmed as a true account.

2. Chairman's Report

Mark Powley

- It has been a successful year on and off the pitch. Highlights include the club receiving the Clubmark certificate from Sport England and Pam winning the award in the Coach- Participation category at Leeds Sports Awards.
- Committee meetings have been held monthly with the new streamlined structure – thanks to Paul for driving this structure change last year. Thanks also to the volunteers and exec committee for their help this year, including all of the team captains for their tireless work.
- The hockey section has relied heavily on the support and goodwill of the AWMA this year. AWMA are working to try and improve the changing facilities, although at the moment there is a lack of funding to update the cricket pavilion. AWMA are trying to get the sections to work collectively to improve relationships and support each other.
- There have been issues with the removal of the old astroturf, but many thanks to Neil Evans and Willmott Dixon for providing a free skip. There is a small amount of astro still to remove but this will hopefully be resolved in the near future.
- Many thanks to Emily for co-ordinating teas this season.
- We must try and use the bar and AWMA facilities more next season, which will aid the integration between sections. Captains to try and encourage players to stay post-match.
- Replacing the goals is now a priority for the club.
- The club has been re-awarded the England Hockey Clubs First award. Many thanks to Greg, Pam, Bridget and Paul for the time and effort put in to this. This is a vitally important award for the club and ensures we can provide a safe environment for the juniors to train and play in. Some good relationships have been made with England Hockey colleagues which will help to drive the club forward and put it in a good place to be awarded further funding in the future.



- There have been a lot of positives during 2015/16 including a thriving junior section, a successful ladies section, a strong coaching structure, a successful summer league, improved facilities and better relationships.
- Areas to improve next year include the removal of the final parts of the old astroturf, the purchase of new goals, a better reputation for teas and the club in general with the league and EH, more on pitch success for the men's section, player retention and more member involvement in the running of the club.

3. Treasurer's Report

Jaclyn Smith

- Slides were shown on the presentation with a detailed breakdown of the clubs expenses for 2015/16.
- There are still match fees to pay in from captains which will make the figures for match fees look healthier. There is also some unallocated money that has been paid into the account due to no reference being provided.
- There was an insurance refund due to insurance fraud. This was used to pay back a debt to AWMA so the club will look to use profits from summer league to buy new goals.
- The issue of members not paying subscription fees which was brought up last year seems to have been resolved this year. Subs income this year was around £18k compared to around £13k last year. Well done to Anna and Katy for chasing up these fees.
- Jaclyn will aim to create paying in slips for next season, which will help to be able to account where money has come from so it can be categorised correctly.
- The committee proposed to maintain annual subscription and match fee costs the same as 2015/16, with the implementation of a new 'casual' match fee rate of £10 per match (for up to four games per season). A student and junior rate of £5 would apply.

4. Section Reports

Men

Paul Lewis

- Thanks to players, umpires and supporters over the season.
- Overall there has been no huge change within the men's section. The number of junior boys has increased, attendance at training and the number of paid members have also improved. The club entered a men's veteran side in to the EH cup this year. On paper there are enough members to put out 6 teams but there needs to be more commitment, especially to travel to away matches, otherwise the section will only be able to put out 4 teams on a Saturday.
- The success of the year has been the 5th team which, with the help of captain Stu, has united the older members with budding juniors to finish mid-table.
- Robin Walker has moved on to Harrogate HC – thanks for all of his hard work and good luck with the new club. Robin also wanted his thanks to the club noting.
- There was a proposal for coaching changes in the coming season. Training will move to a Wednesday night, with Ben Hendley becoming the 1st team coach (and leading the performance training sessions for 1st and 2nd teams). Paul will become the lead coach for the general club session and there will also be a fitness session incorporated which will include a specific plan from Primal Gym.



- There was a proposal for the men's section to change the shirt colour from black to orange for the coming season. This will help provide the club with a single identity and will fall in line with the ladies and juniors who also play in orange. There will be a need for the men to purchase their own playing tops and the club has come to an agreement with All Rounder, who will provide an online shop for players to use. The black shirts that were sponsored last year will be able to be used as an away kit. Shirts will cost approximately £24, which will include a club number.
- The men's section all need to encourage each other to become more involved in the club.
- Thanks from Mark to Paul – he has gone way beyond his Club Captain role this season and his sterling efforts are much appreciated.

Ladies

Helen Goacher

- It has been a very successful season on the pitch, although it is not yet over. The 1st team still have play off promotion matches to play and if they win then the 2nd team could end up playing against Lindum in a play-off match for promotion into the North League.
- The 3rd team won the league this season and the 4th team finished mid table after being promoted last year.
- The junior integration within the adult section is going well with help from the player development programme.
- Thanks to the coaches Paul, Ben, Sam and Ash for their assistance over the year.
- There have been many successful county, regional and national selections for junior members.
- Thanks to Jen and Phill from Primal for all their help with fitness over the season.
- Due to continued recruitment over the year, next season Adel have entered a ladies 5th team into the league.

5. Juniors

Pam Hardaker

- There has been an increase in junior members again this year – to about 130 girls and 46 boys. The U14 boys have been successful. The girls have had a mixed season, with the U10 and U14 A teams both finishing 4th in their leagues and the U16 finishing 6th.
- The boys section has thrived this year thanks to Simon Sutton, which is helping to feed the men's 5th team.
- Thanks to Paul Lewis for the time he has given to coaching and umpiring this year, and thanks to Hannah Jones for helping out also.
- Due to the ever increasing numbers attending on Friday nights there needs to be adult volunteers present to help out. A rota system will need to be set up between the men's and ladies sections next season to help with this.
- If anyone is interested in helping out more with the juniors (coaching or helping on a Friday night, and side-line coaching or umpiring on a Sunday) then please contact Pam.



6. Proposals and Elections

- The following proposals were put forward by the committee:
 - The Club shall enter into a three year agreement with All Rounder to supply all team wear and hockey equipment for all sections;
 - All teams to wear an orange home shirt (with black shorts and socks) and black away shirt (with black shorts and white socks);
 - The Club shall introduce the volunteer role of 'Coaching Coordinator' to replace the 'Director of Hockey' position previously outlined on the committee structure. The 'Coaching Coordinator' will be appointed by the committee;
 - The Club proposes to offer payment to coaches in the senior sections at the following rates: Level 2 £15/hour, Level 1, £8/hour. Payment will be by agreement with the committee and by contract only. Outlay on coaching overall will be consistent with current expenditure; and
 - Match fees and annual subscriptions adult, to remain consistent for the 2016-17. However, a new 'casual' rate match fee of £10/game to apply for non-members (£5 for juniors).

All members present voted for the above proposals.

- The following nominations (as an attachment) were received and all were elected.
- There were two proposals put forward for the men's 2nd team captain. All members present voted and Richard Partner was duly elected.
- [Post-meeting note](#): Robyn Lindsay and Sandra Clarke were proposed to fill the ladies 2nd team captain vacancy.

7. AOB

- Mixed summer league will be starting week commencing 27th June, on Monday and Tuesday nights for 8 weeks. Sam will hope to enter 5 Adel teams and will need more captains to help organise.
- Richard Poll will organise an event for President's Day at the start of next season.
- There will be a junior tournament and prize giving on Saturday 16th April, 10am-12pm, with around 60 juniors turning up.
- Helen Goacher has entered two teams into Wakefield Summer Splash in June. If interested, please contact Helen.
- Good luck to the ladies 1st team for their remaining play off matches.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Laura Summers
Club Secretary