

Adel Hockey Club  
AGM 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Present** – Mark Powley, Hannah Fisk, Sam Jackson, Gabrielle Nusenbaum, Tom Beale, Pam Hardaker, Jim Cockburn, Sarina Jassal, Becky Louth, Alice Bowler, Alice Wilton, Harriet Parker, Will Powley, Naomi Van der Sloot, Jane Goode, Georgina Chapman, Emily Harley, Iona Boyle, Holly Radcliffe, Steph Bradbeer, April Fowden, Sophie Powley, Abbie Taylor, Robyn Lindsay, Matt Aldred, Becky Hill, Rosie Porter, Harriet Thomlinson, Edd Holford, James Stroomer, Ed Crocker, Greg Hilton, Simon Ball, Gareth Maver, Nathan Hemming, Philip Bayford, Bridget Petty, Sarah Fryer, Josh Berry, David Margerison, Ian Philips, Hannah Jones, Richard Poll, Ben Hendley.

**Apologies** – Tony Akroyd, Nic Crocker, Clare Hesslewood, Sophie Bunker, Craig Smith, Luke Taylor, Simon Taylor, Rachel Barson, Eleanor Pritchard, Emily Holt, StefabnPalenski, Matthew Brayshaw, Ross Nichols.

Welcome from the chairman, order or business.

**Minutes from 2018**

- No amendments.
- Proposed acceptance – Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ian Philips.

Minutes silence to remember Andy Robertson, former life member who recently passed away. It was lovely to see over 20 past and present club members at his funeral. Andy was a valued player, umpire and friend, may he rest in peace.

**Chairman's Report**

Most club members play 20 or so games a year and attend training sessions whilst your committee have continued to work hard behind the scenes having regular meetings for routine matters i.e. finances, membership, communications, AWMA, affiliation.

- Meetings
  - o 6 committee meetings.
  - o Several members also on AWMA council, overseeing wider club connections.
  - o 2 disciplinary meetings for red cards for the first time in a long time.
  - o The goal being to take the club forward to improve all stakeholders experience at Adel.
    - Development committee, AWMA projects, All Rounder.
    - Kit meetings to try improve relationships with All Rounder.
      - Emphasis on driving forward to try ensure value for money.
- Thanks
  - o All committee members, especially those with multiple roles and those stepping down.
  - o Nathan – 1<sup>st</sup> team captain 5 years
  - o Ben Hendley – last 3 years as men's 1s coach
  - o Coaches, skippers, umpires and co-ordinators – games don't happen without you.
  - o To everyone who helps the junior section, comments from parents indicate success of what we offer.

- Everyone who turns out to support on the weekend.
- Destroyers, builders and snow shifters
  - Dugouts, goals, fencing, making sure games go ahead on Saturdays.
- Review of last year
  - (Last year's slide: red = additions, crossed out = no longer appropriate).
  - Winning isn't everything but helps!
  - Successes:
    - Club is growing well with the new membership system largely to thank with members playing more often.
      - Challenges of growth mean that we have had to expand to look into a second pitch.
        - The use of the Ralph Thoresby astro.
    - Creation of men's 6<sup>th</sup> team and occasional ladies 6s!
    - Bringing junior training back to Adel for next season.
    - Fencing and dugout upgrades.
    - Summer League – great success and money maker.
    - Social scene on the up, great club atmosphere and spirit.
      - Thanks to Ellie and James for organising events throughout the year and EOSD.
      - Please avoid 11<sup>th</sup> of May next year (S. Powley birthday).
  - Challenges:
    - Selection policy challenges this season due to increased membership size.
    - Emphasis on respect and discipline following 2 red cards this season.
    - Hope to improve school links.
    - Beware of social media activity.
    - Avoid derogatory posts, thanks to Greg for being swift to remove any inappropriate posts.
- Development Plan
  - Off pitch
    - Teas – thanks to Sam, Rob, Luke and Kieran for making the teas upgrade successful and delicious.
    - Thanks to everyone who contributes to development of the hockey club.
  - On pitch successes
    - The year the astro was updated (2014) we had no league winners.
      - Since then we have had 12 in 5 years.
      - 2 EH team of the year nominations.
      - Yorkshire Club of the Year.
    - Dugouts and fencing being installed.
  - Above points going hand in hand and attracting more people in.
  - 5 years since astro installed, progression every year since:
    - 2015 – Clubs First accreditation.
    - 2016 – new 'orange' goals.
    - 2017 – finally removed old astro.
    - 2018 – kitchen and teas upgrade, new 'back up goals'.
    - 2019 – fencing and dugout installation (in progress).

- 2020 – changing rooms, parking, viewing grandstand??
- Development Committee Update
  - Impressive number of volunteers to help out the club in different respects.
    - Coaching, development committee.
    - Opportunity to shape the club and make a difference.
  - Fencing going up at present.
  - Plans for future – warm up pitch, viewing area.
    - Building pillars for future – 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch.
    - Car park, changing rooms – AWMA.

### **Men's Report**

- Another very good year
  - Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> won their league, played some brilliant hockey.
    - Back to back league wins and promotion into North.
    - Thanks to Edd Holford, Rich Partner and Ben who have shaped this and the dedication and effort of the 2s squad on and off the pitch.
  - Men's 3s promoted into Div 1 following an amazing post-Christmas run.
    - Mentored several juniors who really improved throughout the year and started to shine in the league.
    - Thanks to Greg Hilton for steering the ship and all the work Sammy has done on the sidelines and on a Wednesday.
  - Key success – men's 6s, really helped with selection.
    - Big thanks to Ian Philips for working hard to catch up the fixtures after missing the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 games.
    - Another big thanks to Stefan for stepping up to captain them all, and all those that played and committed every week.
    - Effort of all those involved resulted in the team being promoted!
    - Lastly, thank you to Jim for sorting additional umpires and Julie at Ralph Thoresby.
  - Men's 1 – big thanks to Nathan and Ben for doing a great job – big boots to fill.
    - Narrowly missed out on promotion this season but still the most entertaining side in West Yorkshire.
  - Men's 4s and 5s is the social hub of men's section, bleeding in juniors playing good hockey and claiming promotions via the YHA and North league restructurings.
  - Thanks to those from 3s and 4s who stepped up to help out to help 1s so 2s could focus on winning their league.
- Thanks to all the coaches who help out on a Wednesday night.
  - Bally, Ben, Sammy, Hedgie, John Holden and Simon Sutton.
- Next season
  - Promotion of 1s, 4s and 6s.
  - Continue to operate as a club, not as a squad of XI. Some fantastic examples of such this year with Iain and Kieran stepping up to play for the 1s and many of the 2s showing they are very able to step up and help out.
  - New coaching structure with Ben stepping down and new management of 1<sup>st</sup> team.
  - Men's 3s will be in the league the men's 1s were in 5 years ago.

- Consolidation of 2s and 3s into new leagues.
- 5s to keep the conveyor belt of talent coming through and the o60s of LS16 out of trouble/care homes.
- Big thank you to all the captains:
  - 1s – Nathan Hemming
  - 2s – Edd Holford
  - 3s – Greg Hilton
  - 4s – Ross Nichols
  - 5s – Rich Poll and co
  - 6s – Stefan Palenski
- Mark Powley thanks Tom for doing a good job despite challenges on and off the pitch.

### **Women's Report**

- Thanks to Simon Ball for stepping in last minute to coach the ladies 1s, much appreciated and not an easy role given the big changes in the squad.
- Another successful season.
  - Due to league restructure – 1s, 2s and 3s promoted.
  - Unfortunately, ladies 4s just missed out on promotion in 4<sup>th</sup> place but did lose the fewest games in the ladies side.
  - Ladies 5s scored the most goals of all the ladies side.
    - Great to see them come on so much.
    - Zoe has done a brilliant job of getting the best out of the girls.
  - Fulfilled every fixture.
  - Introduction of an ad hoc 6<sup>th</sup> team for friendlies with juniors, masters and club members which was very well received.
    - Helped cope with the overspill to ensure everyone got a game.
    - Encouraged people into the club with lots of people keen.
  - Huge turnouts at training (over 80 regularly!), new membership system has seen great commitment from players.
    - Emails saying how fantastic the training was so thank you to all the coaches.
    - Reflective of new membership system – getting most for people's money.
- Big thanks to all the coaches and the excellent team – Jim, Josh, Rob, Simon, Phil and Will.
- Real integration of ladies section and club spirit, this keeps improving year on year.
  - Club going in a really good direction
- Big thank you to all the captains, not an easy role but well done all.
  - 1s – April Fowden
  - 2s – Jane Holmes
  - 3s – Charlie Surridge : thanks for all the hard work she has put in over the last year.
  - 4s – Hannah Fisk : thanks for the good job she has done over the last 3 years as ladies 4s captain.
  - 5s – Zoe Schoefield
- Currently talks underway for new ladies 1s coach

- She is keen to come and be involved with 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s.
- Good to have an outsider who can provide a new viewpoint.
- Until next season:
  - Back to hockey will run.
  - Mixed hockey starts 1<sup>st</sup> week in July.
  - Pre-season fitness will start in August with Phil Wright.
- Mark Powley thanks Gabby.

### **Junior Section**

- U10 girls B team in photo – all very happy despite getting rained on.
- Numbers a little lower than previous years (144).
  - U16s particularly as they play in the adult section and their junior attendance drops off.
  - Thanks to Greg.
  - Regular numbers at training.
  - Mum's and Dads getting involved coaching which has been great.
- Results:
  - U10
    - Girls A – 4<sup>th</sup>/34 (top division), B – 30<sup>th</sup>/34.
    - Boys 10<sup>th</sup>/31.
  - U12
    - Girls A → 11<sup>th</sup>/46, B → 30<sup>th</sup>/46.
    - Boys 15<sup>th</sup>/36.
  - U14
    - Girls A → 13<sup>th</sup>/36, B → 34<sup>th</sup>/36.
    - Boys 15<sup>th</sup>/22.
  - U16
    - Girls 10<sup>th</sup>/36.
      - Runners up in playoff in 2<sup>nd</sup> group of 8, included 3 girls who had never played 11 a side.
    - Boys 10<sup>th</sup>/19.
- All junior training moving to Adel for next season
  - Sense of identity.
  - Need helpers – even if a group who share it between them.
    - Wed u16 boys - ? (Si Sutton stepping down)
      - Before men's training
    - Thurs u14/u16 girls 6-7:30pm – Emma Kiel + ?
    - Friday:
      - 6-7pm u10s – Pam, Jen, Chadders and parent helpers.
      - 7-8pm u12s – Giles Primer, Andy Miles, Jane Goode and Alice Bowler.
      - 8-9pm u14 boys – Rich Bingham, Stephan Palenski, Andy Hedge.
- Massive thanks to Greg for taking the u16 girls through – for 6 years.
- Thanks to all those who help coach, it is very much appreciated!
  - Giles Primer, Jenny Wright, Claire Chadwick, Helen Slinger, Stuart Bloomer, Stefan Palenski, Rich Bingham, Sam Irving, Andy Miles, Andy Hedge, Jane

Goode, Alice Bowler, Emma Kiel, Simon Law, Greg Hilton, Simon Sutton, Simon Taylor, Mark Powley, Bridget Petty.

- Many thanks also to the umpires:
  - o Ben Carlin, Stella, Sholto, David Akroyd, Amber Webb, Simon Littler, Zoe Houlton, Joe Greer, Ben Wheatcroft and Gabby.
- Pam has been doing this since 2001, so big thank you for contributing to the club's success as your juniors have come through.
  - o 4 Adel juniors in very successful mixed QF on 7/4/19.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Accounts to September 2018 (see slides):
  - o Main sources of income = annual subscriptions (43%), match fees (27%), summer league (26%).
  - o Main differences in last year's numbers is the timing of accounts.
  - o Surplus mainly due to saving for infrastructure updates, as well as higher match fees, summer league and fundraising.
    - Projects include – fencing, warm up pitch, changing rooms etc.
- Donating money for a brick – help fund new dugouts
  - o £50 per brick, can personalise.
  - o Payment plan if needed.
- Expenses:
  - o Pitch hire expenses– lower next year as juniors move back to Adel.
  - o Match teas better – costs more.
  - o New fencing - £55,090.40, some of pitch budget used.
    - Saving for new pitch in 10-12 years time.
  - o Still to pay half of AWMA fee
- Membership
  - o Seniors membership up, juniors as expected.
  - o Income £50,000, from subs alone.
  - o An increase of over £16,000 from last year which also included summer league and Adel Fest.
  - o Only a few issues with people stopping membership payments, resolved.
  - o Proposed fees remain the same
    - £288 with £12 AWMA fee – designed to encourage social membership.
      - Proposer – Jim, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Gabby
  - o Encourage more people to be social members (£12) such as those having a season out or junior parents – new membership cards for bar discounts.
- Supporters bus for Lee Valley – will be self-funded, not from treasury
- Thanks from Mark, Sam has been the driving force behind a lot of the development in the club.
  - o Also helped sort the membership for the AWMA.

### **Proposals & Elections**

- Proposals for Executive Committee – Jim and Rich Poll seconded.
  - o President – Ian Philips
    - NB Ian Philips is on his 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 years as president.

- Chairperson – Mark Powley.
- General Secretary – Hannah Fisk
- Treasurer – Sam Jackson.
- Club captains
  - Mens – Tom Beale.
  - Womens – Gabby Nusenbaum.
- Youth & Welfare Officer – Bridget Petty.
- Junior Co-ordinator – Pam Hardaker
- Membership Secretary (NEW) – Rosie Porter
- Communication Coordinators (VOLUNTEERED) – Abi Taylor and Sophie Powley
  - More coverage in Yorkshire evening post
- Bridget Petty as AWMA rep to council (taking over from Mark).
- Proposals for Playing Committee – Phil Bayford and Hannah Jones seconded.
  - Fixture Co-ordinators:
    - Mens – Ian Philips.
    - Womens – Gabby Nusenbaum.
  - Coaching Co-ordinator – Simon Ball.
  - Mens:
    - 1s – James Stroomer (NEW)
    - 2s – Edd Holford
    - 3s – Greg Hilton
    - 4s – Ross Nicholls
    - 5s – Richard Poll/John Holden
    - 6s – Stefan Palenski
    - Notable mention – Nathan/Ben partnership of 5 years is ending after a great run of hockey, spirit and respect.
  - Womens:
    - 1s – April Fowden
    - 2s – Jane Holmes
    - 3s – Ellie Pritchard/Hattie Parker (NEW) – decided pre AGM by current team vote.
    - 4s – Rosie Campbell (NEW)
    - 5s – Zoe Schoefield
  - Masters Captains
    - Mens – Nick Cooper
    - Womens – Clare Hesslewood
- Proposals for Volunteer Section – Bridget Petty, seconded Pam Hardaker.
  - Social Secretaries:
    - Mens – James Moorhouse.
    - Womens – Ellie Pritchard.
  - Umpire Co-ordinator – Jim Cockburn.
  - Webmaster – Greg Hilton.
  - Match Tea Co-ordinator – Luke Taylor/Rob Higgins.
  - Kit and Sponsorship Co-ordinator
    - Task: Find an alternative to AllRounder.
    - VACANT

- Auditor of Accounts – Simon Taylor.
- Summer League Co-ordinator – Pam Hardaker.
- 100 Club Coordinator – VACANT.
- Life member and Vice President Nominations put forward by committee, proposer Josh Berry, seconded Sarah Fryer
  - Life membership – Greg Hilton, Mark Powley
    - Greg Hilton
      - ‘My first game for Adel is alongside another young full back studying at Leeds Polytechnic. We played together for many years, winning Yorkshire Premier league memorably in 1989’.
      - ‘He had a penchant for fast cars, snow sports and often picked up injuries as a result. He continued to play whereas my body gave up on me long before his did.’
      - ‘During his period as chair of the club he was instrumental in the new pitch fund raising and planning.’
      - ‘On stepping down, he remained involved as overlord of the lads as 3<sup>rd</sup> team skipper and junior coaching and set up. He remains a very valued club member’.
      - ‘He has been a good friend and wise counsel to me during my tenure as chair too.’
    - Mark Powley
      - ‘Mark gives up an enormous amount of time to do this role and do it so well. Always endeavours to be as fair, unbiased and consistent as possible.’
      - If approved it will be a very proud moment of my 33 years as a member, topping my pride yesterday at the mixed game victory’.
  - Vice Presidents – Paul Lewis, Richard Partner
    - Paul Lewis
      - ‘You don’t realise how much you miss someone until they’ve left’.
      - ‘Paul was responsible for creating the framework structure the club operates under today and has been a crucial part of the most successful period in the club in my 30 years’.
      - ‘He has had a wide variety of roles on and off the pitch’.
      - ‘He is a valued friend to many of us and I know this will go some way to make up for his disappointment at seeing Wolves lose yesterday’.
    - Rich Partner
      - ‘Don’t we all want to find a Rich Partner...’
      - ‘He is the Peter Pan of the club, still playing top league hockey, fit as a fiddle, and acting up as a great role model, mentor and confidant to the younger players in the 2s’.
      - ‘Past committee man and chairman’.
      - ‘Healing hand helped many too’.



- Both very deserving, long-standing members of the club who are still actively involved.

#### AOB

- Blackpool Tour at Easter Weekend
  - Organised capably by Will P, Hattie P and co.
  - 'Goodness knows what's going on other than hockey..'
- EOSD at Weetwood Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019, kindly organised by James and Ellie.
  - New fencing and dugouts opening on the same day.
- YHA dinner – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Wakefield.
- EH mixed cup weekend – Lee Valley 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Very exciting time for our mixed squad.
  - Watch this space!
- Adel Summer League will be starting soon.
- Presidents day/Adel Fest coming soon.

#### President

- Standing policy that if all mens/ladies teams win on a day he buys a round in the bar.

AGM adjourned.