

## **AGM Minutes 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Present:

Mark Powley, Sam Jackson, Rosie Porter, Greg Hilton, Bridget Petty, Simon Taylor, Tom Taylor, Andrew Hedgie, Ross Nichols, James Moorhouse, Gabby Nusenbaum, Steph Bradbeer, Tom Beale, Tim McDonald, Pam Hardaker, Rich Bingham, James Stroomer, Jane Goode, Alice Bowler, Gareth Maver, Tony Ackroyd, Will Powley, David Margerison, Matt Aldred, Amelia Jeavons, Sophie Powley, Holly Radcliffe, Ian Philips, Kate Smith, Edd Holford, Hattie Parker, Clare Hesslewood, Iona Boyle, Jane Holmes, Harriet Thomplinson, Rich Hinds, Simon Ball, Luke Meaton, Sham Ahmed

Apologies: Ben Hendley, Jenny Hopkins, Stefan Palenski, Zoe Schoefield, Richard Foster, Abbie Taylor.

### **Introduction**

Welcome to everyone on our first ever Adel Hockey AGM via zoom in 75 years.

Within constitutional guidelines quorate.

Zoom rules explained as per email that went out.

Minutes silence held for the following former players:

- Peter Craven – former President, player, umpire, captain and committee man for many years and the person who designed the current Adel helmet logo. Peter was an Adel man through and through, passing on his hockey genes to son Rob who was a 1<sup>st</sup> team stalwart for many years and granddaughters Laura and Gemma who also played hockey at Adel.
- Phil Clark – Phil was one of the Clark family who joined in the 1980s when Leeds Corinthians folded along with twin brother Ian and older brother Mike. He was vice captain for the 4<sup>th</sup> team for a few seasons and another solid club man for over a decade.
- Both are fondly remembered and missed by all at Adel who knew them.

Rosie kindly circulated last year's AGM minutes, approved by AGM today.

- SJ proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH.

### **2019/2020 Season Review**

Season has been longer than normal with the high of Lee Valley weekend last year to the unfortunate and abrupt end to hockey and socials caused by the current covid-19 pandemic.

As a club we have improved England Hockey connections through the coaching and umpiring network and will continue to do so with them and our opposition.

We have had no red cards this season!

As a club we have been investing in our facilities and prioritising our membership on the pitch.

Successes:

- We continued our on pitch success

- Integrating juniors into the senior teams, aided by moving junior training to Adel so everything on one site.
- Men's 6<sup>th</sup> team have moved back into the North division within the Yorkshire leagues.
- New membership system has been successful.
- Infrastructure update – fencing and dugout upgrades
- Teas continued to be good
- We held our first ever 'Old Boys Reunion'
- Good social scene with many successful socials including Lee Valley

#### Challenges:

- Pitch security – ongoing difficulties here with locals
- Safety and return to hockey post covid-19
- Supporting AWMA as they suffer a financial set back as a result of the above
- Volunteering – usually same group of dedicated individuals – thank you!
  - o Encourage other members to volunteer and get involved on committee.
- Facilities – changing rooms need improving (AWMA territory)
- Local competition
- Improving wider school links
- Reputation – we have had a few fines this year on both men's and women's sides.
- Adapting from “playing for a team” to “playing for a club” mind-set.

#### **Development and Improvement**

##### Off the Pitch (3 years)

- 2018 kitchen and teas upgraded, new backup goals
- 2019 fencing and dugouts installed
- 2020 new kit supplier, fencing improvements, changing rooms hopefully updated
- Club has made great strides in a short space of time
- Side-line support at record levels across all teams

##### On the Pitch (3 years)

- 2018: M1, M2, M4 and L2s league winners
- 2019: M2 league winners and Mixed team EH semi-finalists
- 2020: No promotions but mixed 2<sup>nd</sup> team in EH Cup still
- 12 league titles in 6 seasons since new astro installed
- only 2 league relegations and several other promotions too

#### **Thank you's**

Thank you to all committee members especially those stepping down.

- Jamesy as social secretary
- Rosie as membership secretary
- Simon Ball as coaching co-ordinator

Thank you to all the Covid-19 committee: Mark, Hannah, Ellie, Gabby, Sophie, Greg and all pitch co-ordinator's.

## Treasurer

Order of business changed so Sam can go back to sleep before his night shift tonight.  
Apologies given if unable to answer questions but members to feel free to email enquiries.

Income increased by £70,000 but expenses also increased. These expenses include the fencing and dugouts. Total of £5,000 in account at end of year, emphasised we don't want to go below that minimum.

This is the second season of membership fees but the first season they are in the accounts.  
Summer league income reduced as it is included within the membership fees total.

- £21,000 increased in income from membership fees
- Socials expenditure correct but we got kickback from Weetwood from the bar which is in the fundraising section and also income from Blacks (sponsorship).

A few items above budget in expenditures, notably Lee Valley and coaching courses.

- We expect out pitch hire costs to reduce in future as now almost hockey is all at Adel (one to two games per weekend at Ralph Thorsby).
- Match teas – much improved but at a cost
- Other includes driving expenses (thanks to captains who were fantastic at updating who drove and when).
- Same with umpires – thank you Jim!
- Development: £43,000 + £30,000 from pitch fund
  - o For fencing, dugouts and others
  - o Not yet finished
  - o Much appreciation and thank you to those who helped knock dugouts down, plant trees, lay paths etc.
- Expenditures predicted to reduce next year
  - o Looking into how much each section costs to AWMA i.e. hockey ~£10,000 but subs, bar etc. help offset this.
  - o Plan to increase pitch fund contributions to £14,000 from hockey
    - Plan to have enough money to replace pitch in 12 years' time
    - Other sections contributions will increase to total £17,000.
  - o Pitch fund offered to AWMA as bridging loan during covid-19 but they declined and are sourcing alternative funding in grants etc.

Accounts approved

- Proposed EP, 2<sup>nd</sup> BP

Mark thanks Sam for overseeing the Adel development and treasury side of the club and for his high motivation despite it being his first year of being a doctor.

## Men's Section

Good year on the whole with strong results all round, a year of consolidation on previous seasons successes.

Thank you to Mark, Bally and Stroomer for their efforts and patience with appeals and committees re M1s promotion battle (sadly futile despite 120 goals, 20 wins and being top of the league).

Thank you to Mark for umpiring and overseeing the committee.

Thank you to all who give up time for coaching – Pam and Si Sutton especially. The Men's section has benefitted hugely from junior section.

Thanks to all the coaches on a Wednesday night, great attendance which reflects the fun and quality of the sessions.

Thank you to Stroomer for the positive work he has done with the M1s, especially as taking over from Ben/Nath was not going to be easy.

Thank you to Luke Meaton for stepping up to be M2s captain, especially with so many players coming through (39 played 2s this season)!

Thank you to Ross who has captained the 4s for 3 years, well done and great commitment and contribution to the 4s.

M5s are producing good U15s and O50s players who provide a vital, and very successful, role transitioning the younger heads to adult hockey.

M6s have successfully moved into the North Yorkshire league, saving >1,000 miles in travel.

Thanks to everyone who is a key worker, on committee and off, your work is very much appreciated.

Plan for next season involves hopefully playing hockey which would ideally include the 1s getting promoted, having fun, replenishing the AWMA finances by drinking lots of beer. There were no injuries in the much anticipated M5s vs M6s derby which had a good crowd turnout. Also noted the chairman didn't play a minute this season so it should be noted he is expected to turn out twice in the one next season.

### **Ladies Section**

Season curtailed due to Covid-19 with a few fixtures left to fulfil (up till then we had always fulfilled a fixture).

Thanks to Lucy Horsfield who joined Adel this season as managing the ladies 1s and has been very successful in this role, the L1s finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and scored the most goals out of all the ladies teams.

L2s had the fewest losses and fewest goals conceded.

No promotions or relegations this season.

Welcoming back returning players from university and good to see junior presence across all teams within the section.

Fewer injuries this season!

Grateful to Hannah and Ellie for getting the pitch up and running, only pitch in area currently.

Planning to have a formal coaching structure in place for next season with an allocated coach per team.

Evolving into a 'one club' club, as opposed to players just playing for their team. Thank you to all those who stepped up and played for another team and everyone who gave up their time.

Thanks to all Captains, coaches, umpires, and all those who have stepped up into teams this season – generally helping, and giving their time. Many thanks also to those Captains who are stepping down from their roles.

Thanks to Ian for all his help with fixtures. Looking forward to getting back to the club and social life, supporting AWMA in the process and encouraging others to volunteer.

### **Junior Section**

Numbers wise the junior section has stayed similar.

- Smaller number young boys
  - o Partly because Pam isn't at GSAL
  - o Schools encourage them to join other local clubs

We have lost a lot of junior Sunday fixtures which unfortunately don't get re-arranged.

U16B – thank you to Si Sutton. The boys have had a very good season and were into 2<sup>nd</sup> round Yorkshire Cup, cut short due to covid.

U14G - also made it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round the Yorkshire Cup (also stopped with covid).

Lots of age groups finished mid table.

We offer junior hockey to all levels and all abilities, reflected in our A teams at the top and B teams at the bottom of the tables and we have had good feedback from parents.

U16 boys need a coach for next season.

- It was good getting back to Adel but challenging splitting the juniors over 3 nights. Currently in discussion with Lucy Horsefield re coaching U14/U16G
- This would also encourage a positive link with the adults
- Committee have approved this as Adel would have to pay her as it is her profession.
- Proposed PH, 2<sup>nd</sup> HF.
- Pam will confirm with Lucy.

Many thanks to Simon Sutton, Giles Primmer, Jenny Wright, Claire Chadwick, Helen Slinger, Stuart Boomer, Stefan Palenski, Rich Bingham, Andy Miles, Andy Hedge, Jane Goode, Alice Bowler, Emma Kiel, Millie Jeavons, Tom Taylor, Harriet Tomlinson, Greg Hilton, Simon Taylor, Joe Greer, Hannah Greer, Zoe Houlton, Lucy Lansdown, Ben Carlin. Sholto Rowe and Mark Powley for helping out with junior training and umpiring matches. Also thanks to all the parent helpers.

- Without all of you the juniors wouldn't run, on that note we are always looking for volunteers so please get in touch!

Pam has been coaching juniors for 20 years and is a hugely valued committee member that is looking to step down from organizing summer league next year. They will need to start planning February, will give person a handover, Gabby Nusenbaum happy to take over.

- Proposer GN, 2<sup>nd</sup> HP.

### **Roles**

### Exec Committee

- President: Ian Philips
- Chair: Mark Powley
- General Secretary (Inc. Membership 2020-21): Hannah Fisk
- Treasurer: Sam Jackson
- Men's Club Captain: Tom Beale
- Women's Club Captain: Gabby Nusenbaum
- Youth & Welfare Officer: Bridget Petty
- Junior Co-ordinator: Pam Hardaker
- AWMA Rep to Council: Bridget Petty
- Communication Co-ordinator: Sophie Powley/Abbie Taylor
- Grounds Secretary – remains vacant

(Trialling membership role into secretary)

Proposer GN, 2<sup>nd</sup> PH.

### Playing Committee

- Ladies Fixtures Co-ordinator: Gabby Nusenbaum
- Men's Fixtures Co-ordinator: Ian Philips
- Coaching Co-ordinator: Will Powley (N)
- M1 Captain: James Stroomer
- M2 Captain: vacant → Matt Aldred (N)
- M3 Captain: Greg Hilton
- M4 Captain: vacant
- M5 Captain: Richard Poll
- M6 Captain: Stefan Palenski
- L1 Captain: Sophie Powley
- L2 Captain: Sandra Clarke (N)
- L3 Captain: Charlie SurrIDGE (N)
- L4 Captain: Taryn Reynolds
- L5 Captain: Alex Fox (N)
- Men's Masters Captain: Nick Cooper
- Ladies Masters Captain: Clare Hesslewood
- Mixed Captain: vacant, interest expressed by Hattie Parker, but not stood at AGM.
  - o Just for 1s and 2s currently, GN has asked Yorkshire teams and there has been good interest so looking to expand for 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s next season.  
Alison from YHA keen to organise

### Volunteer Section

- Ladies Social Secretary: Ellie Pritchard
- Men's Social Secretary: vacant → Tim McDonald (N), Jamesy to see through to start of next season.
- Umpire Co-ordinator: Jim Cockburn
- Webmaster: Greg Hilton
- Match Teas Co-ordinator: Luke Taylor/Rob Higgins
- Kit & Sponsorship: vacant → Gabby Nusenbaum and Simon Ball
- Auditor or Accounts: Simon Taylor
- Summer League Co-ordinator: Pam Hardaker

- 100 Club Co-ordinator: vacant → social secretaries to absorb.
- Proposer EP, 2<sup>nd</sup> HF.

New Vice Presidents – Gabby Nusenbaum and Rich Bingham.

Both have made outstanding contributions to the club

- GN and her links with the YHA, sorting fixtures, club captain and L3s captain.
- RB has captained the M3s, frequently umpires the far away fixtures and the unseen work he does with the juniors.

Proposer PH, 2<sup>nd</sup> BP.

## **AOB**

Kit Locker

- Would distribute kit to us in max 6 weeks
- 10% goes back into club
- website
- pricing equivalent to last year or better than
- No objections

Pitch security

- Locals are getting over the fencing
- New committee to look into cost etc.

Getting back on the pitch

- Thanks to covid committee who have got things up and running
- Happy to move to 6 people per half pitch as per EH guidelines
- Other clubs will struggle to get back because their pitches are at schools/universities.
- YHA keen to start season on time.

David Margerison picture with social distancing hockey stick!

Start of season dinner ? 19<sup>th</sup> September, awaiting government guidelines. Prize giving at the event.

Adel summer league unlikely to happen unless within club (awaiting guidance).

Thanks to Ian Philips for 2 years as President.

Sponsorship

- Thanks to Blacks for sponsoring the club.
  - o Gabby is currently in conversation with Blacks to finalise sponsorship deal for same amount of money as last year.
  - o Club members used them and they had good publicity at Lee Valley.
- MBL is a supplier based in Leeds, in past have sponsored Ben Rhydding
  - o Will present proposal to committee when finalised
- Gabby to pass on thanks to sponsors on behalf whole club.

Thank you to all key workers in all their roles during covid, please stay safe and well.

Lastly, thank you to Bridget for letting us use her zoom.