

Suffolk Hockey Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 8th November 2011
Rushmere Sports Centre, Ipswich 7.30pm

Attendees:

Exec Committee

Ken Green (President), Sarah Wordley (Secretary), Chris Hatch (Treasurer) Carolyn Rowland (Ladies League), Julie Spice (SCHUA Liaison):

Clubs

Bury	Bella Tew and Hayley Toleman
Carlton Park	Sarah Tilbrook
Castaways	Margaret Arthey
Christchurch	Julie Spice
Ips Crane	Andrew McMaous
Felixstowe	Jill Hillyard
Grasshoppers	Hayley James
Harwich	Carolyn Rowland
Haverhill	Not represented
Ipswich	Not represented
Ipswich – East Suffolk	Chris Hatch
Lowestoft Ladies	Not represented
Lowestoft Railway	Kevin Barnard
Newmarket	Sue Bullimore
Sudbury	Sarah Wordley

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from:

Donna Mills (Chair), Marc Lloyd (Indoor), Tracey Caddock (Sudbury)

Apologies on the night received from; Stephen Farrow (IES)

Minutes of previous meeting 17th May 2011 AGM:

Were circulated and placed on the Suffolk website.

Ongoing actions and Matters arising:

- AP2/3 – Felixstowe and Christchurch to return league trophies to Carolyn – **Ongoing Felixstowe. Confirmed that trophies have been returned, action now DISCHARGED**
- Minutes from AGM – Election of Officers should read for 2011/12 season

Chairman's report – Donna Mills

- Donna unable to attend due to work commitments, no report submitted

Secretary report : Sarah Wordley

- One red card incident and report received
- Carolyn Rowland standing down as Ladies League Secretary after very many years in this role. Sincere thanks to Carolyn for her commitment to Suffolk Hockey, the way she has managed the role makes it a challenge to fill but we must fill it otherwise league hockey is in jeopardy for Suffolk. See action for all clubs.
- **AP1/11 – All clubs to seek volunteers for Ladies League Secretary post which will become vacant from May 2012 AGM.**

Treasurers report : Chris Hatch

- Chris provided a comprehensive financial summary for those in attendance.
Current Account - £7829.19 (up from £6899.21) Deposit Account - £8197.49 (down from £8201.57)
- Fees outstanding from Bury, Carlton Park, Newmarket 2nds and Haverhill
- Invoicing for indoor teams to be completed shortly, £140 per team
- Invoicing for Suffolk Cup to be completed, £40 per team

Hockey Nation – Charlie Farrow

Charlie gave a very interesting presentation on Hockey Nation which covers activities associated with the Olympics during 2012. Some headlines;

- 12 roadshows taking place around the country
- Formation of Great Britain Hockey for 2012
- Both mens and ladies sides ranked 4th in the world (previously were 10th and 11th)
- Hockey takes place over full two weeks of the games, 76 matches.
- All games will be available on TV
- Five week frenzy (end July to early September) with clubs encouraged to host events and drive participation
- Hockey Nation more info at -
<http://englandhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=990§ionTitle=Hockey+Nation%3A+Be+Part+Of+It>
- Mini Hockey is now branded In2Hockey
- New initiatives around “Back to Hockey” for senior players returning to the game. 60 clubs participating nationally
- Rush Hockey – fun way to get involved, bigger ball lighter ball, and 5 a side. Taster sessions at Gainsborough Sports Centre on 16th, 23rd and 30th November 7pm – 9pm. Free of charge.
- Charlie then updated on how his role has changed to Relationship Manager – still covering East region but with no staff.
- Charlie reminded clubs that any coach in charge of sessions from 1st Jan 2012 must be Level 2
- England Hockey fund junior activities and Suffolk receive £3k per annum (not managed by Suffolk Youth committee not SHA).
- Meeting next week at Stansted re league structure (Neil Liversedge dealing for East)

Ladies league report – Carolyn Rowland

- After some early season challenges with Fixtures Live all is running smoothly.
- Bury inadvertently fell foul of the new doubling up rule by having 12 on the team sheet.
- Some teams having to concede games inc Harwich.
- Sudbury 2nds conceded a game in East so Suffolk Division One side will receive penalty of points awarded to their opposition
- One team sheet missing from Bury game
- Carolyn taking a more relaxed view if team sheets are not received by a Wednesday but they are still needed!

SCHUA Umpires report – Julie Spice

- End of season meal enjoyed by all who attended and likely to become an annual event.
- Level 1 courses on 17th and 20th November at Chantry High School, Ipswich.
- Indoor course on Monday 21st November (at Rushmere) – need to be an active L1 outdoor to take part. Advise Dave Charles if people want to attend.

U17 league – Marc Lloyd

After taking this on several months ago I'm afraid that no matches have materialised due to anything that I have done. My difficulty is that I am unable to collaborate with every club and get the information I require to make a constructive competition.

I strongly suggest that a "Youth Committee" is formed which meets regularly (perhaps every 2 months) and includes a member from every club. This therefore enables us to easily communicate with each other rather than sending email after email. Through this we can lay our cards on the table to see which club can provide teams at each gender/age group. In addition to this, two clubs might not have

enough for their own team, but may be able to combine their juniors to form a team. I'm happy to chair this for the first few meetings to get this up and running, for me it seems like the most sensible option, from doing this we can make sure that we not only have an u-17 girls competition, we can have much much more.

Please could people contact me with their thoughts on this at mplloyd@hotmail.co.uk

Indoor League report – Marc Lloyd

This season has been very successful since the divide of each gender in to two divisions. Both "Premier Leagues" have been very competitive. Champions and relegated sides are still yet to be decided with 2 weeks left in each competition, so everything is still very much to play for. In both competitions we have had at least 60 participants overall, and we hope to have this number increased by Christmas. The Borritt Cup (Which is a Men's Competition) will take place on the last Monday before Christmas (12th of December). Teams to be invited are IES, Felixstowe, Sudbury and Ipswich Cranes. The Division 1's begin on the 9th of January, the men's league has 7 teams, and the ladies league has 9. The Indoor Suffolk Cups will be held on a Sunday in February, and is currently planned to be held at the Sudbury venue. The Sudbury venue is going to be used for 2 adult east competitions in January, and has expressed an interest in hosting Suffolk events. This will be a great opportunity for us to trial this venue and see what it's like. A date is yet to be confirmed.

The following sides have entered the East League this season: Ipswich (Men), IES (Men & Ladies), Ipswich Cranes (Men) & Sudbury (Men).

If we include Ipswich Ladies, this means that our county now have 6 sides competing at a minimum of Regional level, which means we have achieved the target set back in April 2011.

We are looking to welcome with open arms anybody who would like to begin umpiring indoor hockey. The Division 1 at Rushmere after Christmas is an ideal time for people to do some umpiring and achieve the indoor level 1 qualification at some point. There is no compulsory rules for teams to supply umpires, but please actively seek anyone who may be interested in umpiring.

AP2/11 - Noted that all clubs should receive an invitation to the Borritt Cup competition.

Suffolk Senior Squads – Marc Lloyd

- No new news, I'm still chasing 3 players for payment, they won't get let off.

Any other business

- Margaret - Concerns that a 13year old training at Ipswich Ladies had been asked to pay £120 for junior coaching – concerns that finances may be turning youngsters off from playing hockey. Clubs First accredited clubs should be making hockey open and accessible to youth.
- Lowestoft Railway – Concerns re pitch prices and possible increases for those affiliated to academy schools. Bob Harness passed away recently, details posted on Suffolk website.

Summary of new actions

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Date of next meetings –

Tuesday 6th March 2012- 7.30pm Rushmere Sports Centre

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