

Suffolk Hockey Association
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 17th May 2011.
Rushmere Sports Centre, Ipswich 7.30pm

Attendees:

Exec Committee

Ken Green (President), Donna Mills (Chair), Sarah Wordley (Secretary), Chris Hatch (Treasurer) Carolyn Rowland (Ladies League), Marc Lloyd (Indoor) Julie Spice (SCHUA Liaison):

Clubs

Bury	Not represented
Carlton Park	Mel Rodwell
Castaways	Margaret Arthey
Christchurch	A Theobald
Ips Crane	Not represented
Felixstowe	Ken Green, Teresa Gregg-S
Grasshoppers	Hayley James
Harwich	Carolyn Rowland
Haverhill	Elaine Ward, Anne Reed
Ipswich	Donna Mills
Ipswich – East Suffolk	Steve Farrow
Lowestoft Ladies	Rachel Goldsmith
Lowestoft Railway	Gary Bloodworth
Newmarket	Sue Bullimore
Sudbury	Sarah Wordley

Apologies received in advance of the meeting from:

Fiona Robson (England Hockey), Louise Palmer (Sudbury)

Apologies on the night received from; John Adams, Adam Bullock

Minutes of previous meeting 8th March 2011:

Were circulated in March and placed on the Suffolk website.

Ongoing actions and Matters arising:

- AP3/11 SHA committee to work with SCHUA to consider a rule change at the AGM for games that a Level 1 in training can officiate over. – **Discussed as part of rule changes. Discharged**
- AP5/11 SHA committee to consider a rule change at the AGM to allow Suffolk and East players to double up. – **Discussed as part of rule changes. Discharged**
- AP1/3 – Chris to clarify for clubs what can be claimed as part of junior costs – **See treasurers update. Discharged**
- AP2/3 – Felixstowe and Christchurch to return league trophies to Carolyn – **Ongoing Felixstowe**
- AP3/3 – All clubs to provide suggestions to Carolyn on how to ensure Div 1 teams get more games. SHA committee to consider and make proposals. **None received. Discharged**

Three rule changes for 2011/12 season – 1 vote per club and 1 per committee member

1. **Trainee/Probationary umpires being able to umpire Ladies Suffolk premier games.**
 - Level 1 in training can officiate Ladies Suffolk Premier games
 - Condition that assessment game for L1 in training must be a Premier level game.

12 VOTES FOR, 1 VOTE AGAINST – AGREED

2. The ability to double up players from East* to Suffolk, under certain criteria.

* or comparable league for Newmarket teams

- One East* player can play down in Suffolk Premier (subject to no more than 12 players on higher team's sheet e.g. East team) and only 11 players on the Suffolk Premier team sheet.
 - Two Suffolk Premier can play down in Division 1 (subject to the Division 1 team only having 11 players on the team sheet). Any players "doubling up" to be marked on team sheets.
- Note – The player doubling up can be a goalkeeper.

The spirit behind creating the opportunity for doubling up should be viewed as the exception rather than the norm and clubs are generally expected to field full individual teams unless doubling up is necessary to ensure 11 players and to avoid a fixtures cancellation and to encourage clubs to introduce more teams and players to the sport. Should it be brought to the league managers attention when an individual has doubled up (on the league team sheets) and that if this is not done in the spirit of the rule that club is in breach of the league rule/agreement and may face a point deduction/fine.

VOTES FOR DO NOTHING AND LEAVE RULES AS THEY ARE – 6 IN FAVOUR
VOTES IN FAVOUR OF CHANGES OUT-LINED ABOVE – 7 IN FAVOUR. AGREED

3. Code of conduct for players to include use of facebook and other communication media

Agreed that we will use the EHB Code of Conduct for players, include in our rules and make clear to clubs that this is an important rule change specifically relating to use of social media.

Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.

- ***Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.***
- ***Set a positive example for others, particularly young participants and spectators.***

Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.

Never use inappropriate language or gestures.

- ***Never use foul, sexist, abusive, racist or any prejudicial language or tolerate it from players and/or team officials.***

VOTES IN FAVOUR – 15. VOTES AGAINST – 1. AGREED.

Secretary report : *Sarah Wordley*

- Main duties involve attendance at East league meetings and dealing with incoming correspondence from East and clubs.

Chairman's report – *Donna Mills*

- Three Suffolk girls in the England U17 set up, 1 England U18 and representatives from Suffolk in England U21 and GB Super League. Harry Martin involved with Commonwealth Games.
- Donna thanked all of the committee for their hard work in keeping things running

Treasurer's report - *Chris Hatch*

- Chris provided a comprehensive financial summary for those in attendance. SHA finances maintained a healthy position ending the accounting period with £332.23 more than we started with.
- ***AP1/3 – Chris to clarify for clubs what can be claimed as part of junior costs – Maximum of £300 (across all teams) £60 maximum per club.***
- Affiliation fees for 2011/12 season for Ladies, £50 reduced to £5. Mens teams £50 reduced to £20.
- Thanks to Adam Bullock for administering the website.

Ladies league report – *Carolyn Rowland*

- Haverhill returning to Suffolk league from East
- Sudbury 2nds won Premier League and move into East
- Christchurch won Division One and move into Suffolk Premier
- Sudbury 3rds and Lowestoft 3rds relegated to Division One.
- League structure Premier 11 and Division One 7 teams
- Discussed Division One cup competition OR to play each other 3 times. After much debate agreed playing each other 3 times would be logistically easier to manage for pitch bookings/clubs etc

U17 league – Sally Stephens (absent)

No activity this year.

SCHUA Umpires report – Julie Spice

Once again the Suffolk Umpires have been working closely with all clubs in Suffolk by providing umpires for Mens East Division 1,2,3 and East Ladies Div 1. The SCHUA would like to thank all the clubs who have provided umpires as this has been particularly difficult season for injuries and unavailability amongst the 'pool' umpires.

With the various promotions and relegations the majority of the men's games will be in Div 3, therefore it has been decided to continue to provide 'pool' umpires for this division.

Congratulations to Richard Pittaway and James Colley and Jake Charles for obtaining their Level 2 outdoor qualifications,

Jake Charles has also achieved his Level 2 indoor and was selected to attend national Indoor and Outdoor U14/16 finals. In addition he has been invited to attend England U18 girls development camp this weekend at Bisham Abbey.

Isaac Charles has gained his Level 1 umpiring qualification and is the youngest person to have achieved this.

Julie Spice gained East Panel 1 Indoor and is being recommended for Level 3 Indoor next season

A Level 1 course was held in January, 22 people attended of which 20 were successful with the theory section. A reminder to all club umpire liaison officers that Summer league is a good opportunity to for practice, coaching and assessments.

The next Young Umpires course will be held at the end of June.

Many of the problems regarding the completion of the 'active umpire' cards have now been sorted and umpires are returning them. If club liaison officers wish to know which of their umpires are Active there is a list of Active umpires on the Suffolk Hockey website, this is updated very regularly.

A reminder to all clubs that In order to remain as an active umpire, a minimum of 3 games are to be umpired per year.

The SCHUA AGM is being held on 25th May at Rushmere sports centre, please note that all clubs are expected have representation at the AGM, and in line with Suffolk Hockey, there will be a fine if clubs do not attend.

This year Steve Mayhew will give a talk on discipline and how to deal with it. Unfortunately there have been a few incidents this season involving players and umpires which have resulted in players being suspended from playing, these incidents could have been handled easier if the correct procedures had been followed.

There are still a few more weeks of summer league hockey for umpires to complete their games, and a reminder to contact any members of the SCHUA if anyone needs to be watched and assessed.

Indoor League report – Marc Lloyd

- Marc involved with Indoor with East committee too
- Marc very keen that each club provide an indoor contact for him to liaise with
- A successful season of indoor.

Suffolk Senior Squads – Marc Lloyd

- Mens Squad due to play weekend of 21st May. 18 players and 5 clubs represented

Development report – Fiona Robson (absent)



Election of Officers of the Executive Committee of the SHA for 2010/11

Position:	Elected Officer:
President:	Ken Green
Chairman:	Donna Mills
Hon. Secretary:	Sarah Wordley
Hon. Treasurer:	Chris Hatch
Representative to East Region / Leagues:	Donna, Chris or Sarah
East Leagues	Marc Lloyd
Umpires Liaison Officers:	Julie Spice
Ladies League Secretary & Registration:	Carolyn Rowland
Handbook Coordinator:	Chris Hatch with Sarah W support
Website Coordinator:	Adam Bullock
Ladies U-17 League Secretary:	Marc Lloyd
Indoor Hockey Organiser:	Marc Lloyd
Rep to Schools & Youth Committee:	<i>t.b.c.</i>
Disciplinary Officer (Chairman)	Steve Mayhew
Ladies Senior County Managers	Not applicable
Mens Senior County Managers	Marc LLOYD

Presentation of League trophies

- Premier – Sudbury 2
- Division One – Christchurch (all in attendance well done girls)
- Top Goalscorer – Debbie King, Sudbury

Any other business

- Thanks to Richard Pittaway for his help with Suffolk Youth League and festival
- Update from Chris Hatch on Rushmere Sports Club-- Facilities will remain and 3 acres handed over to building land, 1.5 acres to be used for astro pitch, car park and extra changing rooms
- Olympic Tickets – as per discussion at March meeting that clubs who have attended all 3 committee/AGM meetings during 2010/11 be included in a raffle for the tickets. Note tickets cannot be “resold” under any circumstances.
- SHA website – can advertising go on here to cover cost of admin? SHA committee asked for a proposal in writing before approving this
- Indoor league – Can Marc seek a sponsor, agreed yes.
- Suffolk Cup – Marc would like to re-energise, date 3 weeks before the start of the season.
- Ladies Suffolk Cup – ditto above.
- Youth competitions – Marc writing to clubs for ideas, would be good if each club nominated a “lead/champion”

Date of next meetings –

Tuesday 8th November – 7.30pm Rushmere Sports Centre
 Tuesday 6th March 2012- 7.30pm Rushmere Sports Centre
 Tuesday 8th May 2012 - 7.30pm Rushmere Sports Centre