

Grosvenor Hockey Club

AGM Tuesday 28.04.08

Minutes

Attendees: Nick Johnston (NJ), Michael Jackson (MJ), Louise Mercer (LM), Ann Kyle (AK), Gillian White (GW), Rachel Pedlow (RP), Jackie Shiels (JS), Shirley-Ann Cornett (SA-C), Lynn Wallace (LW), Jayne Allen (JA), Dawn Matchett (DM), Debbie Archer (DA), Catherine Hodgett (CH), Jenna Maghie (JM), Sally Caithness (SC), Punam McGookin (PMcG), Kelly Thompson (KT), Ann Shiels (AS), Sandra McKillen (SMcK), Amanda Pawar (AP), Mairead Ennis (ME), Alison Melville (AM).

Apologises: Nadine Joy (NJ), Ruth O'Kane (RO'K), Janet Magill (JM), Sabrina Campbell (SC), Lisa Brimley (LB), Vanessa Brown (VB).

1. To confirm the minutes of the last AGM 24 April 2007.

Proposer: Jackie Shiels

Seconder: Gillian White

2. To receive and if so resolved to adopt the report of the Club Captain for the Season 2007/2008.

I started the season scaring my Committee with an extensive 3 days of tournament in September.....we had a mixed 6-a-side tournament on Friday night with half the proceeds going to charity...it was fairly well attended, but afterwards we learnt of several other Clubs who would be interested next year' The main adult tournament was well attended and proved as usual to be a very successful day....Qualifying; Intermediate: Junior : these sections will need to change for next year because of the new League Structure in the UWHU. The veteran tournament was dropped this year because of reduced entrants over the past 2 years. However we decided to introduce an Under 12 and Under 14 tournament on the Sunday and the craic was great and even the adults enjoyed the day....hopefully this will be another regular date in the calendar (dependant on the cricket??)

The physical training was taken by Gillian White who has done so much work in preparing for the sessions....as to what is required for 'Hockey training' and I am aware of the background work she has been doing. We have increased our coach base this year....Nick and Richard back as usual and believe me (in talking with other Clubs) we are very lucky to have them. Michael also came back (a big benefit for us if not for him)...and we have picked up a little dish in the body of Jordan ? They have made such a difference to our training evenings in the earlier part of the season....it was obviously reciprocated in the numbers at training.....there were times you could barely see green astro against the numbers of bodies.

"However, we could have been celebrating 1st or 2nd places in the league if we could only inspire commitment from all members instead of a few."

"The numbers for training remained strong until Christmas when membership took their foot of the pedal it would seem.---copied from 2006 AGM"

As I have already mentioned at the Annual Dinner (a week ago) I have been so proud to have been Club Captain of Grosvenor Hockey Club this year.....the success of the teams....nearly there in most cases...a little push and we could see all our teams getting promotion next year.

Cups and Plates ...we have lifted one jointly and in 2 others, we were put out at the semi-finals.

The numbers in Juniors and Minis have remained constant and the Under 14's were just put out of the finals day by a fluke goal at their last match. The Under 12s have been so enthusiastic in their playing and have improved at each match....hopefully the future tournaments during May will allow the teams to enjoy more hockey together. From one age to another, the veterans have won their section and are awaiting a date for the overall final....considering the age variation on our veteran team...they have done extremely well against 'much younger' opposition.

We decided to travel abroad to a tournament this year and in doing so learnt a few valuable lessons, namely always take a Man with you ...never know when you could use him; don't go before May (and check the weather).....and never travel on Good Friday (the bars don't open early).....and DO NOT CAMP...unless its on a beach in Bermuda???. Thank you so much to Punam for organising our trip to Amsterdam...she did a great job. WELL DONE.

Fund-raising this year was in the background as the new committee will realise...there is so much to do during the year, we need to be careful that we don't do what I obviously have done to Kelly (as Hon Secretary) and overwork our volunteers, and committee members. However I wish to thank those who did attend our functions and as usual we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Please girls take note that we would be considered a Junior Club and as such we are one of the largest about, we cover all age groups and abilities, and are so lucky to have coaches (who seem to enjoy their time with us...they keep coming back) many Senior Clubs would like to be so successful in the background work, if not on the pitch ...YET, and one of the biggest problems in the hockey world in Northern Ireland at the moment is securing pitch slots, and look at us with extensive slots on our own pitch, and playing for as long as we wish.....We have even become Irish Club of the Year....which we will now have time to promote...

As I have always stated in any large Club there are 4 ways to be a member of your Club and you do not need to be playing to be a vital member of any Club....playing, administration (via committee etc), coaching and umpiring. We at Grosvenor are so fortunate to have people dedicated in each of these regions.....however as we grow, we learn we need more people in each of these areas.....it may be as the new committee takes up it's Roles they may need to review our officialdom. Coaches are always necessary for every section but particularly in the Junior and Mini sections, which are coming near crisis point in requiring help!!! This year we have picked up some new umpires of which I am so proud...their impartiality and interest in learning the Rules should be a beacon to other Clubs...good umpiring, which all of us know can make such a difference to any match. Your opportunity to become involved and putting

your name forward is coming up very shortly.....if you feel you do not wish to play a specific role.....please let someone know how much you could help out.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Ann Shiels Club Captain 2007-08

Proposer: Debbie Archer

Seconder: Shirley-Ann Cornett

3. To receive and if so resolved to adopt the report of the Honorary Secretary for the season 2007/2008.

As Honorary Secretary I can report that the management committee of 2007 / 2008 met on a total of 11 occasions throughout the year. Also this year 3 stock takes were completed and recorded for club records.

Our annual tournament as always was very successful and is becoming popular as a pre-season event for most clubs. This year the decision was taken to run an U14 tournament on the Sunday which was very well attended, but I would advise that this year Sunday also be considered for Junior and Minor level of senior hockey in order to allow more entrants. The provisional date booked for the 2008 tournament is 5th Sept - 7th Sept 2008. This will require support from the whole club to ensure the event runs as smoothly as possible, if you would like to help over the weekend please fill in the form on the table at the back.

Coaching is a fundamental component of every hockey club. The UWHU are providing courses over the following dates. Tuesday 13th May an introduction to hockey for volunteers, then the level one coaching course Saturday 31st May (9-5), Saturday 7th June (9-5), Wednesday 11th June (assessment). Also Sunday 8th June, Sunday 5th June and Wednesday 18th June. If you would be interested an information booklet and sign-up sheet are at the back.

The UWHU Umpiring Association has communicated the importance of having registered umpires at all games for the season 2008 - 2009. So as to ensure we as a club comply with this requirement please be aware that there will be umpiring courses in September and if you would be interesting in attending 2 seminars and sitting your umpiring written exam in September there is a form on the table, please fill in your name before leaving.

A child protection course was not held within the period of 2007 - 2008 due to it being cancelled by the course provider, but it would be recommended that this be run in the future by the new committee.

The annual dinner was a very well attended event with 58 members present. Thanks to the President Ruth O'Kane for presenting the trophies and all remaining trophies have been passed onto the winners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee. Thank-you to all the members of the club who volunteer their services where they can, it is greatly appreciated.

So just to recap the following forms are available on the table at the back to be filled in:

- Sign-in sheet
- Coaching course interest - May '08
- Umpiring course interest - Sept '08
- Annual Tournament helper - Sept '08
- Cliftonville Charity game (mixed) Sat 17th May 2008
- Antrim Sixes w/c Mon 19th May - Wed 21st May 2008
- UUJ Tournament (mixed) Saturday 31st May 2008
- UWHU Presentation Lunch Sunday 1st June 2008, Lisnagarvey.

Proposer: Jackie Shiels

Secunder: Lousie Mercer

4. To receive and if so resolved to adopt the report of the Honorary Treasurer for the season 2007/2008.

Shirley-Ann walked through detailed accounts with the members, hard copy on file.

Then....

The mini club is making a significant profit which has partly funded our senior club this year. In order for our club to grow we need to have the senior club self sustainable.

Fundraisers that we run need to be supported by the members to help with the growth of the club.

This year we introduced paying our coaches, this is something that may not be viable in the future if we continue to use our reserves and do not bring in more income. Otherwise the introduction of weekly pounds would have to be reintroduced.

Proposer: Lynn Wallace

Secunder: Debbie Archer

5. To receive and if so resolved to adopt the report of the Trustees for the season 2007/2008, Trustees namely Ann Kyle, Ruth O'Kane and Alison Melville. Report presented by Ann Kyle and a hard copy placed on file.

Proposer: Gillian White

Secunder: Rachel Pedlow

6. All offices to be declared vacant.

7. To elect club office bearers for the season 2008/2009. Nominations received by 11 April 2008:

Club President - Alison Melville

Proposer Ruth O'Kane Seconder Ann Kyle

Club Vice President - Louise Mercer

Proposer Ann Kyle Seconder Ruth O'Kane

Club Captain - ~~Gillian White~~ / Sabrina Campbell

GW Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Dawn Matchett

SC Proposer Debbie Archer Seconder Shirley-Ann Cornett

Votes 9 each - therefore Gillian White offered to stand as vice captain.

Vice Captain - Gillian White

GW Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Dawn Matchett

Hon Secretary - Kelly Thompson

Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Debbie Archer

Hon Treasurer Shirley-Ann Cornett

Proposer Debbie Archer Seconder Kelly Thompson

Match Secretary - Debbie Archer

Proposer Shirley-Ann Cornett Seconder Kelly Thompson

Social Secretary - Amanda Pawar

Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Mariead Ennis

Press Officer - Lyndsay Brown

Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Gillian White

Membership Officer - Lynn Wallace

Proposer Debbie Archer Seconder Shirley-Ann Cornett

Committee Member x 3 - Lyndsay Mercer / Jayne Allen/ ~~Mariead Ennis/ Jenna Maghie / Catherine Hodgett / Rachel Pedlow~~

LM Proposer Jackie Shiels Seconder Gillian White / JA Proposer Debbie Archer

Seconder Gillian White / ME Proposer Amanda Pawar Seconder Punam McGookin /

JM Proposer Shirley-Ann Cornett Seconder Punam McGookin / CH Proposer Shirley-

Ann Cornett Seconder Lynne Wallace / RP Proposer Amanda Pawar Seconder Punam

McGookin

Votes collected and counted, decision made to have the 3 above committee members.

8. To receive coaches report for 2007/2008. Report presented by Nick Johnston and hard copy placed on file.

Proposer Ann Shiels
Secunder Jackie Shiels

9. Any other business.