

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SENIOR ANNUAL MEETING

Monday 11th June 2001, Cambridge University Sports Ground

PRESENT:

Stephen Greaves, Chairman
Simon Fairhall, Secretary
Michael Wrathmall, Treasurer
Chris Hillsdon, Disciplinary Administrator
Barbara Dorban-Hall, Cambridgeshire Women's Hockey League
Bridget Gibson, Saffron Walden HC
Caroline Bucknall, Cambridge South HC
Paula Summers, Huntingdon LHC
John Gourd, Royston HC
Kate Nankivell, Royson HC
Gail McDonnell, Newmarket HC
Theresa Choat, Newmarket HC
Joelle Keeling, Cambridge LHC
Lucy Conway, Cambridge LHC
Ian McClive, Cambridge University HC
Richard Munns, Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association
David Burt, Saffron Walden HC
Sally Seaton, March Town HC
Ray Pescud, March Town HC
Claire Gould, Young Person Representative – Girls
Sally Tippen, Cambridge City, Junior Girls Representative

Stephen Graves welcomed everyone to the meeting and was pleased to note the good range of members present.

1. REPORTS

He and Simon Fairhall reported on constitutional developments at East level, such that County representation would only be at two meetings a year in future,. It was intended that at the pre-Christmas one that Counties would raise issues of strategic importance. He reported on the performance of the Under-21 Men (a disappointing tournament where all games were lost) and the Senior Men who once again missed out on goal difference. The withdrawal from the National Finals of the Women's Senior Team was reported, with a fine expected to be levied by English Hockey. Progress was being made in writing an Active Sports Hockey Development Plan (with a detailed report to follow later in the meeting). The absence of a County Handbook was reported.

In subsequent discussion the following were recommended:

- That some form of County 'reference book' was considered to a useful objective
- That e-mail was considered the way forward for County communications
- That a County website that allowed for regular updating was a target
- It was agreed that the effectiveness of the person receiving and communicating on information within their Clubs (or other context) was a key factor

Michael Wrathmall spoke to his tabled report. He noted that some income was still expected for kit; that East entry fees had risen; and that the County would subsidise coaching courses for those contributing to the work of the County. The large amount for the latter included in the previous year would be recouped to some extent – either direct contribution (fees) from coaches, or their involvement in coaching County teams.

Barbara Dorban Hall and Bridget Gibson reported on the previous season for the Cambridgeshire Women's Hockey League. The results were as follows;

- Premier Division – Wisbech – winners and promoted to East; St Ives II's runners-up and also promoted to East.
- Division One – Bourne Kittiwakes winners with Saffron Walden runners-up. Both promoted.
- Division Two – Cambridge Ladies and March 2nds respectively, with both promoted.

They confirmed that they were currently working on confirming the structure for the next season, but they hoped to boost Division Two. They reported that they were happy to allow Clubs not affiliated to Cambridgeshire to enter the leagues – not by seeking them out, but responding to each approach. Barbara reported that East wanted to view leagues as east Feeder Leagues and not County Leagues.

Richard Munns reported on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association. He noted that CHUA was looking for members for the Pool, especially following the success of Cambridgeshire umpires to progress up the ranks to the EHL – Simon Gillett, Keith Baldock and Vince Fury most recently. He reported that he was happy to run level One courses for Clubs. In response to a question he indicated that Level One candidates requiring assessment should contact him with details of matches that they were umpiring and the CHUA would attempt to get someone along to assess. He indicated that summer, and pre-League games were a good time for this.

Sally Tippen reported on the Women's Veterans where there were three entries for the County Round, but then one team subsequently withdrew. St Ives beat Huntingdon to qualify for the East round, but there had then been some issues about the size of the East entry fee and who should bear this cost.

Claire Gould reported that a good response had been received from a questionnaire sent to young people playing County Hockey. Stephen Graves highlighted the fact that most of the activity of the County is focussed on youth activity and their development. It was noted that there was no-one nominated as Youth Representative for the forthcoming year.

Michael Wrathmall proposed the fees for the forthcoming year as:

- Club affiliation - £27.50 per team (no change)
- Club Youth – no fee but £30 donation to Active Sports requested
- Schools - £10
- Entry fee to Women's league - £15 (decrease of £5)
- Other competitions entry - £25 (an increase)
- All match fees – realistic to the cost of the activity

These were approved. It was noted that east fees were £15 per Club team and £7 per School)

2. ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT GROUP

The following were elected:

Chairman – Stephen Graves

Vice-Chairman – vacant

Secretary – Simon Fairhall

Treasurer – Michael Wrathmall

Club Representative (Men) – Chris Hillsdon

Club Representative (Women) – vacant

Barbara Dorban Hall proposed that the CWHL would in future hold a short League AGM before the CHA Senior Annual Meeting and that they would elect the Chairman who would take on the role as Club Representative (Women). It was agreed to defer items 6 & 7 of this meeting to discussions between the Management Group and CWHL to ensure clarity between the CHA and CWHL structures and organisation.

3. CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATIONS RULES AMENDMENTS

The amendments proposed were agreed, for the organisation of two general meetings a year, with compulsory attendance.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question it was noted that the organisation of a County Cup competition was dependent upon an organiser, even before a structure for the event could be agreed – pre or end of season.

A presentation was made to Cambridge Ladies II's of their medals for winning Division Two of the CWHL

5. ACTIVE SPORTS PRESENTATION

Simon Fairhall reported on the structure of the Active Sports programme and the progress of it in Cambridgeshire. He noted that a plan would be submitted for lottery funding later in the year, with new activities starting before the end of the 2001 – 2002 season.

Stephen Graves closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance, and looking forward to seeing a full attendance in November.