



**Minutes of the St Ives Hockey Club AGM
Saturday 12 April 2008**

Apologies for Absence

Steven Cullen and Bill Simmonds

Attendance

Sandra di Lustro	Simon Fairhall	Kishor Shah	Matthew Chitty
Matt Burton	Aleisha Moore	Laura Loades	Erika Goldsmith
Louisa Scotney	Michael Jenner	John Tudor	Mike Hale
Alan Campbell	Simon Shorter	Derrick Pope	Amanda Hollands
Emily Crack	Tracey Rippin	Mat Jago	Mel Wood
Pete Brennan	David Land	Ben Coxen	Richard Corbett
Phill Yetzes	John Foxcroft	Carly Mann	Emma King
Anne Selfe	Helen Clarke	Vicky Leighton	Alexis Palmer
Alex Prestage	Pauline Hammond	Julie Slater	Iain Macintosh
Simon Penney	Derrick Pope	Joe Brennan	Alfie Brennan
Ally Brennan	Kate Slater	Vicky Warner	Chris Bollom
Simon Bollom	Stuart Perry	Pippa Atkins	Lydia Browne
Sue Rhodes	Andy Rhodes	Andrew Bunting	Kate Hendry
Howard Weir	James Cahill	Ollie McGlashan	Tim McGlashan
Peter Holland	Stuart Bryden	Ben Scarrow	Abby Holland

Minutes of meeting held 14 April 2007

The Minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting

Chairman's opening remarks

The club continues on a stable footing.

Congratulations to Mens 1st team for winning the league and gaining promotion and to the Ladies 2nd team for gaining promotion and for winning the Cambs Women's League Cup Competition.

Congratulations also to those who received their Leadership Awards and the Level 1 Coaching, especially John Tudor who attained 100% in the umpiring element. St Ives HC the envy of other clubs in the county.

Coaching has developed and been well attended this season thanks to Simon Shorter and Phill Yetzes. We have also secured Simon Shorter as Club Coach for the next two seasons.

The Club achieved funding applications through the season of around £20K which has allowed the Club to offer courses and development for Club Members and will see further events throughout the Summer to promote the Club.

Further details can be found the Management Team Report.

Constitutional Amendments

The proposed Constitutional amendments were intended in the main as a tidying up exercise. There were **unanimously accepted**.

Club Management Team for Season 2008-09

Chairman:	Simon Fairhall
Secretary:	Sandra di Lustrò
Treasurer:	John Foxcroft
Ladies Rep:	Laura Robinson
Men's Rep:	Andy Land
Mixed Rep:	TBC
Liaison Officer - Juniors:	TBC
Umpire Rep:	Kishor Shah
Webmaster/Database Officer:	Ben Scarrow
Kit Officer:	TBC
Social Secretary:	Simon Penney
Press Officer:	Richard Corbett
Child Protection Officer:	TBC

Club financial position

Attached AGM April 2008 Accounts for full breakdown. When Club Accounts are finalised a copy will be placed on the website.

As the season comes to a close estimated figures are provided - some expenditure (pitch costs) and income (club day and end of season dinner) still expected.

Membership shows 145 Juniors and 138 Seniors

Subscriptions generated £12,200 and match fees generated £16,600. Total Income currently £31,500. We are expecting around £32,700 which will show a deficit of £1,200 over the year.

The situation is due to less monies being available from match fees after expenditure. We have greater training costs from both pitch hire and coaching fees. The Management Committee are proposing to keep training activity at its current level for next season.

Proposals

Subscription fees should stay as they are. In order to ensure prompt payment the Management Team proposes that the fee will be set at £88.00 but with a £8.00 discount if the payment is made in September. The discount would also apply to those setting up their standing order or making payments via more than one cheque but where post dated cheques are presented to the Club in September. **Accepted unanimously**

The club's match fees for paid up members be increased to £8.00 for seniors and £5.00 for juniors. **Accepted unanimously**. As in previous years an additional £1 will be added to the fee if the player is a non-paid up member - £9.00 for adults and £6.00 for juniors.

The Management Team proposes to maintain the umpire's fees (£5.00), petrol (£0.15 per mile) and teas (£15.00) allowances. **Accepted unanimously although CMT requested to take a further look at tea costs.**

Ladies hockey report and awards

This season saw an influx of new and returning players to the club, from which all of the ladies' teams have benefited.

Ladies 1st Team

The ladies' 1's started the season well with pre-season games and were champions of the Peterborough sixes tournament.

Aspirations were high amongst players. Things didn't go quite to plan in the league due to fluctuating form within the squad and saw them finish 8th in the league. However, determination, performance and some awe inspiring, extra time Captain's goals (on two occasions) within the Women's Trophy, saw St. Ives reaching the last 8 after narrowly being beaten 3-1 by Tulse & Dulwich in the quarter finals.

Helen Clarke finished not only top goal scorer for the 1's for the second year in succession, but also topped the overall ladies' goal table with 22 goals.

Ladies 2nd Team

The ladies' 2's hoped for promotion in Cambridgeshire Ladies Division 1, back to the Premier league where they played last season.

Despite not being able to overcome the ladies' 3's, the 2's finished 2nd in the league with 31 points. Winning 10, drawing 1 and losing 3. They have achieved their aims and are promoted for next season. Well done to Laura, Anne and the rest of their team.

Their success in the league was paralleled by their performance in the league cup which they won. This double achievement was facilitated by the injection of new talent and old blood coupled with sheer hard work and dedication by existing members of the team. Top goal scorer Louisa Scotney proved to be a driving force behind the 2nd's success with her 10 goals this season.

Ladies' 3rd Team - Report by Pauline Hammond

Consistency and commitment was the name of the game yet again this season for the ladies' 3's. Finishing 5th position in Division 1, they won 7, drew 7 and lost 7, scoring 40 goals.

The team complimented each other by having a good balance of both young and more mature players. All of their games were played with a sense of fun and determination, especially when not losing to our 2nd XI (sorry Laura).

Many thanks to all the senior players who have shown great support and empathy each week to our younger players and thanks to those youngsters who keep running when us older ones have run out of steam.

As Ladies' Club Captain, I would like to personally thank the ladies' 3's for their commitment to both their games and training, and for those senior members of the team for the sterling work you have done for developing the up and coming talent that we have at St. Ives Hockey Club. I would like to thank you for your input in developing the future players of the club.

Finally, thanks to the Captains and Vice Captains for their hard work this year on and off the pitch. So Vicky, Clarky, Laura, Anne, Pauline and Val, thank you for making my job easier this year. Kishor, for all of his efforts, but especially for providing umpires on a weekly

basis. Thank you to Simon for his dedication to coaching the woman's section this season. To Mary Goldsmith and Julie Slater for managing the U15 and U18 sections, and finally to Sandra for all her hard work behind the scenes.

Awards

1st Team	Ally Brennan
2 nd Team	Carly Mann
3 rd Team	Kate Hendry
1 st Team's Players Player	Tracey Rippin
U18	Emily Crack
U15	Erika Goldsmith
Most Improved Player	Laura Loades
Club Player	Sarah Cook
Training Award	Erika Goldsmith and Laura Robinson

Mens hockey report and awards

The aim over 3 years was to try and steer St. Ives into a position where we could compete with the other local teams (namely St. Neots) and if not be stronger as a club than our nearest rivals. I am pleased to say that at the start of next season all the St. Ives teams will be in the same if not higher division than St. Neots' equivalent team. Congratulations to everyone that has played and been involved this year to make that happen.

The 5ths started the season under the guidance of Steve Chalk who we unfortunately lost at Christmas to HM services and Afghanistan but I would like to take this opportunity to thank both him and Chris Hillsdon who kindly stepped into the breach and took over the running of the team. Having had over 30 players play at some point for the 5ths did little for the teams consistency eventually finishing 8th in Div 7NW.

The 4ths under the watchful guidance of Barrie Izard and Andy Rhodes had an up and down season this year which finished with a fantastic run winning 4 out of their last 5. This proved just enough to lift them out of the relegation places they had occupied for much of the season to finish one place above in 10th in 5NW.

The 3rds also decided to leave it late to guarantee their safety but did do by beating the high flying 2nds on the final day of the season. Having started the season with Aaron Singh as Capt, Kev Donnelly kindly stepped into his shoes following Aaron's move to Argentina (via Spain for a few months) a few months into the season.

The 2nds finished the season in 4th in 4NW and as with our other teams had a strong end to the season winning 6 of their last 8. Under the initial leadership of Mike Wilderspin and then Simon Bollom the team made great strides towards getting out of the division but fell short of the leaders by 8 points.

The 1sts had another strong season under the leadership of Iain McIntosh, only dropping 4 points all told and are now moving up into Div 1. The loss of Joe Brennan and Alex Prestage to University will be a blow but we wish them all the best and hope to see them again during holidays.

Awards

1 st Team	Derrick Pope
2 nd Team	Chris Bollom
3 rd Team	Jamie Hall
4 th Team	Ben Coxen
5 th Team	Nick Beatty
1 st team Players Player	Ben Scarrow
U19	Jo Brennan
U15	Alfie Brennan
Most Improved	Scott Perry
Training Award	Alex Cade and Alex Drummond
Club Member	Ben Scarrow

Mixed Hockey report

Good year, fun hockey and 3 captains.

Junior Report

There are two junior groups 7-11's from 6-7pm and over 11's from 7-8pm. Approximately 60 children attend the early session coached by Val Crack and Graeme Hammond. These two head coaches are ably assisted by approximately 7 parents and several young leaders.

The later session is lead by Phil Yetzes with 5 parents and several young leaders. Approximately 60 children attend this session.

The junior section has attended several fixtures with other clubs such as Cambridge City, Peterborough and March. We have sent teams to play in the Yazoo mini championships at age groups U11's and U13's both boys and girls. The U14 boys have played in a local league. The county arranged several fixtures for the older age groups this season to compensate for increasing the age at which players can be involved in league matches.

Our priorities this season and in the future are to involve the young people in more fixtures with adult players to increase their experience of match play.

Awards

Pete Burrows Award - Most Improved Boy	Andrew Bunting
Pete Burrows Award - Most Improved Girl	Laura Loades

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Phantasy Hockey - 2nd Half of Season

1 st	Chris Bollom	2 nd	Helen Clarke	3 rd	John Tudor
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Closing remarks

Dinner Dance - the Club would look in future years to make the event bigger and better, however this may require the ticket costs in future years to be increased. Any ideas are welcome.

Replacement shirts - the Management Team confirmed the commitment to replacing club shirts for the season 2009/10. A review of this provision is required for latter seasons.

Meeting closed at 6.10pm