



**Minutes of the St Ives Hockey Club AGM  
Saturday 18 April 2009**

**Apologies for Absence**

Peter Holland, Simon Bollom, Emily Crack, Anne Selfe, Nick Beattie, Callum Richards, Scott Perry, Nicola Perry, Stuart Perry and Bill Simmonds

**Attendance**

Sandra di Lustro	Simon Fairhall	Kishor Shah	Kevin Donnelly
Vishara Davies	Val Crack	Erika Goldsmith	Robyn Goldsmith
Laura Ball	John Tudor	Mike Hale	Michael Jenner
Mike England	Alan Campbell	Ben Scarrow	Pete Brennan
David Land	Richard Corbett	Amy Drummond	John Foxcroft
Carly Mann	Emma King	Laura Robinson	Vicky Leighton
Alexis Palmer	Alex Prestage	Pauline Hammond	Julie Slater
Iain Macintosh	Simon Penney	Alfie Brennan	Andy Rhodes
Andy Land	Abby Holland	Stuart Bryden	

**Minutes of meeting held 12 April 2008**

The Minutes were approved as an accurate reflection of the meeting

**Chairman's opening remarks**

The Management Team Report was issued and highlights are:

Thanks to the Management Team, Captains, Juniors Coaches Graeme, Val, Stuart, other coaches and parents for their efforts this season.

This year we see a change in format for the AGM in that the award presentation has moved to End of Season Dinner.

Funding has been received for restocking our equipment, shirts for junior teams and coaching updates, including a Quicksticks course on 27 April 2009 which will be beneficial if you are in a coaching/teaching role (**course now rearranged to 22 June 2009**).

The Management Team is proposing to adopt the England Hockey recommended policies and procedures for the following:

- \* Safeguarding (Child Protection) including CRB checks
- \* Equity
- \* Volunteer Agreement Form
- \* Codes of Conduct for
  - Club Officials/Volunteers
  - Parents/Guardians/Spectators
  - Junior Players
  - Coaches

The members' agreement was requested for the Management Team to update and implement these as Club Policies. **Accepted unanimously.**

A Development Plan has been prepared by Andy Land - many thanks for instigating this and apologies to him for the delays in completing the necessary work prior to issue. We have identified 3 areas to focus our efforts:

Challenges

Opportunities

Actions from the above

The overall document is a 4 year plan, some areas have already been implemented but it is now up to the Management Team to make it happen along with seeking out and applying for funding.

We are seeking members' comments to ensure the Plan is adopted early in the new season (a copy of the Plan will be placed on the Website).

Further details can be found in the Management Team Report.

### **Club financial position**

Attached Accounts to end April 2009 (a few areas are estimates whilst the last few accounts come in). When Club Accounts are finalised a copy will be placed on the Website.

Last season saw a playing loss so it was agreed, for season 2008-09, to increase the match fees and subscriptions. It appears that the increases made have not had the impact we had hoped.

Simon Fairhall has generated £25k over 2 years in grants for community based activities which has allowed for development opportunities for our members and Club. Occasionally the grants have covered expenditure on items we would normally have had to pay for.

The balance sheet continues to show the assets belonging to the Junior and Mixed sections and this is historical.

There is a recommendation from the Chairman that we increase the Management reserve by £5k taking it to £8k. This will enable to Club to cover all of the costs incurred at the beginning of the season whilst we wait for subscriptions to come in. **Accepted unanimously.**

We originally had a provision in place to replace the shirts after a 3 year period (August 2010) but during this season we suspended any increase to the provision as we believed the financial position would be worse than it is (we have been helped by bad weather which has meant we did not incur so many costs for coaches/pitch hire etc). Therefore we can now afford the shirts replacement. Members asked whether it was necessary to replace the shirts in this climate but it was agreed that some member's will need to replace shirts and we are putting a very good deal in place which will ensure that we all wear the same style and colour of shirts. The Management Team will make the final decision on this.

Membership shows 147 Juniors and 133 Seniors

Subscriptions generated £13,130 and match fees generated £10,766. Total Income currently £30,570.

## Proposals

Subscription fees should stay as they are.

Seniors	£88.00 or £80.00 with discount
Juniors	£44.00 or £40.00 with discount

Discount period is where 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 remain at £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 (£0.18 per mile) and teas (£20.00) allowances. **Accepted unanimously although CMT requested to review petrol costs prior to the start of the season.**

To conclude this season we have benefitted from Simon Fairhall raising funds through grant applications, that Captains have ensured that match fees and subscriptions are paid at the time of play and Kishor Shah has chased any outstanding monies.

## Constitutional Amendments

The Management Team proposed the following changes to Constitution

- 6.1 Replace all references to Full Members to read Adult and Youth Members (Youth Members are those playing Saturday Hockey)
- 6.2 Change AGM/EGM quorum to 20 Adult and Youth Members.

The amendments were **unanimously accepted.**

## Ladies hockey report and awards

The Ladies have progressed well in line with the development plan. Each of the sides has finished in respectable positions and things are looking very positive for next season.

**1st team** - The team were looking to finish in the top three to push for promotion next season. Unfortunately a couple of close games didn't go their way resulting in a 5th place finish. There are benefits from the addition of pitch side manager Sarah Hartley and thanks go to her for her efforts off and on the pitch in goal! There was a great deal of good hockey played and a lot of promise for next season with the addition to the squad of several talented youngsters. Thanks to Captain Vicky Leighton for doing a great job for the 5/6th season and to Vice Captain Helen Clarke.

Special thanks go to Simon Shorter for all his support and encouragement given in the Monday night training sessions, they have been very beneficial. With the addition next season of 2nd team training this will continue to aid the development of the ladies section.

The team have secured a sponsor for next season.

Stats - Won 10, drew 6, lost 6, GF 55, GA 36

**2nd team** - It appeared that the team may face relegation midway through the season which was frustrating as they were playing well but not scoring the goals. Captain Anne Selfe and vice captain Doris Jackaman thankfully turned the side around and it came as a relief when they started getting the balls in the back of the net. The two Julies (Slater and Drummond) played a big part in strengthening the defence whilst the welcome addition of Ally Brennan to the midfield had immediate winning results. The younger members of the team all improved over the course of the season and provided a good mix of youth to an experienced side. The target next season is for the 2nds to reach the East League, bridging the gap between them and the 1sts. It is hoped that next season, like the equivalent Men's side, the 2nds will be a developmental side with a majority of youth and good splattering of experience. Thanks to Anne for doing such a great job.

Stats - Won 7, drew 3, lost 6, GF 22, GA 22

**3rd team** - The 3rds started off the season without a Captain, but thankfully after a little gentle persuasion Val Crack and Tracy Bryden agreed to jointly take on the role. Under their guidance the 3rds flourished and maintained a very consistent and strong side for the season. The team were greatly aided by the return of an old face in a new position. Gemma Pope having been a goal keeper for a number of seasons and who is now a very impressive centre back. The younger members enjoy and benefit from playing with the likes of Pauline (Ladies top goal scorer with 15 goals this season) and Val who are extremely supportive. Next season with the reinstatement of a 4th team it is hoped that the older experienced players will be given more opportunities to play in the 3rd team, leaving (Sunday) games for the juniors and younger members of the 4th team.

Stats - Won 9, Drew 2, lost 3, GF 43 GA 26

Finally, thanks to the Management Team, Simon for his coaching, the captains and vices for the smooth running of proceedings and Sandra as fixture secretary.

### **Mens hockey report and awards**

This year has been a mixed season of consolidations, near misses and heroic efforts in vain.

**1st team** - Following 2 seasons of successful promotions the team was again looking to push forward and return to the heights of Prem hockey. However having lost several players to University and through surgery it was clear that the team was going to need to recruit some quality individuals to fill these voids. They did this and welcomed Darren Coles and Allan Knox back to the club along with a new member Alex Gutteridge.

Everything was looking promising for the new campaign until about half way through the summer when we received the news that their Capt of the last 7 years, Macca, had been diagnosed with Leukaemia. This took a toll on the team who had come to rely on his steadiness and reliability in defence in previous seasons. Everyone pulled together as a unit and, under the guidance of Chris Duncan, moved on with players playing out of position for the first few months of the season.

After a good start to the season things started to slip away with the odd loss creeping in and by the end of the season the team found themselves needing to win the final game to escape automatic relegation. Thankfully this is exactly what happened but relegation still remains a distinct possibility depending upon the national league playoffs.

Thanks to Chris Duncan and Paul Swannell for stepping in and doing a fantastic role and for Macca for picking up the reins on his return to fitness.

**2nd team** - Looking to emulate the 1st team's success of recent years the 2nd's started training more regularly and joined their 1st team counterparts on a Monday evening. This reaped immediate rewards with the team flying high at the top of the league and with only 4 teams realistically pushing for promotion; it was always going to be tight.

With a score correction going in the favour of Market Deeping, the 2nd's found themselves slipping to second place just before Christmas but with St. Neots dropping off it left the run in to the end of the season between 3 teams, St Neots 2nd's, City of P'boro 5th's and ourselves.

With P'boro beating Market Deeping in their last game of the season it left St. Ives needing to win in the rearranged game against Market Deeping to guarantee promotion. A thrilling game ensued in which the score line never reflected the contest but St. Ives was eventually edged out of the promotion places.

A big thank you to Simon Bollom and Seve Cullen they have done a great job.

**3rd team** - It was clear that the 3rd team was going to struggle this season having never replaced the influential players Kev Gilder and Pete Brennan.

Under the joint captaincy of Richard Corbett and Howard Weir the team strived to prove the early predictions wrong and put in some fantastic displays of hockey. Following a serious injury to Howard early in the season Richard soldiered on alone and I'm very grateful for all of his efforts.

Unfortunately they were unable to sustain a serious challenge on the league title and despite winning 2 of their last 3 games, the team dropped into Div 5NW.

**4th team** - This was the first season where we used the 4th team as a spring board for the younger players in the club to step up from the junior section into adult hockey. The style with which the team played was a credit to those involved and gives a great platform to move forwards next year. A special thank you has to go to Stuart Bryden for stepping into the breach after the departure of Phill Yetzes just before the start of the season. He has done a fantastic job and deserves a special mention.

**5th team** -The fifth team had a great season this year under the expert guidance of Simon Dew. With the old stalwarts of Chris Hillsdon, Gary Cole, and Jon Clark holding the fort and with a number of returning and new members swelling their ranks, the team competed with the very best in the division eventually finishing 5th.

### **Mixed Hockey report**

Good year but difficult at times to get a team out. The team have been fairly consistent and have won the majority of games.

There are tours planned through the Summer - information on the Website.

### **Junior Report**

Val Crack reported that for the U9 training session there is on average 40 children attending. They have had some good matches and tournaments.

The U11's, under the leadership of Graeme Hammond also have good attendance with around 35 children each week. They have played more tournaments than the U9s.

There was no report available for the U13s or the Academy.

Stuart Bryden commented that in the U11 group there are sometimes too many children for the pitch availability. When they attended the County tournament the standard of play was high particularly from the School teams. We may need to look at our coaching structure and pitch requirements.

Thanks to Sue Rhodes for coordinating the fixtures for games and competitions and ensuring that information was also available on the Website and notice boards.

### **Club Officer Appointments for Season 2009-10**

#### **Club Management Team**

Chairman:	Vacant
Secretary:	Sandra di Lustro
Treasurer:	John Foxcroft
Ladies Rep:	Vacant
Men's Rep:	Andy Land
Mixed Rep:	Vacant
Junior Liaison	Vacant (John Tudor post meeting)
Umpire Rep:	Kishor Shah
Social Secretary:	Simon Penney
Press Officer:	Vacant

#### **Club Management Team to confirm appointments for the following roles**

Kit Officer  
Events Officer  
Child Protection Officer  
Website Admin/Database

#### **Sections**

##### **Ladies**

		2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Captain	Vicky Leighton	Vacant	Gemma Pope	Vacant
V Capt	Alexis Palmer	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant

##### **Mens**

		2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Captain	Ben Scarrow	Pete Brennan	Andy Moore	Vacant	Michael England
V Capt	Alex Prestage	Vacant	Dave Jones	Vacant	David Lacey

##### **Juniors**

Fixture Secretary                      Vacant

##### **Mixed**

Mixed Captain                              Vacant

Club Captains to chase in order to fill the positions which remain vacant for Section Officers.  
The Management Team to chase the vacancies on the Management Team and appointment members to the other roles.

Simon Fairhall confirmed that the Coaches from the Junior Section will meet to discuss the Junior Development Officer role.

It was agreed that the outlines of the Club Officer roles will be placed on the Website.

**AOB**

End of Season Dinner - Simon Penney reminded those present that they need submit their menu requirements.

Summer Hockey - Kishor Shah asked that people come forward to play and Captain the teams - without greater numbers showing interest the games will not happen.

Kit/Equipment Return - Sandra di Lustro requested that all Club kit and equipment be returned to the Store Cupboards in readiness for the Kit inventory checks in early May.

**Meeting closed : 11.15 am**