

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE HORNSEY CLUB ON MAY 5TH, 1987

MINUTES

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. There were no matters arising and Stan Elgar commented on how full and accurate the Minutes were; the Chair thanked Steve Purnell.
2. The Secretary's Report was tabled and there were no questions. Norman Borrett explained the ideas behind the formation of the Strategy Committee and some of the issues it had discussed.
3. Subscriptions and Match Fees were noted.
4. Sponsorship

The Chairman explained his view that an injection of capital would be beneficial and asked for the meeting's agreement in principle. Alan Delaney said that the 1st XI needed a coach and that sponsorship could help pay for this, but queried whether we could obtain sponsorship as we are not particularly successful. M. Miley commented that sponsorship for goalkeeping equipment would be useful. Peter Stoughton-Harris remarked that in any event goalkeepers do not pay subscriptions in lieu of kit. Roger Rookes asked whether the Committee had any sponsors in mind. The Chairman said that Peroni Beer would put money in but it would not be a large sum, say 100 - 1,000. He has also spoken to Rayments who would not object to Peroni beer being sold in the Club. Richard Shaw said that the key point to getting sponsorship is that the potential sponsor should be known to someone in the Club - personal contacts are important. Roger Rookes asked whether sponsors get tax advantages. Hilary Burns replied that this is the case if done by Deed of Covenant. Ali Alibhai remarked that we should keep the other sections of the Hornsey Club in mind. Stan Elgar said that with the National League starting in 1991, if too many London League clubs get in, will the London League be worth running and will the Southern League take over and thus the distances travelled to matches become too great? The Chairman asked if the meeting agreed that the Committee should try to seek sponsorship for a period of say two years. Charles Fillingham remarked that it was very important that we have a publicity officer. Seeking of sponsorship was proposed, seconded by Rod Tippen and carried unanimously. The Chairman remarked that sponsorship should not take the place of Hampstead HC fund raising activities.

5. Pitches

Peter Stoughton-Harris said that this season we had used our normal venues and thinks this has been reasonably successful. He suggests that we double up on Haggerston. Paddington can be alternated with New River and games doubled up. He believes that the drained grass will improve and Highgate Wood will be used as a fall-back. Priority is now given to the men's top team and ladies' top team. There have been no volunteers to take over the job of Match Secretary. Maybe the job could be split into two, one person on the telephone and one inspecting pitches. Tony Elliot asked if matches are played early would other clubs cause problems. Peter Stoughton-Harris replied that other clubs such as Guildford and Reading already play early when necessary, so we would hope for no problems. Wendy Cunliffe remarked that she believed her oppositions would object to playing early and Peter Stoughton-Harris stressed that he hoped playing early would not happen often. Stan Elgar remarked that Highgate Wood is no good and Sandra Laird responded that on several occasions it had saved the day for ladies' games. The Chairman remarked that there is a long-term hope of having an astro on Highgate Wood in the future. The Chairman thanked Peter Stoughton-Harris for his work as Match Secretary and mentioned that he has become Chairman of the Hornsey Club.

6. Fixtures

David Blakemore said that the main change for the men's teams was that the Reading game was now a block fixture. Beds Eagles had been dropped from the fixtures list. The 4th XI League would run more smoothly next year. Surbiton have formed a Masters Conference. National League - block fixtures would remain for the rest of the Club. Sandra Laird said that there was nothing in particular to note from the Ladies' fixtures point of view, except that the 2nd XI hoped to be playing in the League next season.

The Chairman remarked on a letter to the Hockey Digest by a Brentwood veteran which criticised the Hampstead men's 1st XI.

7. Captains Reports

Mens 1st XI - Alan Delaney

A disappointing season with the worst league results for 10 years, but we learnt a lot. Now the game is played by very fit players, well drilled with good skills. A coach is desperately needed. We now have a better side than at the beginning of the season.

Ladies 1st XI - Wendy Cunliffe

The team had some important games this season and have been promoted in their first year in the Middlesex League. Thanks to David Teale.

Mens 2nd XI - Mike Blanning

A bit like the men's 1st XI - Blanning sent off twice before the end of November. A new team this season faced very strong opposition, but all the top teams only just beat us. 30 players in a season for one team is too many. Looking forward to a good season in 1987/88.

Ladies 2nd XI - Agnes Hibbert

The team hoped to improve the standard but had nearly won the Barnard Cup this year. The level of enjoyment both on and off the pitch was very high. We hope to get in the League next season. A large squad is difficult to handle and understanding is needed from everyone.

Mens 3rd XI - Charles Fillingham

A damn good start but then missed out. Missing a few players to the 1st and 2nd XIs. The pressure is on Charles because he is bald. Purnell was sent off against Slough. Borrett became a father. Next season Stevens - who has hair - will be looking for keenness, commitment and a place in the play-offs.

Ladies 3rd XI - Melinda Miley

Many matches cancelled by oppositions because of poor away pitches. Thanks to team for putting up with problems. Results improved after a long lay-off. Lots of players used in a good squad.

Mens 4th XI - Andrew Latter

Good season, thanks to Marshall, etc. Soames-Charlton is still around. Holness bought lots of jugs. Thanks to Tim Cartmell.

Mens 5th XI - Nick White

Business as usual. Lots of fun. Hawks beaten 6-1. First win against Bromley. Ian Smith scored for the first time in 120 years. McCabe tried to coach. Hockey getting increasingly competitive.

Mens 6th XI - Mel Powell

It was a season of two halves. Huge squad at start of season and struggling towards the end. An enjoyable season full of good hockey, the best being played when they lost.

Vets - Chris Elliot

The World Cup was a tremendous boost to the side. Boizot's arrival time improved. Chitra scored 15 goals. Peter Bell played but then relegated to umpire. Killer instinct needed from Hugh Smith. Beat Crostyx for first time in ten years despite Shaw dislocating his shoulder.

Mixed - Peter Marshall

We played, scored and drank a lot.

Indoor - Stu Cunliffe

No organisation at the start. We have been relegated at Crystal Palace.

Summary from Norman Borrett

By and large very strong in the middle of the Club and the ladies' section, where things are buoyant (!). Success at the top level must be worked out.

Ali Alibhai mentioned that there is a player in the Club who although available was not selected for a month.

8. Election of Officers

Nominations carried unanimously. Proposals were requested for vacant positions. Richard Shaw suggested that the Committee fill the spaces. Peter Stoughton-Harris outlined Match Secretary's job. The Chair thanked Steve Purnell as outgoing General Secretary. Norman Borrett encouraged new players to take up positions, saying that we will have a serious problem if people do not come forward to help. Nick Stevens was confirmed as Social Secretary, Sue Cunliffe and Hilary Burns will stand as Hornsey Committee Representatives and Anne Dunford will stand as Bulletin Secretary.

9. Presentations

Golden Sticks - Richard Jameson and Ram Chitra scored 15 goals each.

Golden Sticks - Ladies - Florence Lee, Melinda Miley and Deb Sammons all scored 10 goals each.

Woodpecker Trophy - Colin Greenhalgh explained the history and it was awarded to Peter Stoughton-Harris with a special award to Mel Powell for services to the 6th XI in his first season of hockey.

Barnard Cup - Colin Greenhalgh explained the background and it was awarded to the Veterans.

10. AOB

Richard Shaw said that the Vets World Cup was a tremendous success and we deserved a mutual pat on the back. Special thanks to Dick Cresswell for all his hard work.

Stan Elgar thanked Peter Boizot for coughing up on the mens showers. Peter said he hoped they would be tiled and improved further.

Norman Borrett thanked the Finance Sub-Committee and Peter McIlwaine asked what the Committee were going to do with the balance in the current account. The Chairman assured the meeting that the funds would be used wisely and expressed thanks to the Hornsey Club for providing the new bar facilities.

Leon Flack asked whether we propose coaching juniors. Wendy Cunliffe asked whether children in the club were a problem. Nick Coleman said that Hornsey are in favour of juniors, especially in hockey. Norman Borrett said that he has had talks with the London Hockey Co-Ordinator, Brum Van-Assalt. Leon Flack and John McCabe are keen on youth coaching. A junior section is a possibility for next season. Development of this is very important. Nick Coleman said that he would like to help to develop a junior sub-committee, to be aided by Kari McKeon, John McCabe and Leon Flack.

Melinda Bennett said that the Ladies' 1st XI needs a C registered Middlesex umpire or they will be relegated.

Thanks were expressed to Mark Allen.

Norman Borrett said that Nick Coleman has been recommended for Life Membership.

The meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

THE HORNSEY CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS
1988-1989

	<u>18 AND OVER</u>	<u>12-17 YEARS</u>	<u>UNDER 12</u>
<u>FULL PLAYING MEMBER</u>			
Mens Hockey	£ 55.00))	
Ladies Hockey	£ 50.00))	
Cricket	£ 55.00)	age x £1.60)	age x £1.25
Squash	£ 45.00))	
Tennis	£ 95.00))	

HONORARY MEMBER per person £ 10.00

WEEKDAY MEMBER (limited to Monday - Friday 9.00am - 6.00pm)

Tennis	£ 50.00	n/a	n/a
Squash	£ 25.00	n/a	n/a

LIFE MEMBER (all sections)

Age 50+	£ 500.00
40+	£1,000.00
30+	£1,500.00

MATCH FEE (payable by all members representing the Club in a match home or away)

Mens and Ladies Hockey	£ 3.00	£ 1.75*	-
Cricket	£ 3.00	£ 1.75*	-
Squash	£ 1.50	£ 1.50*	-
Tennis	£ 2.00	£ 1.50*	-

*Not applicable to under 16s

COURT FEES

Squash - per 45 minutes	£ 1.50	£ 1.50	£ 1.50
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VISITORS FEES (limited to a maximum of three occasions)

Hockey	£ 3.00	£ 1.75	-
Cricket	£ 3.00	£ 1.75	-
Squash (plus court fee)	£ 1.50	£ 1.00	£ 0.50
Tennis	£ 2.00	£ 1.00	£ 0.50

REDUCTIONS

Member of extra section** - sub. less	£ 20.00	£ 10.00	£ 5.00
Husband/Wife - sum of joint sub. less.....			£ 20.00
Each Son/Daughter under 18 of full member - sub. less.....			£ 5.00
Full Time Student 18 and over - sub. less.....			50%

Registered unemployed - for fixed rates consult Section Secretary

** For 1988/89 Squash as extra section - subscription will be £15.00 (under 18s £5)

COACHING

Each section will make its own arrangements for coaching and costs will be notified separately.

PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

- All cheques to be made payable to the Hornsey Club.
- Cricket and Tennis subscriptions are due on 1 May.
Hockey and Squash subscriptions are due on 1 October.
Memberships are valid for 12 months from these dates.
- New members joining 2 months after these dates will receive a discount of 1/12th subscription per month.
- At the Committee's discretion subscriptions may be paid in instalments on the basis of 3 post dated cheques (e.g. 1 May 50% sub, 1 June 25% sub, 1 July 25% sub.)

OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Late payment by existing members after the due date will be subject to a £5 levy per month. Members failing to renew their subscription within 2 months of the due date will be deemed to have resigned and will not be eligible to use the facilities of the Club until full payment of subscription and levies are received.

NOTES

- The Committee reserve the right to vary subscriptions within the Terms of the Constitution.
- The Committee reserve the right to exercise reasonable discretion in the application of the subscription arrangements.
- Playing arrangements and use of Clubhouse facilities for Junior members under 18 years will be notified separately.