

# Romsey Hockey Club Annual General Meeting

**Monday 29th April 2019**

**Circ:** Committee/all club members/website.

**Attendees:** Jamie Miller, Simeon Field, Catherine Wood, Hilary Andrews, Georgie Pugh, Derien Pugh, Catherine Gladstone, Sally Shrubb, Tom Wigley, Stuart Robertson, Alexis Harris, Sean Rawles, Kate Olingschlaeger, David Edwards, Sophie Hurley, Lewis Birch, Amy Edwards, Emily Slade, Matt Clark.

**Apologies:** Carl Hendy, Lisa Morgan, Elaine Gibson

<p>1. Confirm minutes of previous AGM.</p>	<p>Stuart Robertson proposes. Emily Slade seconds.</p>
<p>2. Treasurer Report inc. audited accounts <b>Lewis Birch</b></p>	<p>Lewis Birch has audited the club accounts. Figures are not yet finalised for the committee meeting as the accounting year ends 30th April. Two end of season do's in one year so therefore club balance is looking a little different to historic comparisons. Teamo has made tracking payments more of an efficient and organised process. Higher interest Honorable mention to Simeon Field who obtained £2000 net gain from sponsorship and managed to pay for the Romsey Relay Tea. Income for the year is just shy of £49000. We made a £5000 profit. It's great that year on year we are increasing profit. We are waiting for a bill from HCS. The accounts will be finalised for the next committee meeting. Money outstanding £450 on Match Fees. Teamo is easier for collecting data, sub but because there are so many combinations of how players subscribe it is hard and very time consuming to track. So a suggestion presented by Lewis is that we should do a one hit subscription at the start of the season and a pay as you play all via teamo. This would be £14 change to those paying monthly. Lewis raises keeping match fees the same but next year increase the subs next year. Committee to think about 3 proposals for fees and then send out to the club to be decided at a later date. <b>There will be no sub changes for 2019-2020 season.</b></p>
<p>3. Secretary Report. <b>Emily Slade</b></p>	<p>Thank you everyone for attending this evening. For the committee and our wonderful volunteers for your contributions to the club. Thank you to amy for stepping in, Stuart, Simeon, Hilary, Colin for massive efforts for the development plan, Club Mark and for all your support in helping keeping the club ticking along. Exciting ventures ahead with pitches on the horizon. Google Forms was a much more efficient way of collecting votes for EOS. It has been brilliant working with</p>
<p>4. Chairman's Report <b>Amy Edwards</b></p>	<p>We have had another successful year finally being awarded Club Mark and creating the <a href="#">Club Development Plan</a> which will guide the club forward over the next few years. Ladies section has been strong, consistently fielding full squads across the 4 teams. A great achievement for the new ladies 4s who mainly consist of new players from the very successful Back to Hockey sessions. The mens section have at times struggled with numbers, however we have a solid action plan in place to ensure we don't come into difficulty next year, including running the Back to Hockey sessions again.</p>

Mens 1s relegated to Div 2  
 Mens 2XI Div 4 finished 8th  
 Mens 3XI Div 6 finished 8th  
 Mens 4XI Div 9 finished 4th  
 Ladies 1XI Div 1 finished 3rd - best ever  
 Ladies 2XI Div 2 finished 11th  
 Ladies 3XI won Div 6!  
 Ladies 4XI - Div 7 first season came 4th

Training has continued to be successful but only as a result of the time and effort put in by coaches - thank you.

The 10 year anniversary EOS event was a great success. Lots of positive feedback. Over 60 people attended. Penne Edwards, Anne Bonham and Nick Rogers came as honorary guests. Would be lovely to look to subsidise the cost of tickets. Also looking to move the end of season do earlier.

Kings Chase development is moving along steadily with works already commenced on the foundations of the new pavilion. The Committee has been discussing our aspirations for the new site with TVBC. We will not be playing hockey there until 2020.

As a result of being awarded Clubmark accreditation, we have been able to apply for a funding grant in order to relay the pitch at Romsey School. We are waiting to hear the final decision. Thank you to Simeon and Stuart for all the work you have put in with Clubmark and the Grant application.

5. Elect officers of club and nominations and election of new committee members.

Committee Position	Confirmed as staying on
Chairman	Amy Edwards
Vice-Chairman	Stuart Robertson <i>Proposed by Amy Edwards, seconded by Lewis Birch.</i>
Club Secretary	Emily Slade
Club Treasurer	Lewis Birch
Junior Club Captain	Simeon Field
Mens Club Captain	Colin Harwood <i>Proposed by Amy Edwards, seconded by Lewis Birch.</i>
Ladies Club Captain	Hilary Andrews
Mens Social Secretary	Jamie Miller <i>Proposed by Stuart Robertson and seconded by Tom Wigley.</i>
Ladies Social Secretary	Sophie Skudder
Fixtures Secretary	Kate Olingschlaeger
Umpire Secretary	Sophie Skudder
Discipline Officer	Amy Edwards
Press Secretary	Aaron Shaw
Website Officer	Lukasz Suleja
CRB Officer	Catherine Wood
CRB Officer	Lisa Morgan
Ladies 1XI	Kate Olingschlaeger

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6. Subscription and Match Fees 2019-2020 season.	See treasurer section item 2.																																										
7. AOB received from club prior to AGM.	<p><b>Coaching</b></p> <p><b>Creation of a coaching budget to fund the following:</b></p> <p>→ Looking for Committee and member support for the schemes below which will be at a cost to the club and decision needs to be made as a club.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Highlight areas in need of focus and push/fund to support with external coaches.</li> <li>◆ Proposed creation of a PDP (Player Development Program) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creation of an environment for the players that truly want to focus on development away from their club training (as well as not instead of).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>→ RHC “Youth Hockey Program” for schools in local area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Funded first term by club to get the ball rolling.</li> <li>● Weekly clubs for new and current players.</li> <li>● Run centrally or at individual schools.</li> <li>● Accumulating in a tournament run by the club.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action add to development plan and discuss at committee meetings.</i></p> <p>→ Goalkeeping session over summer and throughout season and Monday nights</p>																																										

- ◆ Secured a coach keen to run (EH Goalie coach). From Elaine Gibson. We can try to get coaching, club will pay for this.

*We need to build a plan for U12 boys.*

*Good point raise by Sophie Skudder about looking at the support we provide for coaches.*

- Coaching courses made more available to members even those volunteering a few times a month - send an email to club members so they are all aware of the opportunities for coaching this year. Simeon Field has approached EH about trying to get a group training session.
- Club want to go out to look for coaching mens section and ladies section. We are looking to split ladies training over two nights.
- Upcoming courses to book
  - ◆ Jen Metcalf - UKCC Sessional coaches course (June) (£300)
  - ◆ Catherine Wood, Cat Gladstone, Sophie Skudder, Josh Chappel Lou Tompson engaging games for children (May) (£76)

### **Social media presence**

#### **Need support and help from none committee members**

- We need to up our social media presence and relevance
  - ◆ Nominate a social media focused person per squad/section to use Twitter/instagram/snapchat to keep the club in the public eye and promote the club.
  - ◆ Need someone to monitor and keep track of the Facebook page/messages (Lost potential members this year due to this)

Georgie will increase the presence of social media - Georgie Pugh to host an evening idiots guide to this.

### **Hockey Teas**

Some grievances across the club with the hockey teas as there are some elements whereby teams aren't having what they want. However we are keep for Amy Edwards to discuss the issues we are having with the Sun. If this isn't resolved we will look to vote as teams for what we want.

### **Kit**

Issues at the start of season with getting Romsey Hockey Club kit from Hardgear. We have no current ties to Hardgear in our contract.

Kit 4 Logos in Romsey. 16 lead in time, this Canterbury. They are based in Romsey, save on delivery and we can go in and try it

Google form to get players to sign up to do a mass order. Sooner rather than later. Committee and AGM support this change.

Much better for the club going forward to be able to try kit on.

**Emily Slade to send a google form around the club including email addresses for invoices to do a pre order.**

**Lukas to remove Hardgear off the email.**

### **Expenses for umpires**

It is in the constitution and we will put this out to captains.

8. <a href="#">Reports from other committee positions</a>	See pages below
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**AGM:** finished 21.15pm

### **Ladies Club Captain Report**

A great season for the Ladies Section, for the first time ever we fielded 4 ladies teams competing in Divisions 1, 2, 6 and 7. The influx of players from Back 2 Hockey has provided a huge boost to the whole section and we have had high levels of attendance at training throughout the season. Many thanks to Dave Miles, Dave Edwards and Jim East for their excellent coaching and also to our fantastic umpires, Tom, Peter, Charlie, Colin and Amy.

*Hilary Andrews*

### **Romsey Ladies 1XI Captains Report**

Romsey Ladies 1XI have had their best ever season since being promoted to Hants Div 1. We ended the season on 39 points in 3rd position. This season saw the introduction of some new players- namely Gemma Brown stepping up from the 2XI and Stella Bendoni and GK Jen Metcalf joining from other clubs. All 3 made a huge impact on the success we have experienced this season. Both Bobs Cooper and Kate Olingschlaeger reached double figures with their goal tally for the season, although we had our best ever finish we still struggled to score and this is something we will need to continue to work on next season. Having consistency of players regularly available and a strong group of under 18s in the squad made a huge difference to the team structure. Next season will be a challenge- with the new league structure and losing 5 key junior players to university will present a huge challenge, but hopefully we will be able to build on the successful season we have had.

*Kate Olingschlaeger*

### **Romsey Ladies 2XI Captains Report**

Having gained promotion last season, 2018/19, we knew the standard would be higher and more challenging than we were used to. The season started with some tight games that were unfortunately lost by last minute goals, although we lost 15 matches, the team resolved to improve over the season, which I feel we have done. We drew 1 and won 5.

We managed to have 11 different goal scorers throughout the season with Elaine and Anna being tied on 11 each. With a big restructure of the Ladies league for the 2019/20 season we will be going down to division 3 but should not become complacent as there are other strong teams going down with us.

The 2xi have been a great group of ladies to captain again this year, but I am stepping down for someone else to fill the position.

I would like to thank all those who have umpired for us this season to make it possible for us to play and to Sophie for co-ordinating. Also thanks to Dave Miles and David Edwards for coaching and supporting throughout the season.

*Sally Shrubbs*

### **Romsey Ladies 3XI Captain Report**

The Ladies 3s smashed Division 6 this season, winning the league by 16 points following 14 wins, 1 draw and just 1 defeat. After last year's relegation it was great to bounce back up straight away and ensures the club can offer a good range of standards for ladies hockey.

Along the way we scored a massive 72 goals, with Cat Gladstone scoring 25 to be league top scorer and both Ella Palmer and Ruth Manners scoring over 10 each. Special mention should be made of Grace Morgan whose crosses from the right wing led to so many of those goals.

The defence were equally impressive, conceding only 19 goals, 7 of which came in the last two games when our awesome goalkeeper Antonia Luckhurst was unavailable.

With a restructure of the Ladies league for the 2019/20 season meaning we are likely to be in a much stronger league, we can expect to find next season rather more challenging. However with this group of ladies I'm confident we can give it a good go and of course have a lot of fun in the process.

I would finally like to thank all those who umpired for us this season and Sophie for organising this. Also thanks to Dave Miles for coaching us this year and to the Ladies 4s for their unbridled enthusiasm at training every week!

*Cat Gladstone*

### **Romsey Ladies 4XI Captain Report**

The Ladies 4s have had an amazing first season. Placed 6th out of 9, we finished 11 points ahead of the next placed team Hamble and only 4 points behind 4th placed Basingstoke. We scored 34 league goals, 16 of them coming from our top scorer Natalie Crates with the rest from 8 other players. In total we won 6 drew 4 and lost 6. The squad of 21 regular players with an average age of 41 included 3 who had never played hockey before: Jo Field, Carolyn O'Hara and Derien Pugh who took to goalkeeping like a duck to water and who received the most Star Player Awards (5) in the season. It's been a real pleasure coaching and playing with this team, roll on next season!

*Hilary Andrews*

### **Romsey Mens 1XI Captains Report**

The 1s found life in Hants Div 1 tricky this year following our relegation from Hants/Surrey 2 - early optimism following a win in our first game led to a false sense of hope as we struggled to adapt to a number of changes. There were lots of stand out performances especially from a number of the younger players who regularly stepped up and put in some big performances, including our Player of Season: Rob Williams. We went through the season with a changeable squad and it was very rare that the same team would be available 2 weeks in a row. The season concluded with a total of 4 wins, 0 draws and 18 losses. Special mentions must go to everyone who played in goal (a thankless task), Dan Miles who finished as the top scorer with 12 (according to Teamo), Felix Chapman-Sheath who eventually worked out he has devastating pace, Matt Ireland who spent at least 20 minutes of the season sitting on the side at the umpires request and finally to our coach, Stuart Robertson who continues to try and improve us and ridiculously believes the next step in that process is to start playing for us again...

A tough season and time for someone else to try their luck in Hants Div 1. Hopefully the next season will bring more positives and provide more opportunities for young players to play for the Men's 1s.

*Tom Wigley*

### **Romsey Mens 2XI Captains Report**

*Alistair Nawn*

### **Romsey Mens 3XI Captains Report**

It's been a crazy year for the Men 3<sup>rd</sup> XI in Hampshire Division 6!

After losing multiple players in the summer moving abroad, going to University and injury the season started with the worse possible start; having to cancel our first game due to only having 3 players available and 3 points deducted. The hill was looking steep to climb.

However, we introduced some fresh new blood to the squad with some fantastic youth players and the following few weeks saw amazing results with wins away to the league winners, a draw with the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team and a fantastic 11-0 victory over Southampton Uni.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI quickly climbed the league and were pushing for 2<sup>nd</sup> place going into the Christmas break. Sadly, this were to change after the break when school fixtures saw some of the fantastic youth being unavailable and further injuries across the men section.

The Men 3<sup>rd</sup> XI suffered multiple defeats and further deduction of points when the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were unable to fulfil a fixture. The tail end of the season saw scrambles to get a team out each week.

However, push this aside the Men 3<sup>rd</sup> XI got the results when it mattered and finished 8<sup>th</sup> in Hampshire Division 6 securing their place for next season to rebuild and continue to flourish.

This will be my last season as Captain of the Men 3<sup>rd</sup> XI. Sadly, my injury from last season is forcing me to retire from the role. However, I have had an absolute blast over the past few years with memories I will treasure for the rest of my life. I've made some great friends and will continue to share a beer with them all in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me in the role of the past 8 years! You have been amazing.

I'm not crying....you're crying ;-)

All the best!

Clarky

*Matthew Clark*

### **Romsey Mens 4XI Captains Report**

This was Romsey Mens 4s Fourth Season and the second in Division 9 South following the league restructure two years ago combining Divs 9 & 10 in to a 9 North and 9 South.

Romsey finished fourth out of 8 teams, with the top 4 teams including Romsey split by 8 points, with a further 8 points to 5th.

We played 15 games, but the 8-1 win against Gosport was effectively a friendly as that team folded, so league wise it was

Played 14 Won 8 Drawn 1 Lost 5. Scoring 43 goals and conceding 40. Finishing on 25 points, with IOW2 winning the league with 33 points, and suffering only one defeat all season which was at the hands of Romsey that included Dave Miles annual Mens 4s appearance.

Top Scorer for the season was Sean Rawles with 10 goals, including three hat tricks in consecutive matches back in the Autumn.

Colin Harwood scored 9 goals, and Carl Hendy who only played 3 matches for the 4s as he played up in the 3s after Christmas scored 5, and remains the Mens 4s top scorer of all time to date with 48 goals.

33 different players made at least one appearance for the Mens 4s, of the 15 matches played Colin Harwood and Simon Field played 14 each missing only one match, and other regulars were Sean Rawles with 11, Andy Moger with 11 (who sadly is moving away for next season), Lukasz Suleja with 10 and then James Tower, Bryn Wathen, Matt Duke, Stan Cazaly and Ollie O'Hara all with 9.

The number of players from the 4s who played up in the 3s and 2s really showed how some of the younger players had developed, with Player of the Season James Tower being a great example, he sadly is also not around next season as he is in Canada.

To keep the team going Simeon Field reached out to a few Dads, and we incorporated Pete O'Hara, Phil Orak and Dave Procter as post Christmas regulars hopefully they will all be keen to continue next season.

The Mens 4s provides an opportunity for U14s to play Saturday hockey, and build confidence and ability as well as socialising afterwards with the 'older' players. Will Payne was a good asset before Christmas, but proved he could play higher up quite quickly, and Josh Harwood and Stan Cazaly became 2s players by the end of the season and will start there in 2019/20.

It has been really enjoyable playing with a wide range of age and abilities and looking ahead it should be the Mens 4s that push players up, so substitutes next year may be a premium. It will be a challenge to move the team out of the Division, but the Mens 4s does allow for a Back to Hockey and new younger players to have a go.

Here's to Romsey Mens 5th Season next year in the Clubs 11th.

*Colin Harwood.*

### **Junior Section 2018-2019 End of Season Report**

Romsey Juniors continue to thrive. We have great support from parents, players and the adult sections but we could always do with more. The juniors are the future for the adult sections, please try and find the time to support this flourishing part of the club.

#### **Minis**

U8s - although small in number and low in age - most of the group of 8/10 players are U7/U6 let alone U8 - they have enjoyed training and had great success at the festivals. Frequently congratulated on the quality of their hockey skills this group have won or drawn almost all of their matches. A big thanks to manager Patricia Fuller, Coach Stuart Robertson and assistants Andrew Cadge and Mark Gilbert.

U10s -

#### **U12 Boys**

#### **U14 Boys**

#### **U16 Boys**

Training with the men on a Wednesday does mean that there is a lack of set piece practise but more positively almost all of the team is now playing men's hockey. They will finish 2nd in Division 2 South, potentially only missing out on winning their division because of two matches where availability was severely affected by AC commitments. Thank you to manager Linda Taylor and Coach Stuart Robertson. Also thank you to Nick Cooper and Alexis Harris for umpiring.

#### **U12 Girls**

#### **U14 Girls**

#### **U16 Girls**

The under 16 girls have grown in confidence this season and after a difficult start are guaranteed a mid table finish. At the time of writing this report we have one match left , if we win this we would finish as runners up behind Petersfield.

This has been a great group of girls to work with that always give 100% and it has been rewarding to see their improvement as the season has progressed.



## **U18 Girls**

The Girl's U18 squad had a very positive start to the season having profound wins at a pre-season friendly, and we were also promised lots of games by Hampshire Hockey and EH National Cup. The mood was really good, the girls were happy to be back together and looking forward to their last season together. However....other Hampshire teams weren't so happy about the number of fixtures so they were halved and then two clubs pulled out entirely, reducing our matches even further. As the season went on, other clubs cancelled due to player shortages. The lack of team play and some availability issues meant that our squad was not as strong as it could have been and we were unfortunate to get hardly any matches in the England Hockey National Cup as two of our drawn opponents pulled out, leaving us to play against Bournemouth who were ultimately semi-finalists in Tier 1 and Bath Buccaneers who are due to play in the final of Tier 2 soon, both extremely strong teams.

Apart from our pre-season friendlies, we played just 6 matches in total with only 1 win which was a great shame. The only consolation was that we ended the season 3rd in the league above Trojans! I have enjoyed managing the team for the last two seasons but now I can concentrate on other things, including playing hockey myself, something I never imagined because I had never played in my life before. Good luck to Philipp Orak, it is a tricky age group to manage due to the increasing independence of the players involved.

## **AC/PC Success**

### **AC**

Luke Walter	U13B
Lorne Thomson	U13B
Will Ritchie	U15B
James Fuller	U15B
Ben Harris	U15B
Bailey Benham	U16B
Ben Sluman	U16B
Felix Chapman-Sheath	U17B
Morgan Robertson	U17B
Rufus Taylor	U17B
Liz Field	U17G

### **PC**

Stella Bedoni

## **End of Season Fun Day and Awards**

A very successful fun day and BBQ saw over 100 parents and players enjoy fun games and food. Winners were as follows:

	2019 Player of the Season	2019 Most Improved Player
U8 Boys	Zach Woodgate-Jones	Hamish Nicholson
U8 Girls	Cherry Cadge	Grace Gomarsall
U10 Boys	Jake Attfield	Ben Gladstone
U10 Girls	Caitlin Jupp	Clara Fuller
U12 Boys	Rupert Willes	Tom Westmore
U12 Girls	Katie Butson	Eliza Herbert
U14 Boys	Lorne Thomson	Harry Garton
U14 Girls	Hannah Procter	Sadie Franklin
U16 Boys	Rob Budden	Rufus Taylor
U16 Girls	Alex Orak	Jess Grout
Junior Club Person of the Year		Noah Cooper
Bonham Cup - for the outstanding Junior Player		Alex Orak

## **Coaches**

As always the club and the junior section need more coaches and umpires. The club will pay for your course if you can help and you will also receive a 'free game' on a Saturday. It is very rewarding - please get involved if you can!

*Stuart Robertson Romsey HC Junior Chair*

## **Other Committee Position Reports**

### **Social Secretary Report**

Very successful end of season do. Club to find out via a survey about social ideas going forward to increase the attendance at our social events.

*Matt Clark and Sophie Skudder*

### **Press Secretary Report**

Women have been brilliant at match reports, some match reports from men but let's keep this going.

*Aaron Shaw*

### **Child Protection and Safeguarding Officer Report**

#### **2018 – 2019 Welfare Officer Report**

**Thank you from Amy and the committee for all that Catherine does behind the scenes.**

*Welfare Officer – Catherine Wood*

*Deputy – Lisa Morgan*

- *All existing DBS certificates have been reviewed and updated where necessary. As part of the clubmark process, we extended this to umpires and any member that is likely to come into contact with junior players. **Action:** CW to action outstanding DBS certificates that are still to be processed. CW will need to review as any club positions are filled/positions taken on by new volunteers, for the 2019 – 2020 season.*
- *As a result of Clubmark activities a google spreadsheet is now available to all committee members showing DBS details, coaching qualifications, insurance, first aid - This will continue to be maintained and updated throughout the coming season.*
- *Accidents, when they occur, are being well reported via the welfare email.*
- *A small number of welfare issues have been reported this season. All have been resolved smoothly and with great support from both England Hockey, where appropriate, and club members.*
- *We are looking forward to the new season and both Catherine & Lisa are remaining in the positions.*

*Thank you for your support and a great season!*