

Romsey Hockey Club Annual General Meeting

Monday 5th July 2021

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

Start: 19:00

<p>1. Attendance and apologies</p>	<p>Attendance: Simeon Field, Sally Shrubbs, Colin Harwood, Stuart Robertson, Gemma Brown, Clare Cooper, L Thomson, Clare Herbert, Luise Marino, Cara Cox, Thomas Wigley, Emma Beeching, Amy Edwards, Ella Palmer, Hilary Andrews, Emily Slade, Pete O'Hara, Sam Braund, Kate O, Andrew Cadge Apologies: Catherine Wood, Lewis Birch, Lisa Brailey, Ava Pearson</p>
<p>2. Confirm minutes of previous AGM and Chairman's report Amy Edwards</p>	<p>Proposed by: Sally Shrubbs Seconded by: Stuart Robertson</p> <p>I would like to say thank you to all of those who have put in so much hard work ensuring that games and training have still gone ahead where possible. I would also like to give special mention to our Covid Officer, Stuart Robertson, as without him none of our opportunities to play this year would have been possible.</p> <p>Looking forward to next year I think it is key to encourage more members to get involved in the Club more rather than the same people as always. This was a focus from last year and it would be good to continue it on.</p> <p>It has been a busy year with relation to hopefully moving up to King's Chase and making it our home. We have been in talks with TVBC about our perfect ideas for using the site. Currently the area we wanted to use for our 'base' is not ready so the RRC have kindly allowed us to be part of their area withing the Pavilion. This means we can have match teas (and have access to the bar!) up at King's Chase whilst we watch other teams play. We hope to have some access to the facility in August and TVBC have proposed a proper opening in September (11th September TBC) two home games.</p>
<p>3. Treasurer Report inc. Subscription and Match Fees 2021-2020 season. Lewis Birch</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. According to Teamo - of 410 members (this includes non playing members and old friends of the club who are still registered on teamo), 22 still owe subs.2. Total in account £33, 319 - a healthy amount although as we know it goes down very quickly when goals, equipment, pitches and coaches are needed.3. Match fees and subs to stay the same4. Club will look to give back in other ways to acknowledge members continuing to pay subs throughout lockdowns.5. Outstanding match fees total £515.50 made up as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">L2s £10.00L3s £5.00LSL £55.00Mixed £140.00M1s £40.00M2s £82.50M3s £30.00

	<p>M4s £18.50 MSL1 £60.00 MSL2 £75.00 U16Bs £4.50</p>
<p>4. Secretary Report. Emily Dixon</p>	<p>Thank you to all who do stuff. Especially Amy, Simeon and Stuart who have all done so much behind the scenes. No awards this season due to shorter seasons all round, next year let's hope for uninterrupted hockey with awards and the full monty with regards to end of season do's etc.</p>
<p>5. Junior Chairman Report Simeon Field</p>	<p><i>This has been a season like no other which has affected all us in so many ways, I am however pleased in the fact that with our wonderful volunteers we have been able to still play hockey albeit in a stop start season with no league structure.</i></p> <p><i>There have still been many positives to include continued training, some very testing friendly matches with some super performances, many juniors stepping up into senior hockey for the first time and performing wonderfully and I have received some super feedback from the Captains.</i></p> <p><i>A number of players attended DC this year with several reaching the final selection phase for Hampshire before unfortunately it was cancelled.</i></p> <p><i>At the start of the season our minis section was looking quite sparse in places but with the fantastic work Sophie , Andrew , Anna and Mark plus all their volunteer juniors have done, membership in the minis teams has over doubled in this time which is amazing.</i></p> <p><i>We are already taking enquiries across all age groups for next season so I very much hope for a strong start for all our teams in the new season and with a new league structure coming into being it could be very exciting for all. U12 Hockey changing from 11 a side to 7. Need a new U12 coach.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, a big thankyou again to all our volunteers circa 25 of you this year who have made the junior section function during a very difficult time. Also, not to forget the efforts Stuart has put in as Covid Officer and keeping us all aware of guidelines , our obligations and being a conduit between Romsey School and England Hockey.</i></p>

6. Elect officers of the club and nominations and election of new committee members. Amy Edwards	Committee Position	Confirmed as staying on
	Chairman	Amy Edwards
	Vice-Chairman	Stuart Robertson.
	Club Secretary	Emily Dixon
	Club Treasurer	Sam Meegan Proposed: Colin Harwood Seconded: Emily Dixon
	Junior Chairman	Simeon Field
	Mens Club Captain	Colin Harwood
	Ladies Club Captain	Hilary Andrews
	Mens Social Secretary	<i>Collective - Social Committee to be formed. Amy Edwards, Emily Slade, Emma Beeching, Ella Palmer</i>
	Ladies Social Secretary	
	Fixtures Secretary	Kate Olingschlaeger
	Umpire Secretary	Sophie Skudder
	Discipline Officer	Amy Edwards
	Press Secretary	Aaron Shaw
	Website Officer	Lukasz Suleja
	Welfare Officer	Catherine Wood
	Deputy Welfare Officer	Lisa Morgan
	Ladies 1XI	Emma Beeching (vice Gemma Brown)
	Ladies 2XI	Sophie Skudder (vice Lisa Morgan)
	Ladies 3XI	Jo Sheath (vice Cara Cox)
	Ladies 4XI	Clare Cooper (vice Lou Marino)
	Mens 1XI	Tom Wigley
	Mens 2XI	Alexis Harris
	Mens 3XI	Ben Parker
	Mens 4XI	Colin Harwood
	Mixed Captain	Lewis Birch and Tom Wigley
	Ladies Indoor Captain	Lisa Morgan
	Director of Coaching	Amy Edwards
	Head Coach	Stuart Robertson
	Social Media Officer	Kate O Proposed: Emma Beeching Seconded: Sam Meegan
BREAK	Time for members to read reports and consider vacant positions	
7. Reports from other committee positions	See pages below	
8. AOB received from the club prior to AGM.	Interest in Masters hockey - communicate with EH through South Masters about opportunities. Downsides possibly in Saturday Leagues taking players away from Senior Teams	

Finish: 19:44pm

Committee Reports

Welfare Officer

All required DBS certificates updated and issued as needed this season.

All existing DBS certificates are being reviewed and those about to expire will be actioned once positions known for next season.

Once new positions are filled any new DBS certificates will be actioned.

- *Accidents, when they occur, continue to be well reported via the welfare email.*
- *We will continue to look to EH for support with the move to a shared clubhouse and facilities to ensure we are compliant with all necessary safeguarding requirements.*
- *We are looking forward to the new season and both Catherine & Lisa are remaining in the positions.*

Thank you for your support a very different but great season!

Ladies Club Captain

Ladies 1XI

This may have been the shortest season on record, but it did not lack drama! League positions and results made no difference this season, but when they do, be assured that Romsey Ladies 1XI are feeling re-energised and will come back fighting!

We welcomed Jim as our new coach, who immediately got to work boosting our self-esteem and love for training and new skills. With new players, coaches and captains we trialled different formations and tactics with varying degrees of success. Thank you Jim for always listening, being patient and sharing your wise words!

This year the unstoppable and composed Erica Jenner celebrated her 25th season with RHC! What a legend. Here's to the next 25!

The ever-changing team sadly said goodbye to Liz Forbes due to surgery and Emily Slade who was growing baby Joshua in her tummy. We now say goodbye to Alex Orak and wish her luck at University. Alice Collins and Carrie Dunford played their first season for RHC and are a fantastic addition to the club and team with their passion and commitment. We welcomed new juniors Neve Adams and Olivia Wann to the 1s, who settled in immediately and upped the pace of the game.

Special thanks go to Charlotte Jones and Alice Collins who zoomed into our homes during lockdown to keep us mentally and physically fit. Thank you too to Emma Bouchard and Bethan Knights who led us in Pilates and Yoga and facilitated Charlotte in touching her toes.

We had ups and downs, we won and we lost, but we did not draw. Thank you to Romsey Ladies 1XI for being everything a team should be.

Ladies 2XI

Ladies 3XI

Through wind, rain and more rain the Ladies 3s battled a season like no other. Although a league win eluded us, we grew as a team and improved with every match, holding Petersfield to a tense draw and reducing our goal difference as the season progressed. We've since enjoyed some wins with the recent friendlies, putting into practise set pieces and short corners developed at training with our fabulous coaches Palf and Gemma. Throughout the year we've seen our junior players blossom and look forward to watching them progress through the club next season. Of those juniors Katy Ryan, Amelia Budge, Mia Adams showed strong performances up front providing several of our elusive goals. Defensively Zarah Marino proved she was a force to be reckoned with, her confidence growing week on week. A particular thank you to our ever reliable and fearless junior goal keeper, Neve Riley (and her mum Kate!) who stepped up for every match. The season highlight however has to be the introduction of our goal scoring celebration - the unicorn prance - courtesy of the ever cheerful, Tracey Mason.

Next season will see us build on our competitiveness and resilience and we're looking forward to taking our Romsey fighting spirit to a new league

Ladies 4XI

Ladies 4's had a great time last season, fielding a mix of experience, youth and enthusiasm. We had a succession of juniors come through playing their first adult games, and many moving up to the 3's and 2's. Next season we have another group earmarked to bring up from U14 and U16's some of whom it will not be long until they benefit the stronger ladies teams.

The new league structure means we have new challenges this season, which we will embrace in our normal positive and enthusiastic way.

Mens 1XI

This was going to be the season the Men' 1XI rebounded after the disappointment of falling just short last season and missing promotion by 1 point. With a strong squad who were determined not to be frustrated this season, we promptly began dismantling the rest of Hants Div 2 until COVID put a dampener on our promotion party.

A quick overview of the stats shows that in the 9 games we played, we scored 50 goals and conceded only 6, and were 11 points ahead of the next best team when the league was cancelled at Christmas. Those of you who remember the last end of season report may recall we finally managed to score 10 goals in a game towards the end of last season and we set about try to do this more often, winning 12-0, and 13-0 in the first few weeks.

If we were allowed spectators at Romsey this year, you would have been treated to some stunning hockey, culminating in what has been recognised by the team as our 'goal of the season.' Chris Parkes cleared the ball off our goal line and no more than 10 seconds later popped up at the back post for a diving deflection, but sadly, my description does not do it any sort of justice at all. Nick Welby also continued to wear a selection of garish kits, which have to be seen to be believed, and against all instructions, Morgan Robertson continued to use the same piece of skill again and again with very little joy. One of the aspects that had been missing in recent years was a combative attitude when the going got tough and it was really pleasing to see that on the whole we were better at this this year, and embraced the fact it was possible to win whilst playing ugly.

The restructure of the league means we have, in effect, been half promoted and will be playing the top half of our current league and the bottom half of the league above in our new season. We are looking forward to it and the new challenges it should bring as we try to get ourselves back into Regional Hockey.

A big thank you to our coach for this year, Lewis for his ideas and positivity (and negativity when needed); and another to our Manager/Supporter in Chief/COVID Officer/Discipline Officer Stuart, who has continues to be involved with all aspects of the team, and continuing his personal vendetta against card happy umpires and the disciplinary process.

Mens 2XI

Mens 3XI

Ben Parker took the lead role and did a magnificent job before the lockdown.

The 3s played 5 leagues in October and Won 4 of them losing only 1 - to grab 12 points out of 15

Scoring 16 goals and conceding 12 in some high scoring games

Mens 4XI

After a good 5-0 thrashing in a friendly the 4s Played 3 league matches -

Won 1 Drew 1, Lost 1.

Highlights were losing opening league match 1-2 a game we should have won, well done Ellison for grabbing a last minute consolation, and then winning 4-1 away starting with 9 players and no Goalkeeper, thanks to another Ellison goal where he chased the ball all the way towards the goal and as it hit the post hit in the rebound, and a brace from the 52 year old (now 53) captain.

Junior Section 2020-2021 End of Season Report

Minis

The u8s section has doubled its numbers since the start of the season. We were even in a position to put out an all u6 side by the end.

We lose only 2 players up to u10s next season so we are looking forward to a really strong performing side as they continue to progress.

Huge thanks to Charlotte, young helpers are key to developing club juniors.

The U10s started the season with a very small squad with only 2 players playing their second season. By the end, the group had increased to 24 and there were 3 teams lined up to play Trojans who unfortunately didn't turn up – we decided they were scared!). The newcomers ranged from complete beginners to good players poached from Trojans and Salisbury or with school experience.

Tournament hockey was unfortunately lacking. We started with inter-club games against Trojans where we managed to win 5 out 8 matches against them. It was particularly exciting to see both our (mixed ability) teams beat their 'A' side first time. The only proper tournament was at Bournemouth in October where we struggled without Zach and Henry who were playing up with the U12s.

The disappointment of not playing Trojans at the end of the season was quickly dispelled as we re-organised with four teams playing a round robin. The matches were competitive and everyone demonstrated new skills and improved confidence gained in the 8 or 9 sessions since hockey re-started. It was great to watch and all the players should be really pleased with their efforts.

About 10 of the players will go up to the U12s and it's a real shame that they didn't have the opportunity to play at the In2 hockey tournament that is usually at the end of the season and a stepping stone for the U12s. particularly for Zach and

Henry who (along with Hamish) had won it the previous year. They would have had a pretty good team as well!

I'd like to thank Katie, Zarah, Liv and Indie for helping out with the coaching during the season. It would have been chaotic without you!

Boys

U12

U14

U16

The U16's struggled this season, we only played 3 games and were thrashed twice and drew once. There are a lot of complaints from the boys that they do not have either a coach or a training session where they are all together.

I think as a club we need to decide if we want an U16 Boy's team, or should we just focus on getting as many of the boys as possible playing in the Saturday league?

If we want to keep an U16 team they need a coach at the very least, and probably a separate training session. The more skilful boys will always want to try to train with the men's teams but do not feel happy training with the 3 and 4, and the less confident players do not like to train with any men, including the 3 and 4's.

If we look at the parents managing the Boy's teams from U12's up, none of them are coaches, so if we leave the U16 team to be run by one parent for the next few years, I do not see how we can get an improvement in performances.

Girls

U12

The U12 girls who were coached and managed by Natt Jupp this year and have developed into a strong unit with a really good team spirit which has been evident in their friendly matches.

The team have worked hard and have listened to instruction well and you can see really enjoy their hockey which bodes well for next season.

Natt unfortunately is standing down as coach, We wish her well and thank her for all her efforts over the last few seasons, Great Job!

U14

A lively group of girls of which the majority have played together since minis, this group really enjoy their hockey and this year has seen more improvement and they always manage to get their game faces on at the right time.

The team had 5 friendly matches winning 3 and losing the other two to strong opposition in Trojans A and Fleet and Ewshot. The two stand out wins came against Petersfield 7-0 and Winchester 4-1.

A number of the girls did Dc this year and a couple of the girls made it through to the final selection phase before County hockey was unfortunately cancelled.

U16

A super group of girls who have worked hard and more importantly for each other this year. The girls have been committed to the team with great numbers at training every week and a real feeling of team spirit.

Although no League games were played a number of friendlies were against some stern opposition, the standout match had to be the game against Fleet & Ewshot away, a great 2-2 draw which had everything , amazing defending , great keeper display , superb attacking , end to end stuff!

A majority of the girls have played ladies hockey with 3/4 girls playing ladies ones and twos.

Roll on next season girls and well done to you all!