

# Romsey Hockey Club Annual General Meeting

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 Ganger Farm Sports Complex**

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

**Start: 19:30**

<p>1. Attendance and apologies</p>	<p><b>Attendance:</b> Tom Wigley, Stuart Robertson, , Alice Collins, Peter Cooper, Lucy Lewis, Clare Cooper, Cara Cox, Jo Sheath, Claire Herbert, Emily Slade, Amy Edwards, Sam Braund, Simeon Field, Ben Parker, Sebastian Hufton, Andrew Cadge, Liz Field, Leisa Brailey, Sally Shrubbs, Charlotte Jones, Emma Beeching, Rhys Jones, Catherine Akerman, Sophie Skudder</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Kate Olingschlaeger</p>
<p>2. Confirm minutes of previous AGM and Chairman's report</p> <p><b>Amy Edwards</b></p> <p><b>Stuart Robertson</b></p>	<p>Proposed by: Tom Wigley Seconded by: Stuart Robertson</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who has put in time this year to make such a successful season. We should be very proud of continuing the Romsey HC ethos of a club for all ages, abilities and as always have created a welcoming and positive community. It is with sadness to be stepping down after many years on the committee and I am always amazed by the enthusiasm and effort put in by the Committee. Special mentions this year to the EOS organising committee for all your hard work. And to Peter Cooper for his work with umpiring, even getting a mention by EH! Thank you to those who organised B2H to support people getting into hockey and of course the never failing enthusiasm of Simeon in leading such a thriving and successful Junior section. And a big thank you to captains, coaches and umpires - without these members we would not have a club. As always we are always looking for volunteers to help the club by being a member of the Committee, coaching, umpiring etc so please make yourself known if you would like to get involved.</p> <p>It has been fantastic to finally play at Ganger Farm and I believe it is the start of further developing our Club community. As we currently stand things are much the same. We hope to work with the Rugby Club to use their facilities and membership and teas are currently in negotiation. Rugby Club can do teas for £2 per head, associate membership for £3 a month for adult paying members and reducing juniors. There will be a physical membership card for Hockey Club players with a barcode for discount. The bar will also be open on Sundays but no hot food as yet.</p> <p>As part of AOB comments we will be looking at the training and playing slots at the next Committee meeting in order to try and get as many teams from across the whole club using the facilities. This is based upon availability and coaching timetables. We also need to still be supportive of Romsey School and continue with our relationship so it is essential we also use their facilities.</p>
<p>3. Treasurer Report</p> <p><b>Samira Braund</b></p>	<p>The financial year (FY) for Romsey Hockey club is from 1 st Sept 22 -31 st Aug 23. This interim report for the AGM covers 9 months of the FY.</p> <p>Memberships - Significant exercises have been undertaken to review members on Teamo. We currently have 336 Assigned members of which 323 are paid up members and 13 members have not paid. These relate to the junior section, and the data will be passed to the relevant team managers to check if those individuals are playing etc.</p>

	<p>Membership subscription fees have generated an income of £30,279.40 so far, this is an increase on last years revenues by circa £7K.</p> <p>Match Fees Match fee income generated for the league is £13,472, with outstanding balance of £305.</p> <p>Ladies Section paid up. Thank you so much.</p> <p>Mens Section £273.50 outstanding.</p> <p>Junior Section £31.50 outstanding.</p> <p>The increase in membership revenues has allowed RHC to maintain the Summer league match fees to encourage development from junior to senior hockey and support our back to hockey initiative.</p> <p>If members are struggling to clear debt please contact Samira Braund so we can support this.</p> <p>Summer League, Mixed and Back 2 Hockey Interest for summer league grows in strength with 2 ladies team entered into the Southampton league, 2 mixed teams for the Salisbury league and 3 men's summer league teams. Income generated so far £875 with £205 outstanding.</p> <p>Match fees for Monday night mixed and back to hockey has covered its costs generating £1,257 income with only £3 outstanding. A great success delivered by the team.</p> <p>Bank Account The account is in a strong financial position, this has enabled us to subsidise the end of season dinner, summer league and provide adhoc support to kit, umpiring equipment and training to ensure we continue to provide a professional and safe service to our members.</p> <p>Current position as of today Main Account - £15843 Reserve Fund - £31,262.18 Please note there is still some costs due out this year relating to EOSD, pitch hire and adhoc costs. End of year accounts will be available early September.</p>
<p>4. Secretary Report. <b>Emily Dixon</b></p>	<p>Thank you Amy, for all you have done, Sam for your accounts and all the parents, players and everyone who makes our club as wonderful as it is.</p>
<p>5. Junior Chairman Report <b>Simeon Field</b></p>	<p>Season 2022-2023 saw the junior section move to the long awaited new pitch at Ganger Farm although not all the section could train here we did play all our home matches here which was amazing for players and spectators alike.</p> <p>The junior section has seen numbers swell significantly this season which culminated in the end of season awards day being attended by over 100 children, the best attendance ever. It has been very pleasing to see the boys section grow after numbers dropped during Covid and we are now looking much healthier which bodes very well for next season.</p> <p>Congratulations to our league winners! Both the U12 boys and girls A teams won their respective leagues and also our u14 girls won theirs too.</p> <p>A big thanks must go to our Amazing volunteers who turn out every week and Sundays to make hockey happen! Once again this season we had players representing the club at county level so massive congratulations to them Grace Geddes U13 girls AC</p>

Isla Meirion Williams U15 girls AC  
 Ben Meirion Williams U17 boys AC  
 Harriet Field U15 girls AC & PC  
 Further up the pyramid, huge congratulations to Lorne Thomson who represented England colleges National Hockey team 2022/23 a fantastic achievement!  
 I look forward to seeing you all again in the new season.

**20:00pm BREAK** Time for members to read reports and consider vacant positions

6. Elect officers of the club and nominations and election of new committee members.  
**Amy Edwards**

Committee Position	Confirmed as staying on
Chairman	Peter Cooper Proposed: Alice Cooper Seconded: Stuart Robertson
Vice-Chairman	Stuart Robertson
Club Secretary	Emily Dixon
Club Treasurer	Samira Braund
Junior Chairman	Simeon Field
Junior Secretary	Liz Field
Mens Club Captain	Colin Harwood
Ladies Club Captain	Sophie Skudder Proposed: Charlotte Jone Seconded: Amy Edwards
Ladies Social Secretary	Emma Beeching Proposed: Emily Dixon Seconded: Sophie Skudder Joanne Sheath Proposed: Sally Shrubbs Seconded: Cara Cox
Mens Social Secretary	Reuben Shucksmith Proposed: Tom Wigley Seconded: Ben Parker
Fixtures Secretary	Kate Olingschlaeger
Umpire Secretary	Sophie Skudder
Discipline Officer	Amy Edwards
Press Secretary	Aaron Shaw
Website Officer	Lukasz Suleja
Welfare Officer	Charlotte Jones
Deputy Welfare Officer	Lisa Morgan
Junior Welfare Officer	Seb Hufton Proposed: Simeon Field Seconded: Leisa Brailey
Membership Secretary	Lisa Morgan
Umpire Development Officer	Peter Cooper
Ladies 1XI	Bethan Knights Proposed: Sophie Skudder Seconded: Emily Dixon
Ladies 2XI	Vacancy
Ladies 3XI	Cara Cox Proposed: Claire Herbert Seconded: Sally Shrubbs

	Ladies 4XI	Clare Cooper (vice Lou Marino)
	Mens 1XI	Tom Wigley
	Mens 2XI	Ben Parker
	Mens 3XI	Simeon Field
	Mens 4XI Romsey Renegades	Vacant
	Mixed Captain	Tom Wigley
	Ladies Indoor Captain	Lisa Morgan
	Director of Coaching	Vacant
	Social Media Officer	Emily Dixon, Liz Field and Kate Olingschaeger Leisa Brailey Proposed - Ben Parker Seconded - Liz Field Polly Murray Proposed - Liz Field Seconded - Clare Cooper
	Community Development Officer	Claire Wise Proposed: Clare Cooper Seconded: Cara Cox
	Masters Captain	Samira Braund Proposed: Amy Edwards Seconded: Sophie Skudder
	Community Development Officer	Claire Wise Proposed: (next committee meeting) Seconded: (next committee meeting)
7. Reports from other committee positions	<b>See pages below</b>	
8. AOB received from the club prior to AGM.	<p>Entering Ladies Masters Team to South Prem O35s. We did mention on the men's side however they are going to channel their efforts into the junior section.</p> <p>All teams using the Ganger Farm facilities (see above) - As part of AOB comments we will be looking at the training and playing slots at the next Committee meeting in order to try and get as many teams from across the whole club using the facilities.</p> <p>Committee to look at this next year.</p> <p>Simeon looking at suggesting times for matches - fixed times. Add to a survey.</p> <p>Romsey School needs to be looked after better. Pitch and changing rooms.</p> <p>This is based upon availability and coaching timetables. We also need to still be supportive of Romsey School and continue with our relationship so it is essential we also use their facilities.</p>	

**Finish: 20:50pm**

## Senior Section 2022-2023 End of Season Report

**Ladies 1XI** - With a new coach and manager the Ladies 1s were keen to change how we played. We tried new drills in training and amended the formation to the delight of the team. The captains all worked well together but we were very mindful of getting the 2s promoted, which meant the 1s were sometimes short of players, as some 2s players were not keen to play up. Starting with a larger pool of 1s players and some players who play for both teams would be really helpful next season. The ladies 1s finished 9th out of 12, in Womens South Central Division 1. The ability of the team when available and fit meant we should have finished in the top half, but this did not happen due to injuries and a lack of players some weeks, rather than a lack of talent. Bethan Knights was player of the season with Emily Williams as top goal scorer. Emma Beeching is sad to be stepping down as captain, but feels change is healthy within any team! Chris Mason has been an amazing coach this year, but will be stepping down. We have loved having him and have learnt so much. We will miss him lots!

### Emma Beeching

**Ladies 2XI** - Having narrowly avoided demotion last season the Ladies 2s were on a mission to make an impact on the league in the 22/23 season. A club goal was to get the 2s promoted and we are very grateful to the other Captains for their help and support in making sure we had the team we needed every week to give us the best chance. The start of the season Ladies 2s were choosing from over 20 people each week with a lot of juniors keen to step up and make a difference. Every single player put in 100% to every game with some tough loses and decisive wins this season had it all with a highlight of being the only team to beat top of the league Blandford. Thanks to everyone's hard work the Ladies 2s finished 2nd in the league and will be promoted to Women's South Central Division 2. Player of the season was Elaine Gibson with Joanna Ritchie being Top Goal scorer of the 22/23 season. We are proud of all of the wonderful Junior players that we had this season and their progress and increase in confidence has been wonderful. The ladies 2s also entered the England national club cup tier 4 making it to the semi-finals. Thank You to Pete Cooper for travelling and Umpiring our game in Nottingham and to Tom Wigley for his help in the preparation of the cup and also travelling to Nottingham also and Chris Mason for his hard work all season he has been outstanding coaching us this year .

Joanna Ritchie will be standing down as Captain but is proud of the Ladies 2s progress and achievements this year and wishes them the best of luck in the new league next season!

### Joanna Ritchie

**Ladies 3XI** - What a fabulous end to a tough season. We stayed up - yay!!! Of the 24 matches played we won 4 and drew 3 which we were very pleased with. The team worked extremely hard in every match and the score line never reflected how much work and passion went into every single match. Joint top goal scorers were Ella and Brogan with 5 each.

We had 45 different ladies playing so always a name check at most games - a great way to meet so many ladies from the club 😊. Our player of the season was Hannah Sainsbury.

### Joanne Sheath

**Ladies 4XI** - We have had a great season, 40 different Ladies and juniors have played for the team this season, with 11 different players scoring goals. Top goal scorers were Ruth McLeod and Hannah Tyson, we finished 9<sup>th</sup> team out of 12 in our league. Our player of the season Polly Murray. Looking forward to next season.

**Clare Cooper**

**Back 2 Hockey** - Back 2 Hockey started in January 2023, led by Hilary Andrews. We have regularly had 14-18 men and women attending and have managed to sign up 14 new people to the club. The B2H continues through May and June. Hoping that many of the new players will join the men's and ladies sections and train/play in the new season.

**Clare Cooper**

**Mens 1XI** - After a few seasons attempting to get promoted, the Men's 1s had another bite at the cherry this year, with an outcome similar to the preceding seasons. Another mid table finish, with a realisation that if we had managed to play well consistently all year long, we would have been promoted. We remain a team capable of both the sublime and the ridiculous, often within the space of 5 minutes, scoring wonderful team goals, whilst being aware that are always fairly close to complete capitulation too. A big thank you to Lou Thomson who stepped in at Christmas to manage us, and to Martin Gough, who stepped in to coach and organise us at the same time, we were a lot better for both of the presence!

Joint players of the season: Tom Wigley and Lorne Thomson, with Tom also the team's top goalscorer.

**Tom Wigley**

**Mens 2XI** - After gaining promotion the season before this was always going to be a very tough year and with a number of players moving on, it was made especially hard. We welcomed Max and Seb to the club and both had a massive impact on the team. Even though we were competitive in most of the matches, it wasn't until January we registered our first point! Which was followed up with a win against New Forest. Unfortunately we couldn't get enough points to save us from relegation but the improvement we made during the season will stand us in great shape for September. Max Goulden was player of the season with Reuben Shucksmith top goal scorer.

**Ben Parker**

**Mens 3XI** - No report received.

## **Junior Section 2022-2023 End of Season Report**

**Minis**

**Boys**

**U12 - so brilliant they need two teams!**

**1s** - The 1st team had a fantastic season, winning all of their games very comfortably and only conceding a handful of goals. They went on



to come top of Division 2. They played well in the In2 tournament with a very respectable finish. They really grew as a team over the season and by the last few matches were passing the ball between themselves beautifully, which will lend itself well to moving up to U14s next season.

**2s** - The U12 2s were a relatively new team this season and although they didn't win many matches they maintained a really happy and positive mentality throughout. They all became individually stronger with their passes and more confident running with the ball and will go onto be a strong U12s team next season. **Jacqueline Nuttal**



**U 14** - We had a lot of fresh faces and developing talent we needed help from the U12's to play. Although we didn't win any games we got out there and played as if we had. **Leisa Brailey**

**U16** - Won half their games needing help from the U14 to bolster numbers. Some really encouraging talent. **Leisa Brailey**

## **Girls**

**U10s** - Player numbers increased throughout the season with new joiners even starting in March. We often put out 3 teams at tournaments giving all players a chance to play matches. There were more year 5 girls than boys and this showed at In2 where the girls finished midway in the table whereas the boys lost all games. But with only 2 year 5 boys and 2 under 8s then this group should benefit and do better next year. **Andrew Cadge**.

**U12** - We had 2 teams entered into the same league and they had very different experiences. With a combination of players who had mainly played a season or just started, the B team had a tough time finishing bottom of the league. Whereas the A team won all their matches easily and won the league. In preparation for In2 they were challenged by playing with fewer players and tough friendly fixtures against Winchester and Trojans. At In2 they won their first match easily to settle nerves and then performed strongly to draw 3 and only use 2 of their next games, impressively qualifying for the 5/6th play-off partly due to a tough, narrow 0-1 loss to eventual finalists Haslemere. Although we were dominated throughout the playoff, the girls didn't concede and then won the dramatic penalty flick contest. Finishing 5th was an amazing and exciting achievement for the girls. Well done to them. **Andrew Cadge**

## **U14 -**

The U14 girls had an excellent year with a good level of attendance for both the training and matches right through to the end of the season. The matches up until February were our own league (U14 tier 3, pool B) which we won (against Havant, IOW, New Forest, Petersfield, Southampton and Andover) and following that we were promoted to the tier above – tier 2B. This was invaluable experience for the girls who held their own really well. Score lines don't always reflect the competitiveness of a

match, and on several occasions the difference between the teams just lay in 1-2 real star players in the opposition team with the rest being of a comparative level to Romsey.

Players throughout the squad improved no end thanks to the enthusiastic coaching of Liz and Simeon, and we now have players starting to settle into 'their' position. Up front Grace continues to be strong down the middle with excellent balance and stick control. Out wide Ava's impressive speed and Elsie's determined running ensure a good supply of balls to Grace. The centre midfield has Caitlin and Camilla running the show with Ané, and Anna in defence and Sophie as goalkeeper. We had a second goalkeeper, Francesca join us half way through the season, which provided Sophie company in training and some healthy competition. A fantastic season.

In summary:

7 games won

No draws

3 losses.

Awards were presented to Ava Le Tissier most improved player

Player of the season: Elsie Duncan

### **Catherine and Harry Akerman**

**U16** - The U16 girls who by their standards had a steady season but with some notable wins against Winchester and Petersfield with the league title still in reach with the last 3 games to play. However defeats against Bournemouth particularly ended any hopes of repeating their last season triumph. Let it be said they were majority younger U16s this season so have high hopes going into next season. Well done girls! **Simeon Field**