

**Minutes of the Oxford Hockey Association AGM
Sunday 14th May 2017**

In attendance: John Dykes, Lorna McCulloch, Jane Chilvers,
Linda Billington Oxford Hawks HC Paul Hogben Oxford HC, Neil Chilvers Oxford Hawks HC,
Deborah Evelyn Adastral HC, Sinead Matthews Abingdon HC, Tori Larkin Witney HC,
Lisa Scragg Oxford Hawks HC, Mark Stuart - Thompson Oxford HC,
Adrian Simons Banbury HC, **David** Shannon Wallingford HC, Sanda Ringsma Thame HC,
Shaun Foote Bicester HC, Colin Peacock Thame HC

1. Apologies:

Apologies received from: Gaynor Toms EH South Regional Relationship Manager,
Sue Clark Oxford Hawks HC, Nick Leach President of Oxford University HC, Kerry Clamp
OHA Treasurer,

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 2016 AGM were approved and are attached.
- 2.2 No matters arising from previous meeting.

3. Administrators report

- 3.1 Attached "Junior development and Junior Academy report 206/2017

4. Statement of accounts for 12 months ending 30th April 2016

- 4.1 OHA Treasurer was unable to attend. We have approx. £70,000 though we should be aware that we will make a possible loss in 2016. This is due to more county coaches having put in expense claims. When accounts are completed they will be sent to all attending before the next meeting.
- 4.2 It was reiterated by JD that OHA is keen to keep the cost of attending DC, AC, PC affordable. Reasoning behind having such a healthy amount in the bank account is that Historically we have had great pitch hire costs for BRN.
- 4.3 OHA is hugely appreciative of the pitch hire costs with Oxford Hawks HC at £15 per hour.

5. Chairman's Report

- 5.1 Thank you to David Shannon and Wallingford HC for hosting the 1st OHA Workshop delivered by Todd Williams on Sunday 14th May. Thanks also to Freddie Shannon for organising a delicious BBQ
- 5.2 Thanks go to Todd Williams for a very insightful and enjoyable workshop
- 5.3 OHA have asked Todd as our Director of Hockey to write a programme for coaches development
- 5.4 We had a very successful Sports Dinner at Hawwell House on Saturday 13th May attended by our special guest GB Olympic Gold Medallist Nicola White MBE and our own NAG's Miriam Pritchard, Kiran Patel, Josh Wierzyski, Rowena Hearn, Max Carter Keall

- 5.5 JC and JD attended a South Hockey meeting which was to explain further the changes to DC, AC, PC. We must encourage players to stay in the system especially if they haven't been successful before and clubs are asked to support this. We are in a transitional phase in the single system and have little information and what we have is not clear about dates etc. for AC, PC but will keep clubs informed as much as possible. Oxfordshire will look to have bigger squads so the message to clubs and schools is to nominate more to try again. LS, we should be looking to develop players by being open about their 1st attempt to make the county squad as gaining experience rather than moving into a team.
- 5.6 JC and JD have asked for clubs to circulate the dates and venues of this summer's DC's. We are still looking for help – We ask for more Clubs to offer up coaches
- 5.7 AS asked about the optimal playing / training hours per week for PC Players. It was suggested that it was down to the individual and their schedule rather than OHA giving an amount.
- 5.8 Discipline has been good with only 4 “Red cards” this season. EH and HUA have requested that a red card should be given for verbal abuse
- 5.9 Congratulations were given to Banbury HC Men's 2nd XI for being Plate Winners in the Men's 2nd XI Trophy and AS would pass on the congratulations.

6. Junior Meeting hosted by Linda Billington

6.1 Attached “Minutes of informal junior meeting”

7. Summer league is up and running and successful so far

8. Pilgrims HC and Abingdon HC have now merged. They will have 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the 3rd team will be known as “Abingdon Pilgrims”.

9. We have been advised that Kidlington has a new contact Julia Long julialong112@gmail.com and Kay Hiles K_Hiles@acs.org (Not Ellie Desmond and Sian Powell). An updated contact list for all clubs will be distributed

10. Election of Management committee

10.1 President: JD happy to continue nominated by NC seconded by LB

10.2 Secretary: L McC happy to continue nominated by JC seconded by LB

7.3 Treasurer: Kerry is stepping down and was thanked for her work over the years. OHA is now looking for a replacement.

10.4 Committee: SC, NC, LS, AC nominated by JD and seconded by L McC

10.5 Request to all clubs for OHA to be seen in the wider county as an association with representatives from more clubs.
TL from Witney HC agreed to join the committee and AS from Banbury HC will ask for a committee representative from his club.

11. OHA is looking to Appoint a suitably qualified person to inspect the accounts. TL offered to speak to Critchleys to ask if they would consider sponsoring OHA or at least audit the accounts.

12. AOB

12.1 NC asked "Is Hockey healthy in Oxfordshire?". Banbury HC's experience is that young adult members are transient especially men with availability a struggle which can see 20 available one week and only 9 the next. The ladies section is full. It seems people are more social players rather than the traditional teams.

OHC have a similar experience with losing young men 20 – 26 years old. Women's and Juniors are full.

Other Counties have VET's matches played midweek which could release the pressure from numbers at the weekend. **This is to go on the agenda for our next meeting**

13. County website looking good and have Ollie D working on it.

14. Oxfordshire will be putting out an U21 men's team for the 1st time in June. A report of how well this has gone will be given at a later date.

15. MST offered to get information on how OHA could implement their own senior/vet county side. What appealed to all in the meeting was for players to be able to play in different age groups

16. Witney HC informed us that they will be down to 1 pitch as the sand pitch "Witney ATP" is scheduled to be made into a 3G surface in December 2017. The final decision will be made in August and is being paid for by the FA.

17. Meeting Close 6.45 pm