

DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held on 20th May 2013 at the Dolphin Inn, Bovey Tracey.

Present

DHA Officers & Officials & Reps to DHA (* ** denotes eligibility to vote)			
President	Nicky Bruce	Hon Secretary	Michelle Judge
Hon Treasurer	Peter Hodge	Vice-President	Mike Tucker
Single System Administrator/DCSHA rep	Sue Hutchings	Devon County Disciplinary administrator and Welfare	Sam Tallowin
Men's Hockey League Rep	Martyn Harvey		
Other attendees who signed the attendance sheet (* denotes designated voter for club ** denotes eligibility to vote)			
Ashmoor HC	STEVE DINNY	Dart HC	SAM TALLOWIN
Dartmouth HC		Dawlish LHC	
DHUA	ANDY HARVEY	Exe HC	JENNY MITCHELL (HON VP)
East Devon	MIKE DANIEL/CLARKE DREW/DAVID CHARD	ECV Hornets	MARTYN HARVEY
Honiton Hornets			
ISCA		Kingsbridge and Salcombe	
Newton Abbot LHC	SARAH ELLIS/SARA NEVILLE	N Devon HC	
Mannamead	LOUISE PAYNE	Okehampton Men	PETER SIM/RICHARD JONES
Okehampton Ladies	JANE JONES	OPM MHC	
		Plym valley	
Plymouth Marjon HC	SUE ANSLEY	PGSOB	STEVE WHERRY
Sidmouth and Ottery HC	JON DUTTON	Tavistock	T HANSON
Taw Valley HC		Tiverton White Eagles LHC	
Teign	JACKIE BROOKS	Torbay MHC	PETER HODGE
Torbay Ladies		United Services	DAVID GILLESPIE
University of Exeter LHC		University of Exeter MHC	
University of Plymouth LHC		University of Plymouth MHC	
Hon VP	MARTIN STONEMAN		
Clubs not represented at the AGM			
See gaps above			
Apologies			
See item 1 below			

The above is based on signatories of the attendance sheet at the meeting and apologies received directly by the Hon Secretary or presented on the evening.

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sue Sharland, TWLC; Dave Barnard, Hon VIP; Joan Treece, Hon VIP; Barbara Reynolds, EHB; Ruth Weeks, ISCA; Anne Baker, ISCA; Ian Mackie, SOHC; Sarah Budgen, Kingsbridge & Salcombe; Jack Ford, UPMHC; Rob Logan, OPM; Andrew Miller, EUMHC; Rosie Parkin, School Girls Rep; Rob White, PHC; Tracey Watson, Plym Valley; Geoff Tolcher, Hon VP; Doreen Carey, Hon VP; Jackie Daw, PMHC

2. MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012 (available on the evening)

Signed as a true copy – proposed by Sam Tallowin, seconded by Steve Dinny

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a. What is the situation of the Devon Club Forum? – Jackie Daw, PHMC

To be discussed at AOB

5. EHB DEVON – REPORT (Barbara Reynolds)

Attached

Questions raised from the floor – Sue Ansley PMHC asked how much is quick sticks being used? – still being used within Primary and it is also being used at the Devon Games to Inspire

6. REPORTS

6.1 Hon. Secretary and Competitions Report (Michelle Judge)

Attached – MJ added that clubs will not be charged for the past years In2Hockey festivals

Comments from the floor –

Jon Dutton - Question concerning the In2Hockey competition and why was it held in Plymouth as only 4 clubs from Exeter were present? MJ commented that 2 pitches were required due to the number of entries; however we can look at possibly holding the competition on 2 different dates if the calendar allows.

Jon Dutton - Question concerning the number of walkovers this year in the cup competition, was this because clubs found it difficult due the timings etc? MJ stated that clubs have 2 months to organise fixture and this seemed fair. Nicky Bruce added that this is something that can be discussed at the Club Forum.

Jackie Brooks - Question was asked about this year's charges to the mini hockey festival – MJ replied that clubs will be asked to cover pitch bills only

6.2 WHA Council & Sub-committee reports (Mike Tucker)

Attached

Andy Harvey asked to be enlightened what the grants the West have and how could clubs access the funds? MT commented that there will be a bidding process that has not been discussed yet, the proposal may be available at the end of June. MT share Andy Harvey's frustration and that he could only take Devon Hockey's comments back to West.

Sue Ansley asked where all West's money has come from? Nicky commented that the money has come from the clubs and children that attend JRPC

Peter Hodge commented that West need to correctly structure on how the money should be spent, it does take time to work out how this should be rectified, perhaps even a 5 year plan

6.3 Disciplinary Officer's Report

(Sam Tallowin)

Attached

6.4 Single System Report

(Sue Hutchings)

Attached

Jackie Brooks passed her thanks to all the coaches that commit their time for the JDC/JAC coaching sessions

Sue Ansley asked if Tom Poustie attended the first SS

Sam Tallowin gave a vote of thanks to Sue for all her had work, this was echoed by everyone in the room.

6.5 Men's Hockey League Report

(Martyn Harvey)

Attached

6.6 Devon Umpires Associations Report

(Paddy Porter)

Nicky Bruce passed her thanks for all Paddy for all his hard work over the past years.

7 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

(Peter Hodge)

The accounts were presented as attached.

Questions from the floor –

Andy Harvey commented on DHA excess funds in that they are so different to the West situation and would like to commend and endorse that DHAs proposal that funds would support our Single System and that a long term plan is put forward

Jon Dutton – does the County get any external funding from other areas, and could there be opportunities in getting monies in? PH suggested that this is good suggestion but someone would need to actively do this for the County. This is always such a difficult position to fill on any committee.

Sam Tallowin – discount for early payment of affiliation fees? PH said this is not something that DHA would be offering yet.

8 ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS (incl. setting of affiliation fees)

8.1 Adoption of presented reports – proposed Andy Harvey, seconded by David

8.2 Adoption of accounts

8.3 Setting of Affiliation Fees for Season 2012/13

8.4 Appointment of Independent Examiner – would be nominated by Hon Treasurer

8.5 Setting of Honorarium for Hon Secretary and Treasurer

9 ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES FOR DHA OFFICERS

9.1 President

David Chard

Mike Tucker

Elected: David Chard

9.2 Vice-President

Ian Mackie

Mike Tucker

Elected: Mike Tucker

9.3 Hon Secretary – elected unopposed Michelle Judge

9.4 Hon Treasurer - elected unopposed Peter Hodge

9.5 County Disciplinary Administrator - elected unopposed Sam Tallowin

9.6 Welfare Officer - elected unopposed Sam Tallowin

Position	Present Holder	Nomination
President	Nicky Bruce	Mike Tucker/David Chard
Vice President	Mike Tucker	Ian Mackie/Mike Tucker
Honorary Secretary	Michelle Judge	Michelle Judge
Honorary Treasurer	Peter Hodge	Peter Hodge
Devon County Disciplinary administrator	Sam Tallowin	Sam Tallowin
Welfare Officer	Sam Tallowin	Sam Tallowin

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Club Forum date to be set for 15th July 2013

11 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS (Nicky Bruce)

Question raised concerning the roles of the committee as there seems to be a lot of work being done by only a few people – NB commented that yes that the Constitution can be changed to add new roles. It was discussed that we could propose new roles to the committee. It was suggested that a Club Liaison Officer role could be a co-opted role on the committee, it was agreed that the first Club Forum should take place early July (Monday 15th July), in which the Club Liaison role could start. Barbara Reynolds has offered to chair the forums.

Other Information:***Notes:***

The meeting finished at 9 pm.

The above are an accurate record of the Devon Hockey Association committee meeting held on 20 May 2013

Name: Nicky Bruce

Position: DHA President

Signed:

Date

- Thanks to all clubs for their support over the past year, whether it has been through the DHA Cup competition, In2Hockey Junior League or by providing updates about your club.

- Firstly the Devon Cup Competition –
 - 41 teams entered from 31 clubs in Devon, 1 up from the previous year
 - Still not enough entries to hold a plate competition, although if 2 more clubs had entered both the mens and ladies trophy, we would have managed it.
 - The finals were held in Plymouth in April, and I must congratulate the Ladies Trophy supporters from Kingsbridge and Salcombe and Dartmouth, as this game had the best atmosphere by far..
 - Men's Cup winners were ISCA beating PGSOBs
 - Women's Cup winners were Teign beating Plym Valley
 - Men's Trophy winners were ECVH B beating Okehampton
 - Women's Trophy winners were Kingsbridge and Salcombe beating Dartmouth
 - We will continue not to charge an entry again next season, so let's see if we can get enough teams entered to hold plate competitions.
 - Also looking for a different venue to host the finals... please let me know if your club can be of service

- In2Hockey Competition –
 - Only had one cancelled fixture this year, which was rearranged, so all dates were played. In2 Hockey consists of 3 festivals a year for U10s and U12s, 42 teams entered the festivals, the most we have ever had, results were not collated and clubs merged on the day to help out other clubs to get the children playing. I have thoroughly enjoyed running the In2Hockey and commend EHB for the format. I hope clubs feel the same. I do however still need to finalise bills for entry; so will work this out on the cost of pitches and games played, so clubs should expect a small bill coming their way.
 - Plymouth Marjon once again hosted a very successful In2Hockey (National Club) Minis competition, again with 42 entries it was a great day of hockey (despite the bitter cold and wind)
 - The winners were ISCA for all age groups, with Plymouth Marjon and East Devon being runners up.

- Website –
 - I need all clubs to log on to the website to check that their club information is correct, do you have the correct treasurer listed, are all emails correct? Some clubs have not updated their page since 2009!
 - I need information from yourselves on what you would like to see on the website, how would you like to use it to your advantage?

- I have indicated that for the present I am willing to continue my association with DHA and have expressed my willingness to stand again for election as secretary unless, of course, there is anyone else that would like to take on the role.

Michelle Judge

Hon Sec, Devon Hockey Association

Men's League Rep Report

Firstly congratulations goes to ISCA HC for winning the Davis Wood Premiership this season as well as South Conference. Congratulations also goes to OPM HC, Torbay HC, Teign HC and Sidmouth and Ottery HC for having teams win their divisions. After the restructure I know some teams had found themselves in challenging divisions, but hopefully all teams should now have settled in their correct placing for next season

Over the coming months the committee are seeking a new League Administrator & Treasurer after reluctantly accepting Andrew Ashenhurts resignation, he has agreed to carry on the role over the summer and start of the season while a new person is found for this role. Alison Cook has also stood down from her role as Premier Tiers Sec, so a reminder to clubs to make sure your captains send match cards to the correct person at the start of next season.

I can report that the 2013/14 season starts on the 28th September and ends on the 29th March with the league breaking for Christmas after the 7th December until the 18th January. Next seasons tiers have already been divided into league and fixtures are now on the website.

Martyn Harvey

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West Council Report by Michael Tucker

What does West do?

- Formal two way link to England Hockey through Representative Council
- Grows our talented youngsters for the future by organising all aspects of the Junior Regional Performance Centres (the JRPCs) and associated tier competitions, Hi-Pacs performance centres
- Is the governing body of the Ladies and Men’s leagues – approves rule changes etc
- Runs schools outdoor and indoor competitions at under 18, 16 and 14 for boys and girls
- Runs the West umpiring organisation for top level league matches
- Has an overview of discipline and the management of red card and other offences
- Selects players to represent the West at all levels of men’s and women’s masters tournaments
- Starting to organise inter-county tournaments for masters players
- Lots of hockey about 450 teams play in adult leagues, juniors and schools too difficult to count

Main points from the year

I’ve had the honour of representing Devon at most of the West Council meeting – wasn’t able to make one through combination of illness and appalling weather.

- **Participation:** Sport England is still concentrating on the numbers of people (adults and young people) participating in sport and that’s where the money is.
- **JRPC** Devon players selected for Regional Performance Centres at Exeter

Age group	Girls	Boys
Under 18	7	11
Under 17	6	7
Under 16	8	10
Under 15	10	10

- The president of West HA is a member of EH **Regional Representative Council**. I’m afraid that in my view this council still struggles with the concept of democracy although as a body the representatives seem to be more assertive and are being heard more, but not enough.
- **Regional Discipline.** Umpiring for our players is not just a Devon matter because many of us play matches outside our county. Abuse of umpires and foul language has not moderated despite umpires being less tolerant of it. It is up to all of us to lead by example because if umpires get involved then we’ve failed. All of us here and our clubs and schools to help our players to not get it wrong, in particular by, I suggest, having a zero tolerance approach to abuse of umpires from players and spectators alike.
- **Masters – men and women (over 40/35)** The inter-county tournaments have started with the first one being Devon v Cornwall two months ago. A model for younger age groups, perhaps?
- **New website** is up and running and seems much much better. We hope that it will be the default way of passing on information, contacts, and details for organised events and competitions.



England Hockey Board - West

DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2013 AGM REPORT

EHB Whole Sport Plan 2013-17

EHB had positive news regarding their Sport England and UK Sport funding announcements and had received what they had bid for to cover the next 4 years for development and performance.

The EHB 2013-17 Strategy vision is to become 'A nation where hockey matters' and to provide inspirational leadership to ensure:

- Growth in participation
- International success
- Increased visibility
- Enhanced infrastructure
- A strong and respected EHB

We will follow the Sports Virtuous Circle Philosophy of;



Delivery of the Hockey Plan will be based on Community Links Model, where the club is seen at the heart of activity and hockey is delivered by different partners within their locality e.g. schools – Quicksticks and In2Hockey, Leisure centre – Rush Hockey.

Single System

The Single System is steadily being embedded across Devon. The number of players accessing the Single System has increased, but there is still further potential. To support the delivery, Devon has just started to work in partnership with Active Devon to support and track the coaches as well as accessing coach bursaries. All the Single System coaches will sign up to 'Active



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DHUA President's Report

Since I took over as President in May 2005 and the start of the Reinvigorating Devon Umpiring (RDU) campaign, a great deal has been achieved in improving umpiring at all levels within Devon.

RDU has meant that many Devon umpires have achieved their Level 2 umpiring qualification and are now umpiring within the West. It has also been matched with a large increase in both Level 1 and Level 2 Umpire Coaches, who are now able to go out and support umpires within Clubs, Devon and beyond. Also, we have had success with Devon umpires being appointed to the National League and National Young Umpires Promising List.

After the very successful Olympics in London last year, England Hockey Board (EHB) are now progressing the revamp of umpiring in England. EHB have appointed Richard Glynne-Jones (previously involved with Rugby Referee development with the Rugby Football Union) to oversee this mammoth task. As part of that consultation he attended various meeting across the country starting in Devon, where I am pleased to say there was the largest attendance of all the meetings. Also, a lot of the ideas from RDU have been incorporated into the planning for the new Level One umpiring award. Consultations are also ongoing between England and other home nations to try and achieve a common award.

One area of concern is the general poor level of contact made by teams with DHUA appointed umpires, whether it be League, EHB or Devon Competitions, BUCS or Friendly fixtures. Also the level of hosting umpires after the game varies widely. Some clubs always shine through in both regards while others fail badly.

Thank you to those clubs, Club UDO's and individuals who have supported DHUA over my time as President and I hope this will continue in the future.

Alan 'Paddy' Porter
President DHUA
20 May 2013

Sam Tallowin Devon County Disciplinary Admin.

Report for 2012/2013 league season

11 red cards including one MMO

7 Category a not violence.

3 Category b violence given and or offered .

Penalties;

One 16 days two bad stick tackles

Four 24 days dissent.

Three 30 days serious dissent i.e swearing at an umpire.

Two 45 days using violence to another player.

One 45 days an increase from 30days as two red cards within one year should double penalty, but split the difference as full penalty felt was too harsh.

Signed Sam Tallowin

DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**COMMITTEE MEETING 25 APRIL 2013 & AGM 20 MAY 2013****TREASURERS REPORT**

The following notes are in respect of some bullet points in terms of the financial matters for the ye 30/4/2013 in anticipation of the AGM on 20/5/2013:

- 1) Final accounts have been prepared & are distributed – pages 1 – 4 re accounts page 5 is the budget for the single system acc
- 2) Note that for 2012/13 in the general account (page 1) we have not been dealing with the Devon Coaching – this was reallocated back to the West Office.
- 3) Junior hockey – lower activity in terms of income
- 4) Expenditure likewise reduced.
- 5) Honorarium – rates as agreed at last years AGM – Secretary & Treasurer to receive the same amount of £750 each for 2012/13. Honorarium for MJ paid in full – Honorarium for PH of £750 to be paid – the latter amount is included in creditors.
- 6) The effect though overall is that there is a larger retained profit than was originally budgeted for – just over £3k (£730 excess for 2011/12). Note that in reporting to the AGM last year for 2011/12 figures it was found that 2010/11 excess was overstated by £2,151 & therefore 2011/12 was understated by the same amount (the effect of creditors). In effect the overall surplus was £2,881 (£730 + £2,151) so 2011/12 is very comparable with 2012/13. The original budget for the general acc was £2,220 & currently has ended up as £3,201 & for the Single System a small loss of £350 was budgeted for compared with an actual loss of £630 for 2012/13. For the Single System acc our goal we are looking for breakeven situation overall, as was reported at last years AGM but I am afraid that this may be difficult to achieve.
- 7) Note on the balance sheet page 2 bank account balances are at £33k on the general acc (current & deposit). This compares with just over £30k this time last year.
- 8) Creditors £1,650 – PH to give general breakdown of such
- 9) On page 3 the £530 grant from EH in the Single System relates to a coaching bursary received on 31/3/2013. The grant money of £3,300 is the amount that was allocated from 2011/12 to fund the cost of the payments to the Single System administrator SH
- 10) Going forward – I mentioned at some length at the last AGM of concern in having excess reserves – Basically we want to be able to use funds WISELY. At our committee meetings we

have been cautious in respect of this – the main reason is that if we gave it back to clubs it would be just “used” – maybe this is not a bad idea in some respects. What we did come up with though was the need to support long term the Single System which may or will require some funding & junior hockey generally – this is a long term position. In respect of the Single System we did have some funds from the grant monies from last year – no more will be applicable so the DHA will need to pick up the tab.

- 11) I thought that we should possibly be allocating a specific amount from the general acc to the Single system acc each year going forward. The important matter is that this contribution has got to be structured & not just transferred for the sake of reducing our asset base. It has got to be for the benefit of junior hockey.
- 12) We are not anywhere near our goal of what to do – ideas are needed. I have mentioned before that if we have a program of “reducing” of our surpluses eventually we will have depleted the reserves. Whilst I am for putting funds back into hockey in some manner we need to ensure we have a good retained base in order to operate adequately .
- 13) Subscriptions from clubs have remained the same for the last two years – expectation is that they will be frozen at the same level for 2013/14.
- 14) Looking at my notes on my report to the AGM last year the following bullet points I made as to possibilities of reallocating assets away from the Association:
 - a) Funds to be repatriated back to clubs
 - b) Kit for clubs with the appropriate club mark for junior hockey
 - c) The Single System account
- 15) You will see on page 5 I have prepared a budget for 2013/14 for the single system – as mentioned the grant monies have finished & it is anticipated that potentially there will be quite a loss. Sue Hutchings & ably assisted by Nicky Bruce have especially over the years done an excellent job in this area. The Single system does need reforming & SH will be in discussions with England Hockey & other counties (who I understand have other concerns re financing etc). Negotiations are to be had re additional grant monies. The other option to plug the gap is to increase charges a position that already financial strapped parents probably will not tolerate. So, what to do – whilst the Single System does have funds of approx. £7k if my sums for the future are correct this will be depleted to zero - my recommendation to this meeting is for the general account to fund matters, how much ? Please note that the Single System account is ring fenced.
- 16) Finally thanks to Jackie Brooks for dealing with the Independent Examination of the accounts – her report is the final page of the accounts.
- 17) I will now take questions from the floor



DHA accounts ye 30
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