

SHALL AGM Minutes 2010

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Hockey Association Ladies' League held on Monday, 6th April 2010 at Cheam Hockey Club

Clubs Attending: Bank of England; Berrylands; Barnes Hounslow Ealing; Byfleet Ramblers; Cheam; Cranleigh; Epsom; Guildford; Kenley SP; Leathehead; London Edwardians; London Wayfarers; Mid Surrey; Mitcham; Old Freemans; Old Georgians; Reigate Priory; Spencer; Surbiton; Thames Valley; Tulse Hill & Dulwich; Wanderers; Wimbledon; Woking

Committee Attending: Katy Robinson (Results Secretary); Mel Cassel (Matchday Secretary); Liz Aiessame (Registrations Secretary); Bridget O'Leary (Website Administrator); Marilyn Walker (Acting Chairperson); Janet Slater (Acting Secretary)

Apologies: Sue Strachan (Woking)

The meeting was opened at 8pm by the acting Chairperson, Marilyn Walker.

1. Matters Arising:

i) Rearranged games issues

Results Secretary, Katy Robinson, clarified the existing rules affecting rearranged games and asked for more care to be taken over player registration, the completion of Match Report Forms and team selection for these games.

ii) Promotion/relegation:

Premier: It was confirmed that 2 teams will be relegated from South Division 3B into the Surrey Premier league which fills the gap left by Camberley and Farnborough 1 who dropped out of the league at the beginning of the season.

Division 7: No teams are to be relegated from division 6 as 2 teams dropped out during the season. Their places in division 7 will be taken by Sunbury & Walton Hawks 3 and by Old Freeman's who are being promoted by 2 divisions.

The additional space created in divisions 8 and 9 will be taken by only relegating the bottom placed team instead of the bottom 2 teams in those divisions.

iii) New teams:

Walton & Weybridge Hawks have merged with Sunbury to form Sunbury & Walton Hawks. They have renumbered their teams and have entered a new side into division 7 as their 3rd XI.

Oxted (3) and Wimbledon (4) have each entered a team in Division 10.

iv) 2010-11 divisions & league dates

2, 9, 16

Slip date 1: 23 October

30 October

6, 13, 20 & 27 November

4 December

Slip date 2: 11 December

22 & 29 January

5 & 12 February

Slip dates 3 & 4: 19 & 26 February

5, 12, 19, 26 March

2 April

Slip dates 5 & 6: 9 & 16 April

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2. Election of Officers:

The only nominations for any position was received from the Committee for the following:

Chairperson – Marilyn Walker (Tulse Hill & Dulwich)
Secretary - Janet Slater (Reigate Priory)
Matchday Secretary - Mel Cassel (London Edwardians)
Results Secretary – Sue Strachan (Woking)
Registrations Secretary - Liz Aiessame (Leatherhead)
Website Administrator – Bridget O’Leary (Mitcham)

The nominations were voted for en bloc, proposed by Sarah Bray (Surbiton) and carried unanimously. Afterwards, the new Chairman, Marilyn Walker thanked the outgoing Committee for all their hard work this season.

3. Proposed changes to League Rules

The proposed changes to the rules were discussed at length with several clubs voicing concerns over communication and administrative problems and late cancellation of matches in particular.

The proposal that £50 be payable by an away side canceling a match after the Wednesday before the game was amended to ‘reasonable costs’ after a some clubs cited incurring much greater costs and some little or nothing.

Some concern was voiced over the proposal to remove the specific fine amount in rules and to leave the fine to the discretion of the League Committee but the general consensus was that it could be reviewed at the next AGM if the change does not work in the coming season. There was still confusion over who can and who cannot play in rearranged games and Katy Robinson (outgoing Results Secretary) asked that clubs make sure that captains were aware of the rules for next season.

Lois Hare (Cheam) reminded the meeting that a rule agreed at last year’s AGM regarding the completion of the season’s business by the AGM had not been added to the published version of the rules this season so this is to be corrected.

A vote was taken to approve the rules changes: proposed by Marilyn Walker (Chairman) and seconded by Carolyn Llewellyn (Surbiton). The proposal was carried unanimously.

4. Any Other Business:

FixturesLive: Marilyn Walker reminded clubs to update FixturesLive to ensure that all players are correctly registered and to provide a valid matchday contact number for every team as failure to do so will result in fines next season.

A final reminder was issued to the meeting to register their club’s attendance as clubs not attending will incur a fine. The following clubs did not sign the register: Addiscombe; Camberley & Farnborough; Croydon; Horley; Merton; Old Cranleighans; Old Kinstonians; Oxted; Purley Walcountians; Richmond; Sunbury & Walton Hawks; UCL; University of Surrey

5. Date & venue of next meeting:

Monday, 8th November at 8pm at Barnes Hockey Club

6. Meeting closed at 9.45pm