

**Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League AGM
Monday, 23rd May 2016 at Purley Walcountians HC**

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Angela Durnin (Fines Secretary);

Clubs: Mid Surrey; Spencer;

2. Presentation of trophies to 2016 Division Champions

Premier Wimbledon 2

Division 1 Reigate Priory 1

Division 2 Woking 3

Division 3 London Academicals 1

Division 4 Surbiton 5

Division 5 Camberley & Farnborough 1

Division 6 Spencer Sapphires – no representatives attended to collect the trophy

Division 7 EUHC Gamblers London 1

Division 8 Chertsey Thames Valley 1

Division 9 Wanderers 7

Division 10 Wimbledon 4

Division 11 Old Cranleighans Vamps

3. Chairman's report

Marilyn Walker was unable to attend in person but sent her report to be read out:

The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League has run successfully again this season with 12 divisions playing throughout the season with relatively few games having to be rescheduled due to poor weather and with fewer than usual withdrawals from the League after the start of the season.

League meetings and Committee meetings have been well attended and various issues aired, discussed and usually resolved. Fines have been issued and some of the money made from fines will be put back into the League through the Surrey Cup which is being run by Jo Firth (a member of the League Committee) who will speak a bit about this later.

A big thank you to ALL the Committee from Marilyn who is unable to be here tonight but who wishes to acknowledge the work done by them all. In particular a mention for Janet Slater who at a recent League meeting was presented with the "Nancy Albright Award" for her contribution to hockey over many years - both as a member of the Surrey League Committee as well as to Reigate Hockey Club.

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4. Election of Officers

Committee nominations (no nominations received from other parties) are:

Chairman - Marilyn Walker (Tulse Hill & Dulwich)

Secretary - Janet Slater (Reigate Priory)

Results Secretary – Laura Aalen (Barnes)

Matchday Secretary - Terri Foggin (Oxted)

Registrations Secretary - Liz Aeissame (Leatherhead)

Website Administrator - Liz Aeissame (Leatherhead)

Fines Secretary - Angela Durnin (London Wayfarers)

General Committee - Jo Firth (Surbiton) & Lucy Muldoon (Tulse Hill & Dulwich)

The nomination was seconded by Nicky Goldsmith of Old Cranleighans and the vote was carried unanimously.

5. Changes to League rules

The following rule changes were proposed by the Committee:

Amendment to Rule 5.4 Guidance:

'Clubs should take into consideration the *time and* distance the away team must travel when allocating pitch slots. For example: a club from inner London should not be expected to play a 10am *or 4.30pm* match in South Surrey and vice versa.'

Seconded by Ali Gardener of Camberley & Farnborough and carried unanimously.

New rule 5.5 and renumber subsequent rules:

'The home team should organise for floodlights to come on at an appropriate time according to the time of year if they will be required.

Guidance Note: Floodlights will be required from the last weekend in October through to February for the later start times and clubs should ensure that they do not schedule games to take place without floodlights if they will end less than 30 minutes before sunset time.'

Seconded by Ellie Vickery of Surbiton and carried unanimously.

6. 2016 - 2017 League dates

The clubs representing teams in divisions 8 and 11, which need 24 league dates to complete their match schedule, were asked to express a preference between 17th September, 11th February and 1st April for the final extra League date and the overwhelming preference was to start the League schedule early on 17th September so that school holidays were avoided.

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Next season's League dates are listed below:

17/09/16 LEAGUE - Divisions 8 & 11 only
24/09/16 LEAGUE
01/10/16 LEAGUE
08/10/16 LEAGUE
15/10/16 LEAGUE
23/10/16 LEAGUE (Divisions 8 & 11 only) / SLIP DATE 1
29/10/16 Half term / SLIP DATE 2
05/11/16 LEAGUE
12/11/16 LEAGUE
19/11/16 LEAGUE
26/11/16 LEAGUE
03/12/16 LEAGUE
10/12/16 LEAGUE (Divisions 8 & 11 only) / SLIP DATE 3 (all other divisions)
Christmas break
07/01/17 LEAGUE (Divisions 8 & 11 only) / SLIP DATE 4 (all other divisions)
14/01/17 LEAGUE
21/01/17 LEAGUE
28/01/17 LEAGUE
04/02/17 LEAGUE
11/02/17 Half term / SLIP DATE 5
18/02/17 Half term / SLIP DATE 6
25/02/17 LEAGUE
04/03/17 LEAGUE
11/03/17 LEAGUE
18/03/17 LEAGUE
25/03/17 LEAGUE
01/04/17 SLIP DATE 7
08/04/17 SLIP DATE 8
Easter weekend

7. Surrey Cup competition

Jo Firth presented the format for a new competition starting next season for clubs with a team in Division 6 and below. Only one entry is allowed per club, on a first come, first served basis and only people playing in division 6 or below may form part of the team. Eligibility for games will follow the slip date rules and teams must submit a League Match Report Form to Jo Firth following each match. Formal application for entry is required by email to Jo Firth.

The Secretary undertook to attach details of the competition with the AGM minutes.

8. Any Other Business

▪ Umpires

Lucy Muldoon presented an idea to set up an umpire pool to help put clubs in touch with people who were willing to umpire for other clubs. Lucy would keep a list of willing umpires and clubs would be able to approach her with details of the game requiring an umpire and Lucy would forward those details to umpires willing to consider matches at that venue/time and it would be

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up to the umpire to contact the club about the fixture. The League would not be recommending any umpire as suitable for any particular standard of game. Lucy will send out further details towards the beginning of next season.

It was stressed that the best way to secure more and better umpires is for clubs to promote umpiring internally and provide a positive environment for umpires.

Jane Hallet (Purley Walcountians and umpire coach) advised the meeting that she was able to offer umpire coaching at Purley Walcountians as part of their program of summer games. The Secretary undertook to forward information about this with the AGM minutes.

- **Outstanding fines**

A list of outstanding fines was available at the meeting. Angela Durnin will be following up those that remain unpaid and the fines incurred by clubs who failed to send a representative to the AGM.

- **FixturesLive additional service**

The Matchday Secretary, Terri Foggin, advised the meeting about a new service being offered by FixturesLive that will generate the season's fixtures based on rules that the League provide to ensure that:

- there is an even spread of home and away fixtures across each club on each League date
- clubs with multiple teams in a single division are scheduled to play each other at the beginning of each round of matches

The cost for this ad hoc service would be approximately £210 and there is no obligation to use it again if it proves not to be worthwhile.

Several clubs agreed that they experienced huge problems rearranging fixtures last season when it was not possible to tailor the fixture generation to cater for these constraints.

The Secretary asked for a show of hands to indicate whether clubs were generally in favour of spending an additional amount (approximately £2 per League team) to avoid the same issues arising this season. Everybody raised their hand in favour of the additional expenditure.

- **2016-17 League meeting venues**

The Secretary asked for clubs to volunteer to host a League meeting next season and the following will be contacted to find 3 suitable dates and venues: Old Cranleighans; Cheam; Woking; Kenley; Addiscombe.

The Secretary will arrange for one venue in the west, one in the east and one in the centre of the county and each meeting will be on a different night of the week so that no club's training night will clash for more than one meeting. The dates and venues will be notified at the beginning of next season and will also be available on the website afterwards.

- The committee were asked whether there were any plans for an indoor league to which the answer was no but Cat Patterson from Wimbledon offered to distribute information about the indoor matches that Wimbledon take part in.
- The Committee was thanked on behalf of the clubs for all their hard work throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Aces	Becky Gillett
Addiscombe	David Roche; Jenny Wyllie
Barnes	Laura Aalen; Linda Lonsdale; Frances Feehan
Berrylands	Theresa Park; Sarah Candy
Camberley & Farnborough	Keri Wilson; Ali Gardener
Cheam	Becky Doak
Chertsey Thames Valley	N Johncock; F Madden; H Lyon; A Long; N Kitchenham
Cranleigh	Jane Wait
Croydon & Old Whitgiftian	Lena Lewal
Epsom	Nettie Peacock
EUHC Gamblers	Jessica Watling; Lucy Thurmatt
Kenley SP	Hannah Barnett
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame; Steph Woodman
London Academicals	Alex Bleasdale
London Wayfarers	Joe Oddy
Merton	K Reeves
Mitcham	Emma Hau
Old Cranleighans	Jane Taylor; Helen Hawes; N Goldsmith
Old Georgians	Emma Kramer
Old Kingstonian	Harriet Lay
Oxted	Terri Foggin; Sam Dobson
Purley Walcountians	Jane Hallett
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Richmond	Alison Bennell
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	Nikki McAndrew; Lisa Hannick
Surbiton	Ellie Vickery; Jo Firth
Wanderers	Emily Collins
Wimbledon	Jemima Coe; Vicky Nesbitt; Cat Patterson
Woking	Vicky Derman
Non-League Attendees	
Clapham Common	Nick Powell; Pete Thom

Club absentees: Bank of England; Guildford; Horley; London Edwardians; Mid Surrey; Old Freeman's; Spencer