

**Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League AGM
Thursday, 6th June 2019 at Barnes HC at 8pm**

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin (Matchday Secretary);

Clubs: Cranleigh

2. Presentation of trophies to 2019 Division Champions

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| Premier | Old Georgians 1 |
| Division 1 | Wanderers 2 |
| Division 2 | Richmond 2 – not collected |
| Division 3 | Camberley & Farnborough 1 |
| Division 4 | Kenley SP 1 |
| Division 5 | Purley Walcountians 1 |
| Division 6 | Wanderers 6 |
| Division 7 | Guildford 3 |
| Division 8 | Camberley & Farnborough 2 |
| Division 9 | EUHC Gamblers London 2 – collected by Wanderers on their behalf |
| Division 10 | Guildford 4 |
| Division 11 | London Academicals 2 |
| Surrey Cup | Wanderers |
| Surrey Plate | Surbiton |

The trophies were presented to the division, Cup and Plate winners by the Chairman, Marilyn Walker and a photograph of the group was taken to commemorate the occasion. The photo will be put on the League website.

Marilyn congratulated all the teams and wished the division champions luck in their new higher divisions next season.

3. Chairman's report

It has been a relatively trouble free season with no teams dropping out or being penalised with relegation and the main issues have revolved around poor match report form administration.

The only impact of the England Hockey restructure was that no teams were relegated from South League into Surrey this year which has allowed more promotions than relegations through most of the divisions.

League meetings were generally well attended and Marilyn thanked the host clubs (Old Cranleighans, Old Georgians and Addiscombe) for their hospitality.

Marilyn reminded clubs that there are still grants of £500 per adult section available on application to the Surrey Hockey Association to clubs that did not receive a grant last season.

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She also advised that the SHA AGM is to be held on 4th July (venue not confirmed) and Marilyn urged clubs to attend.

Finally, Marilyn thanked the Committee for all their hard work over the last year.

4. Election of Officers

Committee nominations – elected without a vote as there were no other nominations:

Chairman - Marilyn Walker (Tulse Hill & Dulwich)

Secretary - Janet Slater (Reigate Priory)

Results Secretary – Laura Aalen (Barnes)

Matchday Secretary - Terri Foggin

Registrations Secretary - Liz Aeissame (Leatherhead)

Website Administrator - Liz Aeissame (Leatherhead)

Fines Secretary - Angela Durnin (London Wayfarers)

5. Outstanding fines

The Fines Secretary, Angela Durnin, read out a list of clubs with outstanding fines and reminded clubs that the fines had to be paid by the end of the evening or the clubs risk having the offending teams removed from next season's competition.

6. Friendly division

The Secretary advised that she was willing to collate a list of teams and set up a schedule of games for any teams wanting to take part in a friendly division. It would be up to the clubs themselves to confirm the fixtures with each other and set up the games as friendlies on FixturesLive.

Clubs need to confirm their wish to take part in a friendly League by emailing the Secretary by the end of June. Only London Academicals have so far expressed a wish to take part.

Horley asked if a list of the clubs taking part in the friendly division could be put on the League website as a reference point for other clubs looking for ad hoc friendlies and Liz Aeissame, the Website Administrator, said that she would try to find a way of doing that.

Old Cranleighans asked if a note could be made of clubs that offered Back to Hockey games but Angela Durnin advised that this information is part of the information that England Hockey holds about clubs so it should be possible to go to the England Hockey website and check – providing that clubs are updating their information.

7. Proposed changes to League rules as follows:

▪ Rule 5.1

All matches shall be played **on dates to be agreed by the League Committee** and in accordance with the Rules of Hockey as published by the Hockey Rules Board, ~~on dates agreed by the League Committee,~~ **except that matches shall consist of two periods of 35**

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minutes with a break of 5 minutes when the teams will change ends. For a result to stand, and shall be at least 25 minutes each way must be played.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

▪ Rule 8.1:

- (b) Teams from Division 1 *and 2* are required to provide a Level 1 qualified umpire
- (c) Teams from Divisions ~~2, 3 and 4~~ *3, 4 and 5* should endeavour to provide an umpire with a recognised umpiring qualification, e.g. Level One, Surrey Umpire Award, to umpire their own matches.
- (d) Teams from Division ~~5~~ *6* and below must provide a competent umpire to umpire their own matches. Umpires for these matches should be of suitable experience and standard and ideally working towards gaining an umpiring qualification if they do not already possess one.

The proposal was carried by 23 votes to 7 with 3 abstentions.

8. 2019 - 2020 League dates

28/09/19 LEAGUE 1
05/10/19 LEAGUE 2
12/10/19 LEAGUE 3
19/10/19 Half term / SLIP DATE 1
26/10/19 Half term / SLIP DATE 2
02/11/19 LEAGUE 4
09/11/19 LEAGUE 5
16/11/19 LEAGUE 6
23/11/19 LEAGUE 7
30/11/19 LEAGUE 8
09/12/19 LEAGUE 9
Christmas break
04/01/20 SLIP DATE 3
11/01/20 LEAGUE 11
18/01/20 LEAGUE 11
25/01/20 LEAGUE 12
01/02/20 LEAGUE 13
08/02/20 LEAGUE 14
15/02/20 Half term / SLIP DATE 4
22/02/20 Half term / SLIP DATE 5
29/02/20 LEAGUE 15
07/03/20 LEAGUE 16
14/03/20 LEAGUE 17
21/03/20 LEAGUE 18
28/03/20 SLIP DATE 6
04/04/20 SLIP DATE 7
11/04/20 Easter weekend

The Secretary confirmed that teams can arrange to postpone a game to a non-slip date providing both teams agree and that date is before the subsequent slip date and the next batch of League

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games. For example, if one of the games between the October half term and Christmas is postponed, the game could be played before the next slip date on 4th January or on the Sunday or weekday before the next League date of 11th January.

9. Any Other Business

- Surrey Cup competition next season

The Secretary thanked Nicky Robinson for all her hard work organising this season's competition and clubs confirmed that their players had enjoyed the experience.

Horley asked that the date of the finals be published at the beginning of the competition as they struggled to get a team with only 1 month's notice.

The Secretary and Website Administrator undertook to try to put details of the Cup/Plate competitions on the League website but this may not be possible.

- Personal contact details

A Tulse Hill and Dulwich captain has experienced stalking phone calls from an individual who obtained her phone number from FixturesLive. Although she has dealt with this problem herself, she asked that the issue be brought up at the AGM to publicise it and to see if anyone else has had the same experience. Nobody at the meeting had heard of anyone else experiencing this sort of problem and it was accepted that it is fairly easy to get hold of someone's contact details online and so is difficult to avoid this. The Secretary advised that she has contacted FixturesLive about it but has had no response as yet. Pitchero, who have bought out FixturesLive are in the process of holding webinars to try to find out what issues clubs have around hockey administration so it would be a good idea for clubs to mention the issue to them if they are involved in these sessions.

It was agreed that it was possible to block both email and telephone numbers on a phone so it does not have to be a problem.

- 2019-20 League meeting venues are needed for the following meeting dates:

Monday, 4th November

Wednesday, 29th January

Thursday, 5th March

The Secretary asked clubs to contact her if they were willing to host one of these meetings and she will then allocate a date to a venue and publish the details.

- Guildford asked whether the League fines money was ring-fenced for ladies hockey to which Marilyn Walker replied that it wasn't. The Secretary advised that over £1000 per year is spent on FixturesLive services and the League also paid for the Cup/Plate Finals day pitches and refreshments but that all other monies along with League affiliation fees go directly into SHA funds.

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Committee attendees:

Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary);
Angela Durnin (Fines Secretary); Laura Aalen (Results Secretary)

Club attendees:

| Club | Representative |
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| Aces | Jo Wakeman |
| Bank of England | Natalie Lamb |
| Barnes | Linda Lonsdale; Laura Aalen |
| Berrylands | Teresa Parke |
| Camberley & Farnborough | Keri Wilson |
| Cheam | Katrina Boulton |
| Chertsey Thames Valley | Helen Dolan; Jade Jones |
| Clapham Common | Ailish Walsh |
| Croydon & Old Whitgiftian | Nikki ? |
| Epsom | Nettie Peacock |
| Guildford | Maggs Kyte |
| Horley | Judith Shuttleworth; Philippa Wilson |
| Kenley SP | Margo Lawrence; Lyn Davies |
| Leatherhead | Liz Aeissame |
| London Academicals | J Solowiej-Wedderburn; |
| London Edwardians | Jess Braddock; Steph Pugh |
| London Wayfarers | Angela Durnin |
| Merton | Hannah Easton |
| Mitcham | Emma Hau |
| Old Cranleighans | Emma Hawes |
| Old Georgians | Claire Beetlestone |
| Old Kingstonian | Andrea Cole |
| Purley Walcountians | Gemma Hallett; Laura Sumners |
| Reigate Priory | Janet Slater |
| Spencer | Daria McBride |
| Sunbury & Walton Hawks | Kathryn Essex |
| Surbiton | Jo Firth |
| Surrey Spartans | Lezanne Denton |
| Tulse Hill & Dulwich | Marilyn Walker |
| Wanderers | Nicola Phillips; Nicola Vernon |

Club absentees: Cranleigh; EUHC Gamblers London; Old Freeman's; Oxted; Richmond; Royal Holloway; Wimbledon; Woking