

SHALL AGM Minutes 2012

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League held on Tuesday, 22nd May 2012 at Barnes Hockey Club

Committee Attending: Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Mel Cassel (Matchday Secretary); Liz Aiessame (Registrations Secretary); Bridget O'Leary (Website Administrator); Angela Durnin (Captains Liaison)

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

1. Apologies: Nicky Parry-Jones (Results Secretary); Philip Pagels (Umpire Liaison); London Academicals;

2. Presentation of trophies to 2012 Division Champions
 - Premier Wimbledon 1A
 - Division 1 Surbiton 3
 - Division 2 Merton 1
 - Division 3 Wimbledon 3
 - Division 4 Kenley SP 1
 - Division 5 Mitcham 1
 - Division 6 London Wayfarers 5
 - Division 7 Surrey Spartans
 - Division 8 London Wayfarers 6
 - Division 9 Spencer 6
 - Division 10 Wimbledon 4

3. The Secretary reported that the season saw too many instances of Match Report Forms being carelessly completed or not returned at all and that this would be penalised more harshly next season. There were also a number of instances of teams deliberately falsifying the Match Report Form in order to conceal the fact that they had fielded ineligible players. The Secretary urged teams to report any such suspicions, with full details and witnesses if available and they would be followed up and penalised. The bad weather at the beginning of the year caused a certain amount of fixture congestion and problems getting games played. Clubs were reminded that, under the rules, postponed League matches must be moved to the first available slip date and this would be enforced next season. In order to alleviate the end of season congestion, next season's fixture program has more than half the games before Christmas.

4. Proposed changes to League rules:
 - i) Rule 4.2 - Add Guidance to clearly state that teams may not field a player who normally plays for a club outside the SHA Ladies League. Carried unanimously.

 - ii) Rule 4.5 (Player Eligibility) - proposed by Epsom HC
 - 4.5 Insert the following as 4.5 (b) and renumber subsequent paragraph:
A regular young player (18 years old and below) in a lower team who is a genuine 'bench player' for a higher team in SCHA or EHL and who does not get significant time on the pitch for the higher team. A "bench player" is limited to players 12 to 16 on the team sheet. If the team is only able to field 11 players at any given match, none of the 11 can meet the definition of "bench player".

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Guidance Note: The main and only purpose of this rule is to assist in the development of 'young players' up to and including 18 years of age.

A 'young player', who is a regular player in a lower team within the League may be allowed to bench for the higher team in SCHA or EHL leagues only (not Surrey). A bench player CAN NOT come from a higher team to play in a lower team. Players can only play upwards from their normal team.

If it becomes apparent that a genuine bench player will in fact have to play the whole match because the higher team is only able to field 11 players, then they no longer meet the definition and must not play the second match in the same weekend. It is entirely at the discretion of the club as to whether the player participates in the match for the higher or lower team but they may only play once.

The use of a bench player must be noted on match report form. Please write down the word (BENCH) beside the player's name on the match report.

There was a good deal of debate about the need for the rule change with Epsom, Surbiton and Wimbledon who would all benefit from the change being strongly in favour whilst many clubs who would not use the rule worried that it would be used as a way to subvert the rule that outfield players could not play more than one League match in a weekend. The Chairman, proposed that the wording of the rule be amended by the Secretary to require clubs to nominate a maximum of 6 players at any one time who would be eligible to bench for a team in a higher league. The nomination procedure would mirror that used by clubs with more than one team in a division. The amended proposal was carried with one vote against and one abstention.

iii) Rule 5.5 (Match Arrangements)

Remove Guidance asking for Matchday Secretary to be copied in on rearranged match correspondence. Carried unanimously.

iv) Rule 6.3 (Postponements)

Replace "The date, venue and start time must be notified to the Matchday Secretary as early as possible" with "The home team must update the fixture on FixturesLive with the next available slip date and a comment that the game has been postponed; the venue and start time may be updated once a pitch has been booked."

Concern was expressed by a couple of clubs that they might not be able to update FixturesLive straight away but the Secretary advised that the main reason for the requirement was to allow the Results Secretary to check whether or not a Match Report Form was due so a deadline of the Wednesday following the game was acceptable. Carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

No external nominations were received so the following Committee nominations were voted for en bloc and carried unanimously:

Chairman – Marilyn Walker (Tulse Hill & Dulwich)

Secretary – Janet Slater (Reigate Priory)

Matchday Secretary – Mel Cassel (London Edwardians)

Results Secretary – Nicky Parry-Jones (Bank of England)

Registrations Secretary – Liz Aeissame (Leatherhead)

Website Administrator – Bridget O'Leary (Mitcham)

Umpire Liaison - Philip Pagels (London Edwardians)

General Committee – Angela Durnin (London Wayfarers)

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6. 2012-2013 Divisions & League dates

22/09/2012 LEAGUE 1
29/09/2012 LEAGUE 2
06/10/2012 LEAGUE 3
13/10/2012 LEAGUE 4
20/10/2012 LEAGUE 5
27/10/2012 LEAGUE 6
03/11/2012 SLIP DATE (2nd weekend of Surrey half term)
10/11/2012 LEAGUE 7
17/11/2012 LEAGUE 8
24/11/2012 LEAGUE 9
01/12/2012 LEAGUE 10
08/12/2012 LEAGUE 11
15/12/2012 SLIP DATE
Christmas Break
05/01/2013 SLIP DATE
12/01/2013 LEAGUE 12
19/01/2013 LEAGUE 13
26/01/2013 LEAGUE 14
02/02/2013 LEAGUE 15
09/02/2013 LEAGUE 16
16/02/2013 SLIP DATE (1st weekend of Surrey half term)
23/02/2013 SLIP DATE (2nd weekend of Surrey half term)
02/03/2013 LEAGUE 17
09/03/2013 LEAGUE 18
16/03/2013 SLIP DATE (potential play-off date for Div 10A v Div 10B)
23/03/2013 SLIP DATE (potential play-off date for Div 10A v Div 10B)
Easter Weekend

7. Any Other Business

Outstanding Fines: The Secretary reminded the clubs that there were a lot of fines outstanding and they needed to be paid by the end of the week (25th May Karrie; Jenny R; Jenny H; Claire W) or they would be doubled.

2012-13 League Meetings: Meeting dates are yet to be decided but clubs were asked to volunteer to host a meeting. The following clubs offered to host: Epsom; Thames Valley; Barnes; Camberley & Farnborough; Richmond; Kenley; Horley; Bank of England; Guildford. The Secretary advised that she would be in touch and would try to spread the meetings around the county to give everyone a chance to attend a meeting not too far away from them.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Club representatives present

Club	Representative
Barnes Hounslow Ealing	Linda Lonsdale
Berrylands	Sarah Candy; Teresa Parke
Byfleet Ramblers	Alan Yolland
Camberley & Farnborough	Alison Holme; Keri Wilson
Cheam	Lois Hare; Kate Alexander
Croydon & Old Whitgiftians	Lisa Philips
Epsom	Karen Stockbridge; Sarah White
Guildford	Fiona Harley
Horley	Amy Matthews; Alex Hamilton
Kenley SP	Karrie; Jenny R; Jenny H; Clare Worley
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame; Sue Ogden
London Edwardians	Hazel Mansfield; Gill Lockett; A Darbyshire & others
London Wayfarers	Ali Bovill; Helen Waterhouse; Angela Durnin
Merton	Yee-Ean Ong; Jenni Spiers
Mid Surrey	Ali Gostage; Lizzie Ilett?
Mitcham	Emma Hau; Bridget O'Leary
Old Cranleighans	Sarah Tucker
Old Georgians	Sushila Sathiaraj; Will Melville
Oxted	Julia Axcell
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Richmond	Mary Cooley; Claire Johnson
Spencer	Sandra Forbes
Surbiton	Jo Firth
Surrey Spartans	Juliette Ferrari-McComb
Thames Valley	Linda Beere
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wimbledon	Georgina Headley; Joanna Close
Woking	Vicky Derman