

**SHA Ladies League Meeting Minutes
Addiscombe HC at 8pm**

16/11/16

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin (Matchday Secretary); Angela Durnin (Fines Secretary)

Clubs: Aces; Cranleigh; Old Georgians; Old Kingstonian; Sunbury & Walton Hawks;

2. Matters Arising:

a) League drop outs:

- Div 11: London Academical 2 (19/8/16)

b) Match related issues

▪ Rescheduling games – rules and procedures

An issue arose with Clapham Common changing the dates on League fixtures without consultation with either their opposition or the League when they were unable to provide enough pitch slots from their usual sources to cater for all their home teams. Clapham Common were unable to attend the meeting but their problem was discussed and there were several suggestions of pitch venues put forward with the Secretary undertook to pass on to Clapham Common. However, the consensus of the meeting was that it was not acceptable to reschedule games without reference to the opposition or the League as this could seriously disadvantage the opposition and sanctions should be imposed if such actions continued.

▪ Postponing games

The meeting was reminded that:

- Postponed games must be played on the next available slip date unless the home team cannot provide a pitch on that date, in which case, it may move to the next slip date. Any request for the game to move further out must be submitted to the League Secretary with supporting evidence that no home pitches are available until the requested date.
- The date of the postponed fixture should be changed on FixturesLive, on the day of the match, to the next slip date which may then be amended if required for pitch reasons. This means that the club is in control of the fixture information rather than having to wait for the Matchday Secretary.
- There is no need to refer a postponement to the League if FixturesLive is updated before or on match day and the game is moving to the next slip date.
- Rearranged games are subject to eligibility rules.

▪ Umpires

Many clubs are experiencing problems finding umpires for their games but it was felt that there was no quick fix as there is no pool of umpires to call on and it is up to clubs to develop their own pool internally using friendlies and summer games as opportunities to give people a go with less pressure. It was emphasised by members of the committee who umpire that the behaviour of players and coaches can dramatically effect whether people are willing to umpire and, having umpired, whether they will ever do it again so everyone has a role to play in helping to solve this issue.

Wanderers were again mentioned in relation to supplying inexperienced umpires for higher level games. The committee agreed to monitor this issue as Wanderers were warned about this issue last season.

Lucy Muldoon offered to try to help clubs to find an umpire if they are struggling and give reasonable notice of the problem. This would be by emailing her list of umpire contacts with details of the game and the club contact details but not to undertake the work of individually contacting people and making the arrangements.

c) Usual reminders:

- Correspondence protocol - please remember to include in the subject, the name and division of the team, the opposition and the date of the match in question.
- Match arrangements:
If possible, the away team should consider sending their team sheet to their opposition in advance of the game so that the Match Report Form can be typed up and just signed on the day
- Procedure for conceded games - please email the Matchday Secretary and the Results Secretary (copying in the opposition captain) immediately but do not text in a result.
- Shirt numbers - these are required for all League matches under rule 5.9. Only the goalkeeper does not require a shirt number. If you have an unnumbered shirt then Jo Firth (Surbiton & Committee Member) suggested having coloured chalk available as it doesn't fall off and it does come off when the shirt is washed – Top Tip!
- Match Report Forms - all sections should be filled in before the start of the match and then signed by both captains and umpires at the end of the game. The goalkeeper should be listed as GK, not a shirt number and all shirt numbers on the form must correspond to the actual number worn by the person listed. Please ensure that the form is emailed to the address on the form, not to the Secretary.
- Please check your club's details on the Club contacts page of the SHALL website (surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk) and let Liz Aeissame (web@surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk) know if anything needs to be changed.

3. Any Other Business

- Laura Aalen (Results Secretary) passed around a list of fines already incurred this season and Angela Durnin (Fines Secretary) will be contacting the captains of the teams concerned with details.
- The issue of higher level players being fielded in lower division games was raised by Kenley SP after their 3rd XI game against Reigate Priory 5 in division 11 in which Reigate Priory fielded a goalkeeper who normally plays for the 3rd XI in division 7. The Secretary, who plays for Reigate Priory, advised that the goalie had been selected for the 4s that week, having missed the previous month due to injury and travelling but had not been able to make the morning game so had then been selected for the 5s - this was a normal selection process.

A discussion then followed about what could and should happen and how it would be possible to amend the rules yet still allow people with limited availability to play hockey regularly. This issue has been discussed regularly over the seasons but has not so far resulted in any workable proposals.
- The Committee was asked how all the fines money is spent. The Chairman, Marilyn Walker, answered that last season:

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- A substantial grant was made to Suburban Hockey, a charity, who take hockey into inner city schools to try to introduce the game to areas that would not normally get the chance to experience the game
 - Surrey Hockey Association made a £500 grant available on application to any Surrey club to be spent on adult coaching
 - Each club who attended the SHA AGM received a box of match balls
- Jo Firth confirmed that the Surrey Cup competition was underway and that most of the results so far were very close
 - The Secretary asked that larger clubs who were unable to offer regular hockey matches to new or existing members should try to re-direct people to smaller clubs locally who were struggling to maintain their membership numbers as this helps the diversity in Surrey and, in the end, everyone benefits

4. Future meeting dates and venues

- 26th January 2016 at Old Cranleighans HC
- March 2016 – date and venue tbc

The meeting closed at 9pm

Committee attendees:

Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Laura Aalen (Results Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary); Jo Firth (General Committee); Lucy Muldoon (General Committee)

Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Addiscombe	Jenny Wyllie
Barnes	Laura Aalen
Berrylands	Theresa Park
EUHC Gamblers London	Charlotte Scudamore & Jess Watling
Kenley SP	Amy Mighalls & Lucy McCarthy
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame
Mitcham	Aimee Franklin
Old Cranleighans	Nicola Goldsmith & Kim Lyle
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Surbiton	Jo Firth
Surrey Spartans	Liz Legge & Lauren Burnard
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker & Lucy Muldoon & Anna Spencer
Wimbledon	Joanna Close