

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin; Angela Durnin

Clubs: Surrey Spartans

2. Matters Arising:

a) EH Restructure:

South League have confirmed that the England Hockey restructure of higher leagues will not affect promotions from the county feeder Leagues so only one club will be promoted into South League from Surrey.

b) League entry applications

The Secretary reminded clubs that applications for entry to the Surrey League must be received in writing by 31<sup>st</sup> March and, if applying to join above the bottom division, must be accompanied by a playing record to evidence the higher standard of games played. This must be in the form of League Match Report Forms completed by both teams and from a minimum of 8 games.

c) Reminders:

- i) Postponements: FixturesLive must be updated on the day of the game to the first available slip date as this allows the club to retain control over changes. If it turns out that the home team cannot provide a pitch for that date then the game may be moved the the next slip date. Failure to change the date of the fixture on the day means that the club loses the ability to make changes and will have to refer any changes to the Matchday Secretary.
- ii) Walkovers – Do not update FixturesLive but one of the captains should email the Matchday Secretary (Terri Foggin) to advise of the walkover and they should cc the opposition captain. Terri will update FixturesLive to show a 3,0 win to the team who has not conceded and will deduct one point from the conceding team but this may not happen immediately so please be patient.
- iii) Match Report Forms – All players, apart from the goalkeeper must wear a shirt with a number that is different from every other player on their team. Try to send your team list with shirt numbers to the home captain in advance of the game so that the form can be printed out before the game. Amendments to the form can be made on the day and Laura Aalen is happy for captains to mark whereabouts on the list an added player should be placed by drawing an arrow. **Please remember that the numbers on the form must correspond to the actual number worn by the listed player – do not just use their squad or home shirt number if that’s not the number they were wearing. Goalkeepers must always be listed as ‘GK’.**
- iv) Correspondence - Please always include the division, club name and team number in the subject as well as the opposition and date of the game if the correspondence relates to a particular match. This helps with investigating any questions as well as finding correspondence at a later date if needed.

- v) Following the last League meeting in November, it was brought to the Committee's attention that a team had posted very unpleasant comments about their League opponents on social media. Clubs should have their own policy and procedures on what is and is not acceptable to post but such unpleasant behaviour reflects very badly on the team and their club. Please make your teams aware of the very negative impression they can create for themselves and the club by acting irresponsibly on social media.

d) Fines update

The Fines Secretary, Angela Durnin, was unable to attend but sent a spreadsheet via Laura Aalen, the Results Secretary, and clubs were asked to check the spreadsheet and either object to the fine or arrange payment. All fines incurred this term must be paid by the end of the season.

e) Future meeting dates/venues

The final League meeting of the season will be on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at Addiscombe HC starting at 8pm.

3. Any Other Business

- Kenley objected to rule 4.6 which enforces slip date eligibility rules on matches in divisions with more than 10 teams if the date is not a standard League date for all divisions. They felt that the rule discriminated against teams in lower divisions as they weren't allowed to use players from higher teams. The Chairman, Marilyn Walker, said that the rule is the same for all teams in those divisions so there is a level playing field at a time when clubs with higher teams have, in previous season, topped up their lower sides with players from higher teams. The Secretary added that, if there was a question of player eligibility or if a player has almost qualified under the 50% rules, clubs could refer the matter to her for a decision.
- The question was asked whether it would be possible to move Saturday's postponed games to the second available slip date (23<sup>rd</sup> February) as the weather for the coming weekend does not look like causing more issues. The Secretary responded that the rules state that the first slip date should be used but if both teams agreed, it shouldn't be an issue.
- It was pointed out that there are no meeting minutes on the League website for the AGM or the November meeting. Liz Aeissame, the website administrator, undertook to ensure they were added.
- Guildford asked whether the pathway for gaining the umpire level 1 qualification had changed. Marilyn Walker advised that the pathway now is an online test (on the England Hockey website) must be passed before attending a recognised course (for which a certificate from the online course is required) followed by an assessment game. She advised that Jane Binner was the co-ordinator for the Surrey Hockey Umpire Association and was best placed to advise whether it was acceptable for clubs to run their own courses.
- The Secretary advised clubs that the Rules of Hockey have changed and will be in force next season. Rule changes include reducing the length of a game to 60 minutes, made up of 4 quarters rather than 2 halves; removal of the option to use a kicking back; changes to rules around free hits to the attack inside the 23 metre area. The response to the change in match format was almost unanimously negative but it is not a mandatory experiment is so not likely to be withdrawn.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**

**SHA Ladies League Meeting Minutes  
Old Georgians HC at 8pm**

**4/2/19**

**Committee attendees:** Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Laura Aalen (Results Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary)

**Club attendees:**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Aces	Kirsteen Fox
Barnes	Laura Aalen
Berrylands	Sarah Candy & Teresa Parke
Camberley & Farnborough	Keri Wilson & Ali Gardner
Cranleigh	Rebecca Green
Epsom	Andy White
Guildford	Maggs Kyte
Horley	Amy Kirkham & Jude Shuttleworth
Kenley SP	Anna Treharne
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame
London Academicals	J Solowiez
Mitcham	Natalia Origo
Old Cranleighans	Debbie Maudsley & Ele Goves
Old Georgians	Claire Beetlestone & Sarah Kay
Old Kingstonian	Georgina Perry
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Royal Holloway	Katherine Hollands
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	Debbie Salter
Surbiton	Jo Firth & Sunny Pottay
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wanderers	Nicola Phillips & Mollie Gardner
Wimbledon	Jenny Day & Amy Woodfield
Woking	Jo Bamford