

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin; Angela Durnin

Clubs: London Wayfarers; Old Freeman's; Old Kingstonian; Oxted; Spencer; Wanderers

2. Matters Arising:

a) Fines update

Angela Durnin, our Fines Secretary, was detained at work so unable to provide a fines update but the fines list was available for clubs to check on the night and the League contacts for clubs that have been fined should be notified when the fine is issued.

b) Match related issues

▪ Div 4: Kenley SP 1 v Surbiton 6 – postponed match on 9/12/17

The Secretary explained that the weekend of 9th December generated a lot of email requests to postpone games to after the permitted 16th December and 6th January slip dates with a lot of the correspondence not containing information about the division, teams and dates concerned. Surbiton, in particular, lost a lot of games to the weather and the follow up correspondence ended up being extremely protracted and confusing. Surbiton asked on 12th December (Tuesday) that the postponed game move from 16th December to 10th February (6th January having already been used) which was agreed due to the difficulty in getting a team together starting on Tuesday evening. Kenley did not want the game to be moved out. No agreement could be made between the teams so the matter was brought to the League meeting.

There was a good deal of discussion at the meeting about the difficulties involved in reorganising a game for the following weekend, especially in December and, on the other hand, the fact that the slip dates are published in early summer so everyone is aware of the rules. The Secretary stated that it would be better to have a different structure to the slip dates and avoid dates in the run up to Christmas as so few teams actually use them which caused a lot of unnecessary stress and there was general agreement with this. The Secretary asked the clubs to indicate whether they felt the rules should be strictly applied for the 9th December postponements or whether there should be some leeway and allow the rearrangements and the latter proposal was favoured.

▪ Rescheduling games – rules and procedures

Postponed games should automatically move to the next available slip date. If there are no pitches available to the home team on that date, you may ask your opposition if they can get a pitch so that the game can be played on that date but you would be expected to pay for the pitch. Alternatively, the game may be moved to the following slip date. Please email the Secretary (giving full match details) in plenty of time if you have any questions.

c) Reminders:

- Correspondence protocol being ignored – always include the division, fixture date, home and away teams (including team number) when corresponding with anyone on the League Committee and copy in the opposition so that they are aware.

- Match arrangements & start times – please ensure that any late changes to match details are advised to the opposition team by email and that you get a response; do not just assume that they will check.
- Procedure for conceded games – the conceding team should email the Matchday Secretary (Terri Foggin) copying in the opposition captain. FixturesLive will be updated by Terri as soon as she can after the date of the fixture so you must not update a result yourself and there is no need to send in a Match Report Form.
- Shirt numbers – are mandatory for all outfield players and each number must be unique within the team. The shirt number on the player must match the number listed against them on the Match Report Form. Only goalkeepers do not require a shirt number.
- Player Transfers on FixturesLive – please use the FixturesLive player Transfer screens when a player moves clubs. If you have any problems, please contact Liz Aeissame, our website administrator, or the Secretary.

3. Any Other Business

- Umpire courses: Purley Walcountians provided details of umpire courses being run at their club in February and the Secretary undertook to email details to the clubs. There was also an umpire introductory course running at St Theresa's School, Effingham and details of that would be sent out at the same time.
- Maggs Kyte from Guildford pointed out that they always offer to provide 2 umpires for their Division 11 home games and ask that their opposition reciprocate for the away games and this has worked well this season. The Secretary warned that plenty of notice must be given if teams wanted their opposition to find 2 home umpires and that teams were under no obligation to agree to such an arrangement.
- The question of whether it was possible to be promoted by more than one division was raised and whether a team needed to ask for the Committee to consider this. The Chairman responded that it was possible (EUHC Gamblers London 1 were promoted by 2 divisions last season) and that there was no need to ask for this as the Committee always look at whether such a move is warranted and if so, whether or not it is possible that season (it will normally require a gap in a higher division caused by no team being relegated from South or by another team dropping out of the League).
- Maggs Kyte, from Guildford, asked about the impact of the England Hockey restructure on the SHA Ladies League. The Chairman responded that the restructure is not happening this year and so there will be one team promoted to South from Surrey and if any Surrey teams find themselves in a relegation position in South 3B, they will be relegated back into the Surrey Premier Division although there are no Surrey teams in the danger zone at present.
- Purley Walcountians expressed their thanks to Surbiton for playing their Surrey Cup match on 23rd December; it was a great game with lovely teas and fantastic support with both teams managing to field a 16 man squad. The Chairman said that this showed the best of the hockey spirit and praised both clubs.

4. Next meeting date: to be decided

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

18/1/18

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Committee attendees:

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

Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Aces	Vanessa Miller & Jill Thibaut
Barnes	Laura Aalen
Berrylands	Sharon Blease
Epsom	Andy White
EUHC Gamblers London	Charlotte Scudamore & Rosie Griffin
Guildford	Maggs Kyte
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame & Ann-Marie O'Neil
Merton	Hannah Easton
Mitcham	Aimee Franklin
Old Cranleighans	Paula Abdulla
Old Georgians	S Kay
Purley Walcountians	Gemma Hallett & Laura Sumners
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Richmond	Anna Smith & Jeannette Fuller
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	Fiona Park
Surbiton	Chrissie Wilson-David
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wimbledon	Julie Quester; Natalie Palmer; Hannah ?
Woking	Lou Riddell