

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

29/1/20

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Terri Foggin;

Clubs:

2. Matters Arising:

a) Committee vacancies

Both Terri Foggin (Matchday Secretary) and Laura Aalen (Results Secretary) are standing down at the end of the season so we are looking for volunteers to take over both roles. Please ask around at your clubs and email the Secretary (secretary@surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk) if someone is interested or needs more information to make a decision.

b) Player/manager/coach/spectator behaviour

There have been more complaints than usual this season about poor behaviour so please remember that League rules require all participants and spectators to adhere to the England Hockey Code of Conduct. Match umpires are responsible for managing the game and that includes behaviour but they have the authority to impose personal penalties against the captain of the team whose players, coach/manager or supporters are causing an issue even if the offender is outside the playing area. If an offence is committed after the end of the game then the umpires can issue an MMO (Matchday Misconduct Order) rather than a card.

Old Cranleighans advised that they impose a fine for anyone receiving a card and if the card is for verbal abuse, the player must umpire a match.

Marilyn Walker is the Surrey County Administrator this year and would like to know about disciplinary issues – schoolschair@surreyhockey.co.uk.

It is important to remember that the umpires are responsible for managing the match, whether League or friendlies and they are appointed by the clubs themselves so if there are problems then that needs to be fed back to the clubs themselves as they may need to provide additional support to some club umpires.

c) Fines update

No fines information has yet been received by the Secretary and neither the Results Secretary nor the Fines Secretary were able to attend the meeting so the Secretary undertook to contact both to ensure that this information can be sent out to affected clubs within the next couple of weeks.

d) Surrey Cup

The second round of the Surrey Cup is due to take place over the 2 half term break weekend.

e) Reminders:

- i) Match Report Forms – must be filled in before start of game and names must be listed in alphabetical order by surname. It is perfectly acceptable to use arrows to indicate where in the list a name belongs if someone is added out of order.

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- ii) Correspondence – please ensure that the subject of an email contains the division, teams and date of a fixture and that it is clear which club and team the email is from.
- iii) Walkovers – email matchdaysecretary@surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk and copy in the opposition captain if there is a walkover (with the above information in the subject) so that she can update FixturesLive after the match would have taken place.
- iv) Postponements – update FixturesLive on or before the match day to the next slip date. If you wait until after the match day, you will no longer be able to change the fixture and will have to email the Matchday Secretary which causes her unnecessary work. There is no need to inform the League if you update FixturesLive correctly.

f) Next meeting date/venues

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5th March and a venue is yet to be decided.

g) EH Proposed League restructure

The Secretary printed out the published proposed structure for London and the South East so that everyone at the meeting could see what is currently on the table.

About 40 minutes was spent discussing the issues that the proposals raise for different clubs. The main points being:

- There is too little competition and variety of opposition for clubs outside the Greater London area
- Travel for London teams in the East area is still very problematic
- Too many clubs won't be playing games against most of their nearest neighbouring clubs

3. Any Other Business

- The question of what would happen to League fines monies if the Surrey League and HA are dissolved. Marilyn Walker responded that the Surrey HA constitution does specify what happens to any bank balance on dissolution but that is due to be reconsidered by the SHA in the light of the restructure proposals. Marilyn asked clubs to think about that they would like to happen to the money and come back with proposals.
- Mitcham advised that they had not received a response to correspondence to the League in November so the Secretary undertook to follow up and ensure that a response was sent out as soon as possible.
- Kenley asked if a webcast of League meetings could be made. Although not a problem in principle, none of the League Committee present would be able to do this and nobody in the room offered to set anything up.

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The meeting ended at 9.30pm

Committee attendees: Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Janet Slater (Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary & Webmaster)

Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Addiscombe	Tom Nixon & Ruth Eager
Berrylands	Sarah Candy & Teresa Parke
Cheam	Amy Eggleton & Derry Brophy
Epsom	Andy White & Nettie Peacock
Guildford	Maggs Kyte
Horley	Philippa Wilson & Amy Matthews
Kenley	?
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame & Steph Woodman
Mitcham	Aimee Franklin & Natalie Origo
Old Cranleighans	Helen Hawes & Georgie Sangster
Old Georgians	Emma Callender
Old Kingstonian	Louise Deeley
Purley Walcountians	Gemma Hallett
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Spencer	Camilla Muirhead
Surbiton	?
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wanderers	Nicola Vernon
Wimbledon	Nicole Deller