

**SHA Ladies League Meeting
Old Georgians Hockey Club
Monday 28th February 2011**

Committee Attendees: Janet Slater (Secretary); Mel Cassell (Matchday Secretary); Sue Strachan (Results Secretary); Liz Aeissame (Registrations Secretary)

1. Apologies for absence; Marilyn Walker (Chairman); Bridget O'Leary (Website Administrator); Addiscombe; Barnes Hounslow Ealing; Old Kingstonian
2. Matters arising:
 - Unregistered players
Following an audit of all Match Report Forms on 22nd January, a number of teams were found to be fielding unregistered players. Due to the numbers of players involved in a small number of teams, the Committee felt that to impose the full sanctions listed in the rules (3 point deduction for each unregistered player) would be too harsh and the decision was made to impose a single 3 point penalty on those teams with 4 or more unregistered players and to impose a £10 fine for every unregistered player uncovered. There was much discussion about the decision to impose penalties: London Wayfarers and Croydon felt that the penalties were too onerous and appealed against the sanction whereas Surbiton felt that the rules should have been strictly applied even if that meant that a team ended up with a negative points total. However, the consensus from the remainder of the club representatives was that the decision of the Committee was fair and that those clubs who had been found to have a lot of unregistered players lacked internal club processes for passing on information about FixturesLive administration and needed to improve these to avoid future problems.
 - Match Report Forms (Rule 7):
There have been several instances of teams fielding ineligible players and recording that player under a different name to try to get around the rules. The penalty for this is to forfeit the match and to have an additional 3 penalty points deducted. The meeting was reminded that all players involved in the League match must be recorded on the Match Report Form and, if playing their second game of the weekend, have this marked against their name.
 - Shirt numbering for League matches
Shirt numbers on the form must accurately reflect the shirt number worn by each player on the day (not squad number). The meeting was reminded that away shirts should also be properly numbered and, if necessary, clubs should purchase spare numbers that can be pinned to shirts when wearing away kit.
 - Promotion / relegation
An email has been received from the South League Liaison officer to advise that 5 teams may be relegated into the county leagues this season. 2 of those teams would be relegated into the Surrey Premier League. This would increase the number of teams from 10 to 11 next season if nothing else changed regarding promotion/relegation. The Secretary asked the club representatives whether they had a strong preference between promoting an additional team (to increase the number of teams to 12) or relegating an extra team (to keep the number of teams in the division stable at 10). Either option would have an effect lower down the divisions as fewer or more teams would be promoted/relegated to compensate. The overwhelming opinion in the meeting was that it was better to promote more teams.

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3. League Player Registration
 - Existing system:
The meeting was reminded that the option to register a club member to play in the Surrey Ladies League is a separate option under the Member heading for FixturesLive Administrators.
 - Changes for next season:
FixturesLive are changing the registration function from a club based system to one that is based on players being allocated to a specific team. It is also changing from a free service to a chargeable one (£300 pa). A discussion was held around whether the new system would be usable for our league or whether the League could hold its own registration data. The consensus was that a League run version might be a better option if it was not possible to list each player only once under the new FixturesLive system. The issue is to be investigated further by the Committee and report back at the next meeting.
4. League Meeting attendance:
It was pointed out that the following clubs have yet to attend a League Meeting this season so will be fined if they fail to send a representative to the next meeting on 4th April: Addiscombe; Horley; London Academicals; Purley Walcountians. The Secretary advised that these clubs would be sent a reminder to attend the next meeting.
5. New team/removing team from League next season
 - Query from Mid Surrey about any League requirements if the club were to merge with another
 - Query received from Gamblers about possibly entering a new team in the LeagueIn both cases, the League rules require that the League be informed in writing by 31st March but, as Easter is late this year, this could reasonably be extended to the Easter weekend (23rd/24th April). There are currently no gaps higher than division 10 where a new team could enter but this could change if one or more teams were to drop out of the League.
6. Results Secretary position
It was pointed out that the job specification attached to the meeting reminder could not be opened by many so this needs to be resent.
7. Any other business
 - Nicky Parry-Jones from Bank of England has offered to stand as Results Secretary next season. Angela Durning from London Wayfarers has also expressed an interest in joining the committee. Both will try to attend the next League meeting.
 - Croydon offered to host the next League meeting
8. Date of next meeting:
Monday, 4th April at Croydon HC, Old Whitgiftians Association, Croham Manor Road, South Croydon CR2 7BG

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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Club representatives present

Club	Representative
Bank of England	Caroline Newsholme
Berrylands Ladies	Sarah Candy
Byfleet Ramblers	Paul Bassam
Cheam	Lois Hare
Cranleigh	Lucy Bubb? / Kat Edgerton
Croydon	Sharon Burke / Martin Burke / Alan Johnston
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame / Sue Ogden
London Edwardians	Mel Cassell
London Wayfarers	Suzanne Hinchcliffe / Emma Frost
Old Cranleighans	Emma Varley
Old Georgians	Sophie Crabb
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Spencer	Sandra Forbes
Surbiton	Carolyn Llewellyn / Jo Firth
Thames Valley	Linda Beere
Wanderers	L Crabb
Woking	Sue Strachan