

Kettering Hockey Club AGM

28th April 2006

Attending:- Tom Sellers, Anna Holmes, Claudia Ringrose, Kaye Metcalfe, Julia Telford, Cheryl McCulloch, Chris Hales, Mel Linnell, Georgia Linnell, Rhys Linnell, Jill Livingstone, Cath Irvin, Michael Cawley, Pat Cawley, Paul Dougherty, Neil Manley, Simon Gilkes, Georgina , Helen Keyworth, Jake Randle, Jan Randle, Lucy Walshaw, David Walshaw, Laura Green, Mark Lindley, Nick Lindley, Vicky Corda, Sue Russell, Kate Randle, Andy Sellers & Michell Tanser.

Apologies:- Helen Turner, Annie Goodchild, Mandy Starsmore, Paul Dent, Liz Randle & Julie Allen.

1. Welcome by Vice Chair in the absence of the Chair.

2. President's address

A season of excellent initiatives and performances; thanks extended to Liz Randle and the Randle family for their work at the Festival, to Jan Randle and Tom Sellers for their efforts with the Juniors and Club Mark, to all captains, to the committee, to the social secretary and to Simon Gilkes, Mo Brookes & Jean Smith for bringing on the 3rd XIs.

3. Apologies offered for those unable to attend.

4. Last year's minutes were signed by the Vice Chair

5. Matters arising from 2004/05 AGM

The Ladies 2nd XI were not relegated, the Club Mark folder was handed in and achieved, the new Astroturf is down and a Captains & Coaches meeting now takes place regularly.

6. Chair's report - read by Claudia Ringrose in Tony Heath's absence

Apologies were sent from Tony for not being there and his report first thanked the hard working committee. Captains and Coaches meetings have gone ahead all season and thanks were extended to all concerned and to Claudia for chairing the meetings. The handbook was an output of these meetings and has been an undoubted success. The handbook will be ongoing and there will be changes to this.

Unfortunately some teams' results have not been as good as hoped this year, but the captains have the clubs' support to bounce straight back next year; Keith was thanked for his efforts behind the bar; Neil and Caroline Manley were wished all the best for their forthcoming arrival.

7. Secretary's report

2005/06 has been a season of mixed fortunes. Despite the relegation of the Ladies & Men's 1st XI, the Mens' 2nd & 3rd XIs had good seasons and the acceptance of our application to run a Men's 4th XI augers well. The Juniors have had a good year with their Stix Awards and Presentation Evening well attended. Rhys Linnell was selected for the Midland U15 A squad – best wishes were offered to him – and his success and the fact there are youngsters in the 2nd XIs proves how well the Junior system works in feeding players through.

Club Mark has been achieved, for which Jan & Tom were thanked, and Tom also won the Arthur Nicholson Award this year. The Player's Charter was a product of the successful Captains & Coaches' meetings and is a further illustration of how the club is progressing.

8. Treasurer's report – read out by Tom Sellers

There will be £322 in the bank if all bills are paid and creditors received. Expenses have increased due to paying Lucho £2000 and we have had to pay £1350 more in astro fees. With no Grand National this year, income was down by £600, so it is vital we look to generate more income for us as a club, not the main sports club. Suggestions from Tom include raising match feed and/or subs, or the consideration of the move to a cheaper astro.

If we don't generate the necessary income, the club will be in the red next year. It was also requested that all expenditure be first agreed by the Treasurer.

Claudia Ringrose thanked both Louise Storey & Tom Sellers.

INSTANT FEEDBACK / COMMENTS:-

Julia Telford enquired into the increase in astro costs that were explained by Tom Sellers.

Mel Linnell enquired about the difference in astro charges for Kettering and other pitches. We pay £61.22/match, whereas schools charge between £40-45. Mel then suggested Moulton as she feels an increase in match fees will drive people away.

Kettering Community Leisure Ltd – notably tight and although negotiation with them is an option, it may be tricky. Plus, availability elsewhere in the county may be difficult. Tom Sellers knows both the treasurer and the MD of KCLL and will speak to both.

THE COMMITTEE WILL LOOK AT COSTS ELSEWHERE

Neil Manley feels playing at different venues will exacerbate the problem of dwindling social numbers at the clubhouse post-match.

Mel Linnell will ring around for different fitness venues and look to collect £1.00 from those attending at Latimer.

Julia Telford & Mell Linnell also enquired as to the coach situation, which will be reviewed at the next Captains and Coaches meeting. Claudia Ringrose commented that it would be detrimental if we didn't have coaches.

Jan Randle feels fundraising to pay for coaches is needed.

Rhys Linnell questioned whether the Mens' coach would be available for Saturdays, to which Claudia replied hopefully yes. This is something Lucho himself has pointed out as a current problem.

Claudia Ringrose requested that anyone who knows of a coach/coaches let the committee know.

9. Summary of team reports

Mens 1st XI - Despite having a coach in Lucho for the season, the Men's 1st XI were regrettably relegated. They were without Paul McDowell for the beginning of the season and losing 9 games by one goal did not help their fate. However Rhys Linnell came up into the squad and scored his first senior goal against Aldridge.

Most improved player – Rhys Linnell
Players' Player – Michale Cawley
Captain's Player – Ryan Smith

Mens 2nd XI – The team had a good first half to the season, winning 6 of their 10 games, making promotion a possibility as they entered the second half of the season. However results did not go their way and they will continue to play division 2 hockey again next season. Notable performances came from Nick Lindley, Bryn Morris, Andy Heaton, Stuart Kolbe, Lee Paris and Sam de Prisco.

Played 20
Won 12
Drew 3
Lost 5

Men's 3rd XI – An interesting and successful season for the 3rds whereby they produced their best performances against the stronger teams and ended up finishing 9th in the league. Brendan was named Player of the Year and Sam de Prisco Young Player of the Year, with a number of players showing great improvement over the season. Simon thanked his whole squad for their contribution, as well as Neil Manley and Mark Lindley for their help over the season.

Badgers – The Badgers had another good season winning 9 of their 15 games, scoring 21 and conceding 11. There were a number of excellent performances

from the children, for whom Tom has high hopes and expects to move quickly up the teams.

U11 boys – They were Plate winners in the County mini 7-a-side tournament, which was a superb achievement.

Ladies 1st XI – report given by Julia Telford in Liz Randle's absence

New senior players joined the squad in Julie Allen and Helen Turner and the team had a confident start to the season, with good performances up to Christmas giving cause for optimism. However the team was desperately unlucky in the second half of the season and found themselves relegated despite finishing the season on 23 points. However it will give the team the chance to rebuild and Cheryl McCulloch was thanked for umpiring and she will be a representative in the Midlands league next year.

Claudia Ringrose stressed how unlucky the team was and offered the committee's full support for next year.

Ladies 2nd XI – Vicky reported that commitment was good this year at training and the team gave maximum effort during games. The aim of the season was to feed youngsters through to the 1st XI and 4 ended up playing for them. Chris Hales, Cheryl, Louise and Michelle were thanked by Vicky, who was in turn thanked for her hard work by Claudia.

Played 16

Won 8

Drawn 3

Lost 5

The team finished 4th in the league

Ladies 3rd XI – Jan Randle spoke in Mo Brookes' absence

There was good team spirit all year despite the results. Training was good and Darren Brookes' help was vital, with a train and play ethos developed. Thanks were also extended to all the umpires who have umpired matches this season.

Junior Girls – Played 6 games, with the U14 winning 6 games and they reached the last 16 in the U15 plate. There were no U15 or U19 County Tournaments this year.

Jan also thanked Steve Metcalfe for his £2,000 donation.

Georgia Linnell thanked Jan & Tom for all of their hard work this season.

Ladies Vets – they retained the County Championship with only 10 players.

Claudia thanked all of the captains for the thankless task they do, as well as thanking Cheryl and Neil for arranging the fixtures and Mark for managing the database and co-ordinating the umpires.

10. Outstanding trophies from the Dinner Dance

1st XI Players' Player – Michael Cawley
Clubman - Simon Gilkes
Ladies 2nd XI Top Scorer – Laura Green
Ladies 3rd XI Player of the Year – Jan Randle
Fran Davis Award – Jan Randle

11. Election of Officers

See separate sheet

12 AOB

Jan Randle asked the question whether the Junior Reps could form a committee with parents for fundraising?

Mark Lindley suggested us considering writing to all parents with the idea.

Helen Keyworth raised the issue of whether anyone employers would be willing to match any funds we raise – Community Awareness scheme. It could be worth mentioning this in a letter to parents

Andy Sellers mentioned whether Sports Match was available to clubs as well as schools for funding

IT WAS RAISED THAT WE NEED TO BE PROJECT BASED TO FUNDRAISE SUCCESSFULLY

Cheryl McCulloch mentioned that a ladies 7-a-side team has been entered for the Wrenn competition on Tuesdays.

David Walshaw reported that the mixed summer league is due to start next week.