



Kettering Hockey Club Annual General Meeting (AGM)

**Tuesday 24th April 2018 – 7.30pm
Draft minutes**

1. Present

Jean Smith, Jaime Cox, Liz Metcalfe, Amy March, Claudia Ringrose, Mark Hawkins, Tom Sellers, Barry Coe, Shez Coe, Mary Schwier, Megan Newlyn, Laura Newlyn, Jan Randle, Nathan Thomas, Pam Farr, Eddie Walker, Bill Greenwood, Jess Austin, Jason Clarke, Ricky Payne, Grant Carlin, Ant Paton, Richard Lashbrooke, Lee Paris, Justin Smith, Claire Jennings, Kirsty Smith, Neil Manley, Chris Rowland-Jones, Lin Leach, Kate Metcalfe, Laura Beacon, Carla Bennett, Andy Sellers, Pat Cawley, Jamie Dodd, Julia Telford, Matt Bennett.

2. Apologies

Sue Russell, Nigel Parkes, Louise Storey, Matthew Coe, Helen Keyworth, Vince Davy.

3. Welcome by Chairperson

JC welcomed all attendees and thanked all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and committee members for their hard work over the season. He asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet

4. Minutes from last year's AGM

Signed by Jaime Cox as correct and seconded by Bill Greenwood

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Presidents Report and Presentation of outstanding awards – Jean Smith

Jean Smith presented the following outstanding awards:
Men's 4th Team Player of the Year – Lee Paris

Presidents report – see attached document.

7. Treasurer's Report – Tom Sellars

Treasurers report – see attached document.
Tom explained the rationale and reasons behind the documented figures.

8. Senior Performance Report – Claudia Ringrose and Mark Hawkins

Kettering Hockey Club has undergone many changes over the years with the merger of men and ladies sections, the emergence of new teams and this season a new club structure.

With an Executive Committee forming in its entirety in July and a new home venue at Bishop Stopford completed in August, there was much to do behind the scenes, and so as a Committee had to hit the ground running. Off the field, the Executive Committee have worked incredibly hard this season to continually improve the standards of the Club. Our Business Plan was fundamental for Clubmark and our Development Plan outlines a clear path for the Club in terms of Men, Ladies, Junior, Umpiring, Coaching, Social & Fundraising, Facilities and Safeguarding. I hope you have all had an opportunity to read these plans on our website.

A more concise Selection Policy was also introduced this season allowing captains to outline their team's goals and objectives. Sadly, the new Disciplinary Policy had to be applied, but enough about that. Back in January we were able to offer our goalkeepers specific training run by Scottish national goalkeeper Jamie Cachia who plays at Beeston HC. Thank you Jaime for organising that. We have been able to offer a shirt rebate for new members and each team has been equipped with much needed face masks.

Our Junior Academy is growing from strength to strength and the youngsters coming through to play senior hockey are a credit to themselves and their coaches. They are the future of our Club.

Congratulations to those achieving Midlands honours:

For the men: O50's - Barry Coe

For the ladies: O40's - Cath Irvin, Nik Baker (Manager)

O50's - Mandy Starsmore-Young, Linzi Webster

O55's - Julia Telford, Cheryl McCulloch (Manager/Coach)

O60's - Jan Randle, Mary Schwier

And those achieving England honours:

For the men: O50's - Barry Coe

O80's - Bill Greenwood (who again organised a superb O75's tournament, enjoyed by all)

LX ladies England touring side: Jan Randle, Mary Schwier

At times decisions have had to be made which may have not been popular with everyone; you may argue that decisions may have been incorrect. However, it is not an easy task when you think we have in excess of 250 members, with over 100 players taking to the field to represent the Club on a Saturday, week in week out.

I'd like to extend my thanks and congratulations to all players on what has been a truly memorable season. I am happy to report that no senior fixtures were conceded and no team finished bottom of their league. I hope that you have all enjoyed the hockey and of

course the social side too! I firmly believe that a new home venue, at Bishop Stopford School, has had a direct impact on results and our success this season and hopefully for seasons to come and my thanks go to Nathan and his staff. Long gone are the days when players and umpires had to move goals, repair goals, collect litter, shoo youngsters and adults off the pitch, find a parking space and play with limited floodlights. A huge thank you also to Captains and Coaches this season who have worked tirelessly on and off the field. Your commitment and dedication to your players and the Club are exemplary and the key ingredient to this season's success.

So, over to Mark who will say a few words about the Men...

Main Objectives:

1. Win promotion
2. Promoted talented youth
3. Fulfil all fixtures

We achieved all 3 objectives, only with the help of all the players and coaches working for each other.

Men's Section

Category	M1	M2	M3	M4
Captain	Ant Paton	Ricky Pain	Neil Manley	Justin Smith
Coach(es)	Ben Mills/Andy Sellers (+Scott Mulligan)		Nick Cusk/ Ross Mathieson	
Total Games Played (league + friendlies)	28	25	22	20
Games Won	21	17	14	4
Games Lost	6	6	4	16
Games Drawn	1	2	4	0
League Points	52	47	40	9
Goals For	126	98	72	23
Goals Against	53	40	32	85
Top Scorer	Grant Carlin (35)	George York (35)	Ethan Smart (11)	Lee Paris (8)
Most Games Played	Dom Cusk (28)	Matt Coe/ Jason Clarke (15)	Neil Manley (22)	Justin Smith (16)
Team Player of the Year	Pat Cawley	Jason Clarke	Adam Mills	Lee Paris
Most Improved Player of the Year	Dom Cusk	Archie Colwill	Wallace Cairns	Dan Carter
East League - Division	Div 3 NW	Div 5 NW	Div 6 NW (S)	Div 6 NW (S)
Final League Position	1 of 12	1 of 12	2 of 12	9 of 12
Next Season	Div 2 N	Div 4 NW	Div 6 NW (S)**	Div 6 NW (S)

** await league decision on promotion

Ladies' Section

Category	L1	L2	L3	L4
Captain	Laura Beacon	Shez Coe	Laura Newlyn	Lin Leach
Coach(es)	Jaime Dodd	Barry Coe/Shez Coe		Eddie Walker/

				Julia Telford
Total Games Played (league + friendlies)	22	22	20	23
Games Won	8	19	6	8
Games Lost	12	2	14	11
Games Drawn	2	1	0	4
League Points	20	49	12	18
Goals For	36	93	24	38
Goals Against	37	35	51	56
Top Scorer	Jess Austin (7)	Kirsty Smith (32)	Elana Fredman/ Cath Irvin (3)	Ola Bednarczyk (12)
Most Games Played	Meg Forader (19)	Shez Coe/ Amy March (22)	Sandra Mandziuk/ Beth Hardy (18)	Lin Leach (21)
Team Player of the Year	Meg Forader	Sue Russell	Kate Metcalfe	Ola Bednarczyk
Most Improved Player of the Year	Harriet Graham	Harriet Drake-Lee	Eleanor Izzard	Evie Wharf
Current League	Midlands Div 2	Northants Div 1	Northants Div 1	Northants Div 2
Final League Position	8* of 10 <i>*penalty from 4th</i>	1 of 10	9 of 10	4 of 6
Next Season	Midlands Div 2	Midlands Feeder East	County League 1 #	County League 2

League decision L3 to remain in Div 1

Overall the ladies this season have performed well, with numbers every increasing, particularly the juniors coming through. However, there have been weeks where there has not been a consistent number of players in each squad which coaches tell me has impacted on a team's performance. Something to look at for next season.

Ladies 1 – An interesting season, with some highs and lows. We were finally able to appoint a coach, Jamie Dodd, in October. Results have been good, with some excellent wins, and at one point challenging for promotion. However, a couple of defeats kept us in 4th place. Unfortunately, due to a rule infringement and a subsequent points deduction meant an 8th place finish. Therefore, goals and objectives mostly met. I am sure they will come back fighting next season and move in to a higher league.

Ladies 2 – With a blend of youth and experience, a consistent performance throughout, a regular organised squad playing on a weekly basis and plenty of prosecco the ladies 2 have excelled their goals and objectives winning the Northants Division 1 League title. Congratulations ladies - The Midlands Feeder East awaits next season!

Ladies 3 – This side has played some great hockey this season, with some hard fought battles and some very narrow defeats. Goal scoring has been the issue, some food for thought for our coaches. However, the 3's have maintained positive throughout and kept going, in true Kettering spirit. I am delighted to report that the County Committee have decided to only relegate one team this season – so ladies 3's you will remain in Division 1 and will be doing it all again next season! Therefore, goals and objectives mostly met. I know the squad would like to thank their coaches, Barry and Shez for

some excellent training.

Ladies 4 – With a change of captaincy at the start of the season, the Ladies 4's re-grouped and have played some excellent hockey. With a mixture of adults, juniors and back to hockey as a squad they too have exceeded their targets. With only six teams within the league, fixtures are available as friendlies from teams who are unable to fulfil league criteria. Despite losing players to higher teams, the 4's have always managed to find some juniors from somewhere, thanks in part to Eddie. The future bodes well for our 4's.

Ladies Over 45s - only two fixtures in the cup this year. Their first game was v Norwich Dragons, a close affair. Norwich scored first and Kettering battled back into the game and Lindsey Webster scoring with a minute on the clock. Penalties were taken and guest keeper Michele Collins once again pulled a number of saves to take Kettering through to the next round. Kettering then hosted Cambridge City. Again a close affair with 2-2 the final score. Penalties once again but this time Kettering were unable to come out on top. Two hard games played and beaten by last year's winners and this year's finalist. Sadly, no trip to Lee Valley this year.

Good luck to those of you continuing to play hockey during the summer either with Skymoons mixed or Ladies' 7s.

A special thank you to Mark for not only overseeing the Men's section but for your support throughout the season; it has been a pleasure working together behind the scenes. Again, my thanks to the captains and coaches for your support and to the Executive Committee for their support too; the umpires without whom there simply couldn't be a game; fixture secretaries, fundraisers who have excelled targets this season to provide us with fun evenings here at the club, as well as much funds for the Club and fantastic amounts for our two chosen charities Wren Spinney and Johnny's Happy Place; those behind the scenes updating our social media and producing newsletters, to Ricky for the excellent fitness training, but most of all you the players who make this Club what it is today.

Finally, my involvement with KHC dates back to 1980, growing up in a family Club that still very much continues today. Reading the final Men's 1 match report is certainly testimony to this, an emotional one for the Sellers family. A wise lady, who still plays here, once said to me "we play for the Club and not for a team". Long may that philosophy continue.

Captains were given the opportunity to add any comments to the above. No further comments were made.

9. Junior Academy Report – Mark Hawkins / Louise Storey

Numbers are slightly down with 81 regular attenders. We are seriously lacking boys in U12 & U10 age groups. Training has improved with the splitting of the age groups over the 2 hours, enabling some U10s to stay on & train with the U12s. Likewise with the U14s being able to stay on & train with the ladies 4s in the 3rd hour.

The U8s (mixed) are very keen and have played several tournaments through the season. They are very entertaining to watch bless them!

The U10s (mixed) Have had some good tournaments performing well and improving greatly.

The U12/14s moved from tournaments to matches this year and played well when they could. most matches did end up being cancelled due to the weather unfortunately.

We were unable to field an U12 boys team until late in the season. Most of the current U14 boys will be too old next year, meaning we will be struggling to field boys teams at this level also!

We have great numbers in both the U12 & U14 girls teams.

Both the U10 & U12 girls teams have qualified for the regional finals in Nottingham on 15th & 29th April respectively. Girls U10 finished 7th, which is the best result ever.

We do have plenty playing county but I'm afraid I never get a list as to how many. This is another Eddie question! 38 juniors in county sides reported Eddie Walker.

Coaches:

U8 - Harriet Drake-Lee, Imogen Smith, Sophie Richardson, Beth Lewis

U10 - Emma Storey, Ellie Darnell, Matt Hill, James Hogg

U12 Girls - Julia Telford, Emma Storey, Ellie Darnell

U12 Boys - Nick Cusk, Dom Cusk

U14 Girls - Eddie Walker, Bill Greenwood

U14 Boys - Scott Mulligan

Many thanks also to Rene Brooking and Mandy Starsmore-Young for helping sort the U8 & U10 teams.

Emma for arranging yet another successful Ice skating trip at Christmas.

Finally, Louise Storey is standing down from her many roles within the Junior Academy, for the forthcoming season. Louise has been at the heart of the Junior section at KHC and has been instrumental to the success we have seen during recent years. Having a successful Junior Academy doesn't happen by accident, it takes a lot of effort to organise tournaments, training, teams and luckily for us Louise has taken care of most things to help our Junior Academy be just that. If we talk about what our Juniors have recently achieved we can show all teams from Ladies and Mens sections where Juniors have progressed in senior squads; the Juniors really are the future of the club and thanks to Louise our club has created a strong foundation for a successful future.

10.Operations Report – Amy March

A huge thank you to all the people who made the practical operation of the club run so smoothly from arranging fixtures and umpires, to representing hockey the main club committee and organising fantastic social events to raise a lot of money for the club and

charities.

KHC chose to raise funds not only for the club, but also for two charities Johnny's Happy Place and Wren Spinney School. They took home over £800 each at the Dinner Dance which included an amazing £400 on the night from Telf shaving her head!

In addition, with the agreement of the Executive Committee, the Operations team has organized a new website domain name, umpire radio mics, playing shirts incentive for new members, facemasks for each team, dugouts and umpire shirts for next season.

Here is an overview of social events and fundraising:

SOCIAL EVENTS:

BINGO NIGHT Saturday 30th September

Included £100 sponsorship from Jake Randle (Musical Instruments and Repairs)

HALLOWEEN PARTY Saturday 28th October

Included £100 sponsorship from Steve Metcalfe (Midland Mechanical Engineers)

CHRISTMAS PARTY Saturday 9th December

Included £50 sponsorship Tom Sellers

QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 27th January

Included £100 sponsorship from JACAMO

RACE NIGHT Saturday 24th February

DINNER DANCE AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS Saturday 14th April

Included £250 sponsorship from Sian Hughes-Jones

Thanks to everyone who has sponsored a social event this year, perhaps you can sponsor one next year!

FUNDRAISING:

EASYFUNDRAISING (49 members)

CASH BACK ON KIT SALES

JANNIES HALF MARATHON

SALE OF OLD STOCK

MUSIC MAGPIE

OVER 75 TOURNAMENT

Thanks to everyone who has supported the social and fundraising events.

11. Election of Officers

The following people were nominated in advance to the club posts and as there was no competition they will take up the posts for the forthcoming 2018-19 season.

Position	Nominated person
Executive Committee	
President	Jean Smith
Chairperson	Jaime Cox

Vice Chairperson	Barry Coe
Secretary	Liz Metcalfe
Treasurer	Matt Bennett
Senior Performance Chairperson	Co-opted from Exec Committee Claudia Ringrose
Operations Chairperson	Amy March
Junior Academy Chairperson	Mark Hawkins
Senior Performance Sub-committee	
Mens Chairperson	Mark Hawkins
Ladies Chairperson	Claudia Ringrose
Ladies 1 st Team Captain	Laura Beacon
Ladies 2 nd Team Captain	Shez Coe
Ladies 3 rd Team Captain	Kate Metcalfe
Ladies 4 th Team Captain	Vacant
Ladies O45 Vets Captain	Shez Coe
Mens 1 st Team Captain	Grant Carlin
Mens 2 nd Team Captain	Ricky Payne
Mens 3 rd Team Captain	Neil Manley
Mens 4 th Team Captain	Justin Smith
Mens O50 Vets Captain	Tony Heath
Skymoos Captain	Ollie Smith
Operations Sub-committee (Social & Admin)	
Social Operations	
Social Secretary	Vacant
Fundraising / Sponsorship Secretary	Vacant
Admin Operations	
Fixtures Secretary (Men)	Vacant
Fixtures Secretary (Ladies)	Vacant
Umpires coordinator	Vacant
Webmaster/Social Media Secretary	Amy March
Membership Secretary	Richard Lashbrooke
KTCSC Main Club Rep	Eddie Walker
Pitch Booking Secretary	Vacant
Kit Secretary	Jan Randle
Vice Treasurer	Louise Storey
Junior Academy Sub-Committee	
Junior Academy Secretary	Kate Drake-Lee
Junior Academy Social Secretary	Emma Storey
Junior Academy Development	Eddie Walker
Other roles reporting direct to Exec Committee	
Club Welfare Officer	Nigel Parkes
Vice Club Welfare Officer	Claire Jennings

12. Any Other Business (AOB)

From Barry Coe

Proposal: The positions of Welfare Officer and Vice Welfare Officer, once filled, are in post for a period of three years or until the holder wishes to stand down.

Rationale: These positions require attendance on specific courses to maintain our compliance for Clubmark. Also maintains continuity in roles that are by their very nature are based on some degree of confidentiality.

Proposal carried by vote.

Correspondence was also received in advance of the AGM from Mary Schwier regarding the playing and training structure of the ladies section, however this is due to be looked into in depth by the Senior Performance Sub-Committee therefore it was decided that the AGM is not the correct forum for this discussion.

Main Club Report from Eddie Walker – I attended most of the monthly meetings and yesterday I suddenly thought I have never reported to anyone, though Tom also goes to the meeting. So again if I am the representative I need someone to report to. The main club sorts out all the repairs, club functions and basic running of the whole area. This year changing rooms have been painted, trees cut, parking area tarred, new carpets, beer machines upgraded, soccer and archery area upgraded. Mr Bambridge from the football club has applied for sponsorship and if approved might affect all codes. The codes that belong to the club are Archery, Cricket, Football (juniors only), Hockey, Tennis and Rifle Club. The club is at the moment ticking over nicely and financially stable.

Amy March – mentioned the new domain name for clubs website of Kettering Hockey Club and asked new officers to send her their email addresses to make team specific club email addresses.

Eddie Walker – mentioned that several of the ladies 4ths are training at KLV over the summer Tuesdays 7-8pm

Nathan Thomas – suggested new role of umpire coach developer, Jaime Cox reported the club is intending to run an umpire course this year. It is on the agenda for one of the upcoming Exec agendas.

Jaime Cox – reported that Tom Sellers was named as Life Member of Kettering Sports Club, there are only a maximum of 5 life members so this is an exclusive club. The Clubman of the Year award has been renamed the Tom Sellers Clubman of the Year Award in his honour.

2017/18 AWARD WINNERS PRESENTED AT THE AWARDS DINNER ON 14TH APRIL 2018

TEAM AWARDS

LADIES 4th TEAM MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

EVIE WHARF

LADIES 4th TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR

OLA BEDNARCZYK

MENS 4th TEAM MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

DAN CARTER

MENS 4th TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR

LEE PARIS

LADIES 3RD TEAM MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

ELEANOR IZZARD

LADIES 3rd TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR

KATE METCALFE

MENS 3RD TEAM MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
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CLUB AWARDS

TEAM OF THE YEAR
JAIME COX UMPIRE OF THE YEAR
ANNIE GOODCHILD LADIES LEADING GOAL SCORER
MENS LEADING GOAL SCORER

MARIE PHILIPS GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Representing England O 50's

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
BISHOP STOPFORD COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

JEAN SMITH U18 GIRL OF THE YEAR
MICHAEL WRENN U18 BOY OF THE YEAR
FRAN DAVIS AWARD CLUBWOMAN OF THE YEAR
TOM SELLERS CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

WALLACE CAIRNS
ADAM MILLS
HARRIET DRAKE-LEE
SUE RUSSELL
ARCHIE COLWILL
JASON CLARKE
HARRIET GRAHAM
MEG FORADER
DOM CUSK
PAT CAWLEY

LADIES 2ND TEAM
MEG FORADER
KIRSTY SMITH
GRANT CARLIN
& GEORGE YORK
MATT COE
BARRY COE

TOM SELLERS
ANDY SELLERS
& BEN MILLS
HARRIET DRAKE-LEE
ED JENNINGS
LOUISE STOREY
JUSTIN SMITH

13.Close by Chairperson

Closed the AGM at 20.40