

# Melton Hockey Club Annual General Meeting 2021

Monday 19th April 2021 – Online via Zoom – 19:30

# Agenda

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11. The election of officers
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13. Any Other Business
14. Meeting Close

# Meeting Minutes

## 1. Annual General Meeting Open/Welcome

## 2. Attendance

Claire Ashton, Leo Guy, Heather Simpson, Lisa Hewitt, Georgie Hewitt, Martin Johnstone, Alastair McQuillan, Alex Jeffries, Sophie Brown

## 3. Apologies

Haydn Snow, Gemma Fare, Dan Kendall, James Butcher,

## 4. Review of minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting

Proposed as a true record by Lisa Hewitt, seconded by Sophie Brown

## 5. Chairperson's address

Lisa Hewitt

Thanks for those who have attended, given the pandemic it has been difficult year for the club and thanked the committee for those who have attended meetings and kept the members informed of what we were trying to achieve and get-back to playing safely, with a special thanks to Ali and Heather for being the two main people to achieve that.

All of our teams did manage to play some hockey all be it very short-lived.

Hopefully we will be able to return to a complete season in September and the social activities of the club.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their support during my time as chair person, I do feel now though that I would like to pass that baton on to somebody's to tact the club forwards next season.

## 6. Secretary's report

It has been 2 years since the last AGM held in 2019. The committee took the extraordinary decision, to remain in place for a two year term to see the club through the COVID-19 pandemic that curtailed the 2019/20 season and saw the eventual cancellation of the 2020/21 season.

The decision was taken committee wide to ensure stability for the club moving forwards and as a direct reaction to the unprecedented circumstances of a national lockdown. It is not to be seen as a precedent moving forwards for the club and the way that it is managed.

The impact of the pandemic on our sport is unprecedented. It is true that we have seen a resumption in some hockey activity in the past few weeks, but the road ahead is still uncertain and the effects, particularly financially, will be felt for some time to come. We shall continue to follow Government and England Hockey guidance to ensure a safe return to playing hockey.

To maintain activity through 2020/21 the club has had to develop a test and trace system that is likely to be continued for the foreseeable future. Whilst posing some challenges in terms of setup, it can also provide opportunities moving forwards for improving administration within the club.

2021 has marked the final year of the Midlands Region Hockey Association and the Leicestershire and Rutland County Hockey Association, both of which will be wound up at the end of June 2021 as part of England Hockey's 'A Structure Fit for the Future'. The former MRHA will be superseded by a new regional body that will organise hockey in the Midlands at all levels, standards and genders. With a sub-area body for Leicestershire & Rutland organising county cups, county representative sides, Schools and youth competitions and the talent pathway. As a club we will now only be required to subscribe to the new regional committee.

Several post season events were cancelled due to COVID-19 including the Annual Dinner and traditional restart of the season, the Melton 7s tournament. We hope that both can return with your continued support in future seasons.

As now seems to be customary in my annual report, I appeal to all club members to please volunteer to do something for your club. I hear lots of advice, complaints and criticism of club activities, facilities and management, and I have no problem with that but, if every dissatisfied club member took on a role, imagine what we could achieve! The bottom line is that, if you don't do more, you will all pay more. There will be a few role changes this season as you would expect. I'd like to thank everybody, whether they are stepping down from a role, taking on a new role, remaining in situ or, in a handful of cases, moving to a different role.

Finally, my personal thanks to all the Committee Members and volunteers at training and social events, with particular mention to those that helped develop the Clubs COVID-19 protocols often at short notice or with limited information, I do appreciate your efforts.

Alastair McQuillan  
Secretary Melton Hockey Club

## **7. Proposal for the changes to the constitution of the club.**

## **8. Captain's Reports**

### **1. M1 Captain Report**

#### **Leo Guy**

The few games we played ere very good with a good availability of players and a decent ethos in the team with a healthy mixture of young and old. We have seen good attendance at training and times mixing with the ladies was setting a good cohesion in the club.

We were sitting second when the season was curtailed early, so it looks healthy of

next season and making progression.

**2. Ladies Captain Report**  
**Gemma Fare**

The 2020 season was short we started well, with some good wins and plenty of players to choose from. Thank you to those who missed weeks due to high availability. It's a shame we couldn't carry on as things were looking promising.

We managed to win more games than we lost.

I have really enjoyed being captain but as baby Randall number 2 is on the way I'm stepping down as captain.

Thank you to all the ladies who have played in the little bit of the season we have had. Hopefully we all get more hockey next season.

**3. M2 Captain report**  
**George Exton**

No report submitted.

**4. M3 Captain report**

The team was withdrawn from the league due to lack of available players.

**5. Badgers report**  
**Martin Johnson**

The badgers team has seen good progression this year with a number of players showing promising signs. When we were playing we were winning a lot more matches than previous years. We seemed to be playing with a consistent shape and everyone seems to know what they were trying to do in terms of set plays and getting people in to the right positions.

A number of the kids have gone on to play county hockey and representative hockey with the British Asian Hockey Association.

In a season that has been difficult there have been lots of encouraging signs and a good platform to be able to move the kids on from in future season.

We have matches planned for every weekend in May to get the kids out playing again.

**9. Junior Section Report**  
**Chris Eden**

As a club we have focused on progressing the juniors in particular in the ladies section albeit for the short number of games we had. The junior levels had dropped in previous years but there has been a resurgence this year, at the end of last season we were numbering 5-6 this year it has been 15-20. We have had 22 kids return in the first 2 weeks after this lockdown, and need to keep working to this.

**10. Training report**

**Chris Eden**  
**Taken as part of junior report.**

## **11. Finance report.**

### **Finance Report 2020-2021**

#### **Summary**

The finances this year were disrupted by covid. Income was restricted to subscriptions and matches played between September and December. We have booked the mens 1st match fees £519 but still yet to process the ladies and mens 2nd fees.

We will also incur pitch hire costs for March but we have not yet received an invoice

We have included an estimate of £500 for the match fees.

#### **2020-2021 Financial Summary**

##### **Income**

Subscriptions	£2,155.00
Match Fees	£519.00

Mens 2s and Ladies (Estimated)*	£500.00
	£3,174.00

##### **Expenditure**

Pitch Hire	£2,663.75
Website	£250.00
England Hockey	£664.93
Insurance	290.23
	£3,868.91

##### **Notes**

Not all match fees have been booked.  
(Require Ladies and Mens 2's)

##### **England Hockey Breakdown**

Senior Mens Teams. x2 @ £207.79  
Senior Ladies Teams x1 @ £207.79  
Vat @ £41.56

Appendix A  
Pitch Hire £2663.75 (September - December)  
Appendix B  
Subscriptions - Seniors 26, U18 6, Juniors 10

### 11.1. Vote on subscriptions 2021/22

Leo Guy proposed annual subscription at:  
Full Senior Membership: £125  
Junior/Student Membership (paying in adult teams): £75  
Badgers Member: £50  
Guest Player: £20 per match fee up to 5 games  
Adult Match fees: £10 adults, £5 Others

It was carried unanimously.

## 12. Election of Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder	Nominated
Chairperson	Lisa Hewitt	Alastair McQuillan	Heather Simpson	
Secretary	Alastair McQuillan	Sophie Brown	Chris Eden	Alastair McQuillan
Treasurer	Justin Harris	Alastair McQuillan	Lisa Hewitt	Justin Harris
Club President	Heather Simpson	Alastair McQuillan	Sophie Brown	Heather Simpson
Mens 1XI Captain	Leo Guy	Alastair McQuillan	Chris Eden	Leo Guy
Mens 2XI Captain	Chris Eden	Alastair McQuillan	Leo Guy	Chris Eden
Badgers Coordinator	Martin Johnson & Claire Ashton			Martin Johnson & Claire Ashton
Ladies 1XI Captain	Sophie Brown/Alex Jeffries	Heather Simpson	Lisa Hewitt	Sophie Brown/Alex Jeffries
Vice President	Chris Wakefield	Alastair McQuillan	Chris Eden	Chris Wakefield
Club Social Secretary	Georgie Hewitt & Alex Jeffries	Sophie Brown	Heather Simpson	Georgie Hewitt & Alex Jeffries
Club Welfare Officer	VACANT			
Website - (Technical)	Andy Brown	Alastair McQuillan	Sophie Brown	Andy Brown

## 13. Any other business

None

## 14. Close Meeting

Meeting closed 20:45