

**Bedford Hockey Club Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2006**

**Attendees:**

Brian Woodrow (chair), Rob Moulam, Heidi Weight, Hensley Moulam, Jon Lord, Mary El Circy, Yasmin El Circy, Fran Lee, Verity Mason, Kez Surman, Sarah Walsh, Becci Stroud, Mandy Brookes, Nigel Brookes, Martin McLeod, Julian Pagilaro, Phil Joyce, Bob Hughes, Rob Oakley, Jo Gilmore, Dan Heydon, Brendan McNulty

**Apologies:**

Charlie Mills, Fran Steadman, Angie Simco

**1. Review of Previous Minutes**

The previous minutes were missing a junior report & umpiring report, this will be attached to the minutes.

*Proposed: H. Weight*

*Seconded: R. Moulam*

**2. Chairman's Report (by Rob Moulam)**

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a number of people for their contribution to the club over the last year. A big thank you should go to the Captains, Team Managers, and Junior organisers who put a huge amount of effort each week to ensure that we get our players out each week. The captains have also been particularly helpful this season in recording match fees and paying over the cash regularly and we can see the benefit of this in the amounts of match fees collected.

Umpires – Week in, week out their efforts often doing a number of matches in one day have allowed us to play our matches. It was great to see this season, 3 new level 1 umpires getting qualified from within the club, with a further 9 passing their theory test and being well on their way to being ready to be assessed and qualifying during the mixed summer league in time for next season.

Coaches – Thanks to Graham for coaching the ladies and mens first team squads and also Alan, Mincer, Martin and Pags for helping out with the coaching. Also, not forgetting the number of coaches we have looking after the juniors every Sunday morning.

As a club we've owed a lot to the committee this season. These are the people, along with the team captains who voluntarily give up their own time to make sure everyone else in the club gets the enjoyment that they do. Most people are only too willing to share their views on the running of the club, but not everyone would be willing to give up their time to help out with this so a big thanks goes to all of the committee.

Social events this year have also been a great success. I think the club has moved on from last year when we had maybe 2 or 3 socials raising £100-200 profit each to this season when we've had a wider variety of people organising and more people supporting these events. We've had the ladies 1<sup>st</sup> team organising a race night, the ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> team made cakes for presidents day as well as holding a belated Christmas dinner. The

mens 2<sup>nd</sup> team are organising a tournament over the summer, similar to that held last season.

The mens 4<sup>th</sup> team have their 'plop on the pitch' initiative on going and hope to run this on club day in September and the mens 5's came and washed everyone's cars. All of these raised or will raise very impressive funds for the club. I look forward to hear about the events the mens 1's, men's 3's and ladies 2's have planned for the coming months.

As we can see from the socials that I've mentioned, I think we are lucky enough as a club to show that we have plenty of people willing to get involved in order to help us operate on a more secure financial basis. Financially, we wouldn't have been able to survive another season like last year, so it's very pleasing to see this season's results much more favourable. We raised match fees last season and I think that this would account for an additional £1,500 income, the rest is down to the hard work of the team captains and the committee.

We're no-where near a position where I would say we are financially secure for the long term and next season there will be a number of key things that I think will help us get closer to this.

We need to continue in the same vein we have this season, holding regular socials, organised by as many different people as possible. We also need to look at holding one or two much bigger events, events that raise much larger sums of money so we can reach our targeted contribution towards the new pitches and further strengthen the clubs' financial position.

We will be running an extra team next season with the Ladies 4th team starting up once again. This is obviously essential for getting more junior players into the senior club but also increasing our membership, this in turn will add to our revenue and hopefully fundraising potential too.

We will also be developing a new website over the summer to improve all aspects of club communication. Once this has been set up, many of the jobs on the committee will hopefully be much easier. We've been very lucky to have Tony and Trish volunteering their services to develop this for us over the summer.

Throughout the season it was our intention that we would be in a position to put some money away at the end of the year towards our financial contribution for the new pitches.

However, after last years disastrous trading result our primary objective had to be to ensure we could operate at at least a break even level in order to survive. It's pleasing then that this year we have been able to operate without making a loss and to also have some funds available to put towards our contribution to the pitches.

All in all, with what we have achieved this season I think we can look back on a very positive year. I also think that we've built ourselves up to be in a position to improve this even more next year.

Finally, don't forget the current fundraisers we have going on at the moment:

The Da Vinci code premier on 20<sup>th</sup> May – see Mandy for details

The Mens 4's plop on the pitch – see Nick Heasman or any of the mens 4<sup>th</sup> team for tickets

The World Cup predictions competition – handouts available today!!

The mens club tournament – currently planned for late June.

The mixed Delomac shield, probably Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July and Club day which will probably be the first Saturday in September again.

*Proposed: H. Moulam*

*Seconded: J. Lord*

### **3. Team Reports**

#### **Ladies Report (Heidi Weight)**

The ladies season had been a difficult one with the ladies ones facing relegation out of the National League. It was a difficult season for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI with the loss of some key players to university and other teams.

The 2nds & 3rds had a positive season finishing mid table.

The ladies have decided to start a new fourth team for the coming season to help encourage new players and to give a stepping stone into league hockey, as it was felt the league the 3rds was in was too high for most beginners.

*Proposed: J. Lord*

*Seconded: F. Lee*

#### **Men's Report (Jon Lord)**

The mens 1's built on strong performances from last year to retain their place in East Prem A. On their day they proved that they were as strong as anyone else. If only they could repeat these performances consistently every week then they would have a very strong chance of gaining promotion to the national league.

The men's 2's had a great season, gaining promotion to East division 1. A fabulous effort was put in by all to move up this level. This is a strong, young side and everyone is looking forward to the challenge in division 1 next season.

The men's 3's maintained their position in division 4 south west this season. A number of younger players came up through the club to play for the 3's, so gives another positive outlook for next season when they will be looking for another promotion.

Promotion to division 4 south west was the reward for the mens 4's this season. They dominated division 5 this year and won promotion with

relative ease in the end. No doubt everyone will be looking forward to the 3's vs the 4's in the league next year!!

Congratulations also go to the mens 5's, who gained their 2nd successive promotion to division 6 south west. This young side proves that there is a great future for the club, with this team able to move up through the leagues so swiftly!!

*Proposed: R.Moulam*

*Seconded: N.Brookes*

### **Vets Report (Bob Hughes)**

The Mens Vets entered two tournaments which they came runners up in but have had a successful season. Bob thanked the work that Nohway Lota has done over many years coordinating the East Vets league. It is hoped that East will take over the league after the retirement of Narwi.

*Proposed: Phil*

*Seconded: Fran Lee*

### **Junior Report (Linda Sandler)**

Another successful year has seen the junior section grow again. We successfully hosted many games throughout the year covering a wide range of age groups. It was particularly pleasing to see a number of junior members moving up to represent the senior club this year too.

*Proposed: M. Brookes*

*Seconded: J. Pagliaro*

#### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Generally 2005-2006 has been a good financial year which was put down to better recording and collection of the funds.

It was requested that in future deficits be in red and profits in red, Gift Aid was mentioned with the suggestion that the club look into whether the subs and match fees could be used to gift aid.

#### **5. Accounts Report**

Approval of the 04/05 accounts could not happen as there was not an audit certificate. It was agreed to approach Mr Sadler about auditing the accounts for free for the club.

Approval of the accounts will take place at an EGM

#### **6. Election of Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominated</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>President</b>	Brian Woodrow	H Moulam	R Moulam
<b>Chairman</b>	Rob Moulam	H Weight	J Lord
<b>Subs Secretary</b>	Rob Oakley	J Pagliaro	J Lord
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mary El Cincy	R Moulam	J Pagliaro
<b>Secretary</b>	Heidi Weight	R Moulam	F Lee
<b>Ladies Club Captain</b>	Becci Stroud	K Surman	F Lee
<b>Mens Club Captain</b>	Jon Lord	J Pagliaro	B McNulty
<b>Ladies Fix. Secretary</b>	Roz Mills	J Gilmore	H Weight
<b>Mens Fix. Secretary</b>	David Brookes	R Moulam	J Lord
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Fran Lee	K Surman	V Mason

<b>Auditor</b>	Simon Sadler	R Moulam	B McNulty
<b>Umpire Liaison</b>	Fran Lee	M Brooks	S Walsh
<b>Junior Organiser</b>	Linda Sandler	R Moulam	H Moulam
<b>Web/Communications</b>	Trish & Tony Sawyer	R Moulam	H Moulam
<b>Captains</b>			
<b>Ladies 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Verity Mason	H Weight	F Lee
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Helen Hamilton	H Weight	F Lee
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	J Gilmore	H Weight	F Lee
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Trish Sawyer	H Weight	F Lee
<b>Mens 1<sup>st</sup></b>			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Danny Simms	J Lord	B McNulty
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Steve Cutting	J Lord	B McNulty
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Dean Williams	J Lord	B McNulty
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Brendan McNulty	J Lord	R Moulam
<b>Vets</b>	Hensley Moulam	R Moulam	B McNulty

#### 7. Any other Business

**Pitch Fund Raising** – Brendan updated the club informing them that things have started to move quickly with England Hockey giving £60'000 towards the renewal of the pitches.