



**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**PRESENT**

D Thorman	B. Harkness	R Hart	S Tose	D. Marriage	A. Bell
D. Skirving	A Lowrie	J. Leck	M. Hewson	A. Norris	

**BUSINESS**

**ACTION**

<b>1. Apologies for absence:</b> M. Bradwell	
<b>2. Minutes of last meeting:</b> Approved as true record.	
<b>3. Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership list. Some players still to complete membership forms. DT had emailed details to captains. New Junior Members must complete forms.</li> <li>'Cash4Clubs' grants available [£250 - £1000]. DT to apply.</li> <li>DT to email current Match Sheet pro-forma to AN &amp; ST.</li> <li>DT to complete Website Club History update.</li> </ul>	DS /AH / AN  DT DT DT
<b>4. Secretary's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DT proposed that the AGM date be set as early as possible to return to the format of holding it after a club match. AL to investigate.</li> <li>Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captaincy – D. Marriage accepted by committee. A. Bell accepted Vice Captaincy.</li> <li>Mens player numbers. The men's squad was down to some 25 regular players. It was hoped that junior development initiatives and the forthcoming 'Sportivate' events would increase these numbers.</li> <li>Carl Sidgewick. Had paid his debts and left the club citing poor communication. Considered as much his fault as the clubs but DM to speak with him and let him know he would be welcomed if he wished to return.</li> <li>Hartlepool Borough Council. Taking a keen interest in Sports development in the town and proactively involved with Hartlepool Sports Council. AB to ensure membership fees to the latter are paid.</li> <li>Celebration Village. A successful event for the Club. Thanks to AL for coordinating. Details of prospective new young players had been taken and passed to DS &amp; AN.</li> <li>Single System Coaching Opportunities. Involvement in this attracts significant earnings.</li> <li>Various EH Newsletters circulated.</li> <li>Club Website. Questioning by Sport England concerning the clubs grant application had revealed the website to be out of date on a number of counts. DT to review and send updates to Lisa Ingham.</li> </ul>	AL      DM   AB      DT
<b>5. Treasurer's Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance of funds £2675.</li> <li>Carl Gould had left the club with debts of £73. DT to contact Suffolk HA and league and Ipswich HC accordingly.</li> <li>AB expressed concern that some members might find it difficult to cover the cost of match fees and travel and proposed to donate a cash sum into a 'Hardship Fund' so that members in financial difficulties could apply for assistance towards their costs. DT agreed to contribute towards such a fund also. Agreed that a 'Hardship Sub-Committee' be established consisting of ST, AB and DT to consider applications from members. AB to produce a flier for distribution to</li> </ul>	DT

<p>players and an application form for placing on the club website. Applications to be lodged with one of the sub-committee members who would then discuss and agree action with counterparts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gavin Wise had contacted DT to state that, due to business expansion plans, he was currently unable to provide the additional Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team 'discipline' sponsorship he had proposed at the AGM</li> <li>Some 3 dozen new balls were required. RH to source and purchase.</li> <li>Various items of club strip were required. Captains to inform DT of needs.</li> <li>Insurance including personal injury cover for 3 teams had been taken out. DT to enquire on need to cover Mens JDL team in addition.</li> </ul>	<p>AB</p> <p>ST /AB/ DT</p> <p>RH</p> <p>DT</p> <p>DT</p>
<p><b>6. Hockey Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A HHAG meeting had taken place earlier in the day.</li> <li>Lynne Dobison to be approached regarding holding a Young Leaders course in Hartlepool.</li> <li>Sarah Ramsden to check with St Hilds as to viability of provision of floodlights there and Gemma Saunders to investigate funding under 'Inspired Facilities Programme'.</li> <li>Sarah Ramsden to enquire as to alternative arrangements to Wednesday evening sessions at St Hilds.</li> <li>'Sportivate' grant to be used to fund 6 sessions aimed at attracting 'older' juniors to the club. D. Miller to be contacted on progress.</li> <li>Size of group to be reduced.</li> <li>Concern over lack of after schools provision at local Secondary schools. JL volunteered to see what he could do at EM.</li> <li>Sport England had raised queries re HCHC's grant application and DT had responded. In one case they had gained impression that the club already had a junior development programme. DT had pointed out that current initiatives were under the HHAG rather than the club. Grant would cover: Goals for St Hilds, Full strips &amp; G/K gear for 2 junior teams, Training equipment &amp; match balls; Pitch hire for training and games, Cost of hiring Level 2 coaches.</li> <li>Planning &amp; programming meeting arranged for 6<sup>th</sup> October.</li> <li>DS to make temporary strip arrangements for Mens JDL team.</li> <li>Mens JDL Match Fees set at £2 per player. AL agreed to investigate funding for next season if this proved to be a financial problem.</li> </ul>	<p>DT</p> <p>JL</p> <p>AN / DT</p> <p>DS</p> <p>AL</p>
<p><b>7. Welfare</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the Sport England grant application successful it would be important for as many senior players as possible to attend the training sessions.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p>
<p><b>9. Indoor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was disappointing to note that the Mens section had not entered the Durham County Indoor Hockey League. DT promoted this for future involvement – especially in terms of junior development.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. Social/ Publicity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DL indicated that the next event would be the 'Christmas' party early in the New Year.</li> <li>Extreme doubt was expressed on the value/availability of Olympic tickets and it was decided to arrange an event in the club to view one of the important matches.</li> </ul>	<p>AL</p> <p>AL</p>
<p><b>11. Fixtures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RH to email Fixture Card to Lisa Ingham for publication on the website and to G. Wise for printing.</li> </ul>	<p>RH</p>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	

**NEXT MEETING TO BE ARRANGED BY DT**

**AGENDA - FOLLOW FORMAT AS MINUTES ABOVE**