

Belper Mens Hockey Club

AGM



4th April 2023 / 7:30PM / Belper Meadows Clubhouse

Attendees

S Sanderson, C Beddington, S Humphries, O Phillips, M Dawson, P Marval, R Yates, L Brammer, J Beaney, S Ford, J Connelly, N Hooker, P Johnston, G Llyod, S Emsley, A Hartley

Apologies

N Morris, S Mills, P Gordon, D Ford, C Batchford

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Matters arising from previous minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Subscriptions
6. Captains Report
7. Club Person of the year and other awards
8. Election of Officers
9. AOB

Matters arising from previous minutes

Chairman's Report

See Attached Copy Below

Thanks to umpires, players, coaches and committee and a thanks to parents for all their assistance

Thanks to Craig Keegan and he will be remembered

Flooding better this year and quicker at cleaning

1st team proud of their performance and special thanks to the poplars and the 1st team support team of players

Fulfilled all our fixtures

Thanks to captains, Juniors coming through well and maintaining their positions in teams

U14s getting through the finals in Nottingham

Mark Lamb and Tom Sherratt congrats to 040s international masters selections

P Danson and A Sutton congrats on 080s international masters selections

Treasurer's Report

See Attached Copy Below

Bank Balance £16725

Sports club still owed money circa 10k

Better idea of where we will be in Sept 1st

1st team finances integrated within the mens section will still maintain a separate 1st team account to be financed separately

Club buzz been great D/D working well

Thanks to captains

SE thanks to Stuey for all his help this season

Vote for bringing the juniors finances in with the mens vote passed unanimously

Thanks to Jo Marval for her work with the juniors

NH why Align finances - Advantages are we will know as a club where we stand overall, England hockey already count us as one club, Simplify the process and money will be separated by the executive committee

Review of all bank accounts currently 11/12 see who has access etc

Mini hoc using Clubbuzz payment will be starting from September

Minis offer a family discount to be implemented across the club with details being finalised

Subscriptions

Propose for subs to increase £10 to £210 in line with ladies section preferred payment still DD

Propose match fees to remain at £10 per game

Propose junior boys Subs to increase £20 to £160 to be in line with Junior Girls

Junior boys and girls match fee will rise to £6

Club looking into Family Discount Details still being finalised

JB - putting money aside for the pitch is included in our balance. SH yes we pay Synthetic Pitches which keeps the money and in preparation of pitch replacement

PM - when he gets a bill from Clubbuzz just comes through as account 1 and 2 is there a way to identify that account. CB on the EMail you can click a link and it will give you a breakdown

CB and SH to look into PM question further

SF thanks to Stuey for all his work this season

GL when we merge with the ladies will there be one treasurer?

SH yes one overall on the executive committee but will still be a treasurer in each section

Fines for GMS this season around £200

Captains Report

1st team - Final League Position 9th (R)

2nd team - Final League Position 11th (R) Been a hard season, Personnel leaving Rob And Matt running the squad assisted by the committee had a good resilience and a credit to the players and the clubs with people stepping up at least a couple of teams at times, Biggest high of the season scoring 4 goals in 8 minutes, Had an apology from Ashby regarding their behaviour. Very good juniors Dom Marval especially and players representing both the 1s and 2s, relegated unfortunately but we have played in a good spirit and have a great attitude and a growth in the last few games.

3rd team - Final League Position 7th

Pretty tough to start picked up and had a good run with quite inconsistent squads as through the club. 1 point off in the top half and 2 points off best of the rest, brought juniors through some from tee 6/7s and they didn't look out of place. Need to find a blend of Juniors and Adults next season. Think next season we can have a push, Tried to establish a style of play and keep that throughout the seasons because of this philosophy players who have played it can slot in easier thanks to all captains and coaches for this. We had a positive goal difference in the league with 3 uni teams. Trying to dominate the play.

4th team - Final League Position 11th ®

4s didn't have a positive goal difference, but this season we got promoted to a level a little too high and also lost key players to injury. Thanks to Andy Hartley for his help coaching, had a few batches of juniors all of which played well and will hopefully have learnt during their time with us, there are a few players who should be playing higher, feel a league high interest next season. AH weren't enough adults last season 3 senior players outfield in the last game. Did beat the 3s as a highlight JB Llyod has kept a positive attitude throughout the season.

5th team - Final League Position 9th

Promoted last year due to reorganisation rather than results and expected a challenging season. Ultimately finished 9th, winning six games and drawing four.

The consensus amongst players and parents was that it had been an enjoyable season.

As in previous seasons the adult core of eight remained consistent, missing only a handful of games throughout the season. That core was supplemented by Stuey (5 or 6 games), Kenny & Yatesy (1 each).

Looking back at the first league game only one of the eight juniors in that team was still with us at the end of the season, and that was at his request. In total 17 juniors played at least once.

Whilst it is encouraging to see the development of these players I am concerned that the pace of change may not be in either their, or the clubs, best interests.

I'm sure consistency of availability, selection processes and player retention will be major considerations as we look to decide the number of teams for next season, but I have reservations about the wisdom of a model where, on some occasions, more than 50% of the players were juniors.

Finally, thanks to all those who were prepared to umpire throughout the club. It may not always feel like it, but your efforts are appreciated! Without you there is no game.

6th team - Final League Position 3rd

Thanks to Henry Fletcher and Andy Collis, who stepped in to cover as goalkeeper and Henry running the team through much of the 2nd half of the year, been 2nd for much of the season but due to injuries and players moving out of the team we ended up 3rd 6 points off promotion. We have had 37 players throughout the season. Some strange results, Derby won 3 games 2 against us and the Ashby game where we lost 4-0 but we had 8 shots on target to their 4 shots on target. Juniors have been great and thanks to coaches and they know how to play the game and slot straight into the team. Thanks to the parents and most weeks players stayed for teas. Thanks to all the umpires again.

7th team - Final League Position 4th

Good season for the 7s finishing 4th 2 really good teams Beeston and Mansfield 4s, 3rd or 4th us about where I thought we would finish, difference not having the Uni teams, half the teams are Development Side. Flowed a lot of players through the clubs juniors been great tried to play a consistent system played some really good sessions ran some prep sessions through August. Thanks to Stedders who coached those sessions Players of the season Josh Cooling GK Mike Dawson senior player of the season. Thanks to Pete Gordon who stepped in while I was away. Finding umpires been difficult especially the last games. So much potential in the juniors this season.

8th team - Final League Position 8th

For The juniors coming through the last game we persuaded a dad to play with his son, a league of different sides, some come with full adults and we have very young juniors. We have maintained a positive attitude and have been a great season. People have put in a good effort and thanks to Paul for his coaching this season.

Snailers - average players 14, self funding from match fees give past players a chance to play again. Session opens to all including the ladies section. Look at additional training after the games such as Defib training etc good opportunity for training. Never cancel, always do something. Many thanks to Pete Gordon. PJ would be good to get other clubs included.

Anne Clayton to discuss with PK about ladies umpiring our games

Look at juniors taking up more umpiring a club pool of umpires

Hard to umpire and then goes into a game straight after.

Master o50s - We started off well, then came up against Shrewsbury disappointing game, Simon happy to captain again the trips away are fun and it's a good atmosphere. Nice to play with similar ages and against.

Master o40s - Summer league finished 2nd in the 6 a side to west bridgford only lost 1 game all season, Monday Evenings. Decent cup run beat beeston in round 2 then beat Alderney edge really good game with an England Keeper in goal. Lost on PS in sudden death the Sikh Union in the last 32. Amazing run and good fun.

We are entering next season

Over 60s will be labelled as Belper Over 60s instead of Notts/Derbys. England hockey wanted Notts/derby to be set up as a separate club meaning more affiliation fees etc

Club Person of the Year and Other Awards

Clubperson of the Year - Stuey Humphries

Junior Clubperson of the Year - Mike Griffiths

Junior Player of the Year - Elliot Poplar

Clubs Top Goal scorer - Elliott Heath

Election of Officers

See Attached Copy Below

AOB

1st Joint Committee Meeting of mens and ladies section is scheduled for the 24th April

Y1 Clothing have approached us to sponsor our kit, we need to look into the options and know where we lie with Mad Dogs who offer a full range of clothing and are local and offer a discount with other sports.

JB - mad dogs seemed uninterested with sourcing mini hoc Coaching coats

SE Should we have a Belper way of playing such as a club formation. CB to be looked at when the new coach is appointed for the 1s

BMCSC starting a long term project to update the Carpark replacing the carpet and mud, will be done in phases. Looking into funding through grants Section 106?

Date and time of Men's Committee meeting

2nd May 7:00pm

With no other business the meeting is 9:53pm

Election of Officers 2022/23

President: S.Ford

Chairman: C.Beddington

Treasurer: S.Humphries

Secretary: S.Sanderson

Fixture Sec: P.Yates

GMS Sec: L.Brammer

Social Media: E.Heath

Welfare: S Sanderson/J Connolly

BMCSC Trustee Management Rep: N.Hooker

BMCSC Grounds Rep: P Yates

BMCSC H&B Rep: N.Hooker

1st XI Manager: TBC

1st XI Liaison: TBC

TBC 1st XI Capt: TBC VC: TBC

2nd XI Capt: O.Phillips VC: M.Armson

3rd XI Capt: G.Lloyd VC: TBC

4th XI Capt: S.Emsley VC: TBC

5th XI Capt: S.Mills VC: D. Foster

6th XI Capt: P Higgin VC: S Sanderson

7th XI Capt: P. Johnston VC: TBC

Development XI Capt: TBC VC: TBC

Badgers Rep: TBC

Masters Capts: 040s M. Rowe 050s: S. Emsley 060s: S. Mills

Summer Organisers/Captains: S. Sanderson, R Irish

Coaches: Head: TBC Club: TBC Junior: TBC

Junior Boys Hockey Rep: P Marval

Umpires Manager: P. Kennerdell

Chair Report

"Good evening, As the Chair of BMHC, it's my pleasure to welcome you all to our AnnualGeneral Meeting.

The AGM is an important event in our calendar as it allows us to reflect on our accomplishments over the past year and discuss our future plans as we look to continue our integration journey with the other hockey sections.

I encourage you all to take an active role in the meeting and provide valuable feedback and suggestions. We are confident that with your continued support, we will be able to achieve our club's goals and objectives.

The 2022/23 season overall has been a season of highs and lows for Men's hockey.

To the players, I want to say how proud I am of you all. You've shown incredible commitment to the club, and it's evident in the way you've played. Your skills have grown, and your teamwork has improved, and it's a joy to watch you all play. To the umpires, I want to say thank you as without you we would not be able to play the game we all love. To the coaches, I want to express my gratitude for all the time, effort, and energy you've invested in our team's. Your leadership, guidance, and encouragement have been instrumental in our success, and we couldn't have done it without you. To the committee, I want to thank you for the hours you put into the roles you do

ensuring that the club continues to run as smoothly as it does and provide the opportunities for all members to play. And to the parents and other backroom helpers, I want to thank you for your unwavering support be that sorting out Tea's for the teams, getting the boys to the games and supporting from the side-lines.

This year we also had the sad passing of Craig Keegan and I am grateful for the unity that we showed in honouring his passing and significant contribution he made to our club, rest easy Keegs.

As we reflect on the season, let's remember that the joy of the game isn't just about winning or losing. It's about the camaraderie we've developed, the friendships we've forged, and the memories we've created together which is a key part of the success and vision we have as a club.

We had the usual flooding, but thankfully this year it was a minor back up from the drains and did not cause too much disruption as we enacted our flood plan and with the continued help of Adie Woodward we are getting proficient at cleaning the pitch.

On the pitch, we continue to field eight senior teams in league hockey, as well as masters teams at over 40s, 50s and a combined 060s from Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire. This group also has a monthly social gathering and has dubbed themselves the "Snailers." and goes back to my earlier point about the lifelong friendships hockey creates.

The Men's First Team, after gaining promotion to the National League Division 1 North last season, battled and competed against some very strong teams with huge budgets and support staff to match, most notably Loughborough, who came with over 10 backroom staff , they missed out on remaining in the league due to us losing some key players and injuries, but we competed well narrowly missing out on some fiercely contested matches, the lads will be disappointed but should be proud of their performances and remain one of the best teams in the Midlands and are still a National League Club, something we should all be proud off.

I want to thank the 1st team management team for their support during the year and Team Poplar for catering for all our visitors, this was greatly appreciated and feedback from them has been nothing but positive.

It's worth noting that Barford who also got promoted last season have also been relegated finishing bottom of the table with Belper beating them Home and Away. In the Div 1 south of the two teams promoted last year one of those has also been relegated with only Old Loughts remaining in the league but by comparison they have a significant budget that we would love to have as a club but this shows how hard and competitive the Division One is.

Moving on to the rest of the club, all of the teams have battled in their leagues and as the impacts of the restructure starts to settle down we will be looking to build on this next season. Belper remains one of the few clubs to fulfil all of our fixtures, which has resulted in some interesting team selections but demonstrates the club's strength in depth. Captains have submitted their own reports, but I want to thank all of them for their hard work throughout the season.

What continues to be good to see is the number of junior players coming through the ranks and cementing themselves in teams towards the top end of the club, which bodes well for our future as we continue to be well represented as a club at County, Talent Academy, and England age group levels.

I also want to express how proud we are as a club of the U14s reaching the Tier 1 National Finals after a nail-biting win on Shuffles versus Oxted Hockey Club. The final takes place on the 23rd April at the Nottingham Hockey centre versus Wimbledon my understanding is the match is at 4.00, it would be great to have as many supporters as we can to cheer on the Boys.

I also want to congratulate all the age group squads for performing so well in the Midlands Leagues, cup runs and the U12's progressing to the regional tournaments. On the other end of the spectrum, congratulations to Mark Lamb and Tom Sherratt for being chosen to represent

England in the 045's and Alan Sutton and Peter Danson representing England in the 080's. As we look to the future, we are working more closely with the Ladies sections on a joint vision and have held several strategy meetings and asked for inputs via questionnaires on what you as members want from the club. Many of you who are gathered here today have been contributing to the process and assisting the various working groups. We are planning to share this with our EH Development Officer to see how they can help us with our plans.

You can see from the clubhouse that we have started acting on the feedback to make the clubhouse more social and have plans to improve it more in the coming months. Thanks to Judy, Nigel and Ollie for a very successful Thai & Quiz night last week too. If anyone would like to host an event or use the facilities please do not hesitate to ask.

Ensuring financial stability has also been a priority this season, and we have made significant strides in the use of club buzz, which has helped us manage the cash flow of the Club commitments whilst we continue to top up the funds to replace the pitch in the future.

Finally, here's looking forward to the 2023-24 season

Charles Beddington

Chair

Belper Mens Hockey Club

Treasurer report

1. Bank balance at £16725k currently. Started at May 1st last year with £655, built that up to £5535 on Sept 1st by chasing monies owed from players, juniors and first team. Have large bill to pay to sports club soon, which could be circa £10000. Also, the pitch hire bill for March will exceed the income from Clubbuzz by about £1000. I see Sept 1st this year as a truer indicator of our income against expenditure this season. I am hopeful that our income and expenditure for the season will be very close to balancing over that period.

2. First team finances have now been integrated within the Mens account this season. The balance will be close to zero once all end of season expenses have been met. It has been an expensive year for the Firsts, investing in overseas players early in the season. This has had no

financial impact on the Men's club account. Going forward separate accounts will be maintained for the First team, which will allow for sponsorship monies and expenses to be balanced ongoing.

3. Clubbuzz website, working fine and Direct debit for majority of players has been a great improvement. I will be pushing for even more players, new and old to take up this payment option. I am checking every Monday morning to ensure charges have been administered from the weekend. The finance WhatsApp has worked well with any prompts required. We are up to date.

4. As part of the One Club Strategy there is a plan in place to bring all the finances of the club together. Stage one of this next season, will be for the Mens section and the Juniors Boys finances to be combined. I seek your approval to go ahead with this. Stage two which is planned for the season 2024/25 will be to bring Ladies and Mens together, and also integrate the Minis section. Integration will take time and must be done to ensure fairness to all. Jo Marval has done an excellent job with the Junior finances this season and we will work together next season on the combined Mens and Juniors finances. It is important that we maintain the local knowledge of all the players. We have a lot of work to be achieved over the next year to get to financial integration. This includes:

Review of all accounts across the club

Bring Mini hockey into line with the use of Clubbuzz

Match fees and Subs to align over 2 seasons

Equate the offer to all members as much as possible, eg training

opportunities

5. Minis offer a family discount currently, next season we will be offering a discount across the club, the details of this are being finalised. Jo Marval will be administering the discounts and families will need to apply.

6. Proposal for Match fees for next season; to remain the same. The ladies section will move closer to our charging scales.

7. Proposal for Subscriptions to increase by £10 in line with the Ladies section, Junior boys to increase by £20 to bring them closer to Junior Girls.