 

MINUTES FROM THE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 9TH APRIL 2013.

AT PELICANS HOCKEY CLUB LYNNSPORT

Apologies:-Mr Neville Carter, Collin Picton, Mark Kent, Tony Hall, Sarah Sagrott, Ash Corbett, Nicola Lankfer, Pauline King, John Lemon, Kerri Turner, John Drohan, Paul Searle, Steve Long,

1. The minutes from the previous AGM were signed as a true record of events by Mark Mills (club chairman)
2. Chairman’s Report.

You may be aware that we have some exciting times coming up for the club in a development that will take place here at Lynnsport but I will allow Peter Lemon to expand on that further in his report for PGP. Work has kept me away more than I would have liked this year but I would like to thank the person to my left for everything he has done. Charlie Lankfer has had to do far more than he should have had to have done during the year so I wold like to thank him and the rest of the committee for all their hard work over the year. I will allow Charlie to talk about events on the pitch this year.

Off the pitch I would like to thank all those that work behind the scenes to allow the club to run so smoothly. Bov for looking after the accounts, Bob King for all he does being Fixture Secretary and Head of Selection. Debby Ramsdale for taking on the Junior Section and all the hard work that is involved with that. All the umpires who give up their time to allow us to have fun to those that have taken the Umpires course recently that hopefully we can develop and ease the work load on those that already umpire. Off the pitch we need to have more social events to try and get the atmosphere level raised within the clubhouse and hopefully results on the pitch will help that as well. The next couple of years will be very important for the direction that the club goes in the future so I ask you all to support the project that Peter will talk about to make Pelicans the non 1 club in the East. Thank you again to all those that help to run the club at the moment.

1. Secretaries Report

The committee has met on 6 occasions this season discussing various issues from teas through to the on-going position of Umpires Secretary!!!

Re the teas many thanks to firstly Kate Gadger (Mrs Brooks) and when their new arrival appeared on Christmas day Sophie Wright took over duties serving the teas so many thanks to both.

With nobody coming forward to help organise the umpires I initially took on the duties and fortunately Mark kindly took over so many thanks for doing that. We are still looking for someone to fill that role next year so if you can help please make yourself known when we come to the Positions of Responsibility. I would like to thank Collin Picton & Chris Willett for being the club Pool appointment umpires on behalf of the club and also the East League for allowing them to umpire together and the majority of games at home.

The club was 1 of the first clubs in Norfolk to be awarded the Clubmark in recognition of the work and support we give the junior section of the club and this was all down to the hard work of Collin Picton and have been re awarded it since when we had a follow up audit. As I have said Collin worked tirelessly for this and represented the club on many meetings within the county. Collin has decided that it is the right time to step down giving someone else time to settle in before the next audit so even though he is unable to attend tonight I would like it recorded that we owe Collin a great deal for all his hard work over the years.

I have to report that since the last AGM we have lost 3 Vice Presidents. Geoff Williams, Colin Coe and Terry Day, all 3 were great supporters of Pelicans Hockey Club over the years and while we celebrate this season we must remember those that came before us.

On the playing side the committee took the decision to bring in coaches for both the Men’s and Ladies sections. Mark Jarvo Jarvis for the Men’s 1st team and Andrea for the Ladies. Both have brought new ideas to training alongside the likes of Brian Page, Jon Brown, Collin Picton and Mark Kent who continue to give their time so a big thank you to all.

With the Men’s 1st team being relegated in the last 2 seasons it was important to stop the rot, the decision was taken to bring in some younger players while they were in this league to bring them on and build for the future, results didn’t go their way to start with but ended up finishing 6th in the league.

With so many of the Ladies 1st team leaving for University and John Drohan deciding to step down as Manager the committee were in 2 minds as to whether they should stay in the East League or come down to the Norfolk League, Kirsten Kerry, Tracey Bower and Kath Johnson taking on the leadership and management of the side they wanted to stay in the East League and have held their own this year and should finish 6th or 7th once all the results are in.

The Men’s 2nd team have gone all season without having the same team playing from 1 week to another which has been their downfall and their fate is out of their hands and could be relegated but it was very satisfying beating Harleston 8-1 last Sunday!!!

The Ladies 2nd team have also struggled this year and Captain Jane Major has had a typical season lack of numbers when it comes to Saturday morning and the regular deduction of 3 points from the league for something out of their control. Norfolk Hockey has finally listened and hopefully may be avoided going forward. The 2nds will be relegated this year. Jane has decided to retire from captain at the end of the season and the committee thank her for everything she has done for the team over the many years of her captaincy.

Jon Brown’s 3rd team has gone from strength to strength over the season and finished a creditable 4th place in the league, considering that half the team were experiencing adult hockey for the first time this year so bodes well for the future of the club.

The Men’s Masters started the season by coming 2nd in the East Masters Summer Tournament on a very hot day and entered the East division 6NE to maintain a regular fixture list and have finished 6th in the league with Saggy top goal scoring with 21 goals from a total yardage of 3.75 yards.

The boy’s development side under Mark Kent have done very well this season as the side is very young and playing hockey on a full pitch for the first time. Mark Kent is stepping down as Manager of this team so thank him for the time he has given to this team.

With so many girls available to play hockey it was decided to enter 2 teams in the development league this year, the older ones looked after by Jane and Glenn Moore and coached by Brian Page went on to win the league so congratulations to them, with the ruling of age and ability of the players this team will move up and be called the ladies 3rds next year so good luck to them as they enter full adult hockey for the first time.

The second development team are a much younger side and have found it hard this year but have always battled hard and have improved so much over the season so thanks to Mike Jillings and Debby Ramsdale for looking after them.

The club has entered different HA competitions this year with different successes, The Under 16 Girls were in a very difficult league coming up a very strong Beeston side but ended 2nd in their group so well done to them.

The Boys Under 18’s lost in the cup but had a very good run in the Plate but lost on Penalty Flicks in the Quarter Finals. This was a great effort from all involved and this was the last time that many would play as a team together and both Sam Major and I would agree that it has been a pleasure looking after this squad over the years.

The Men’s Masters couldn’t follow last year’s run in the plate competition this year, I couldn’t finish without mentioning the great run the Ladies Masters are having in their Plate competition and wish them well in their Semi Final Game at home on Saturday against St Albans and hope as many of you as possible can support them.

On a discipline front I am pleased to finally announce that even though we have had our fair share of yellow cards this season the level is certainly a lot lower so hopefully all the nagging we have been doing is finally sinking in but on a different note we have had to have words with a few people regarding comments made on twitter/Facebook throughout the season, this is not something we want to see and could also get the player/club into a lot of trouble with the relevant league Managers.

I will finish by thanking all those on the committee/captains/managers/coaches and umpires for all they have done this year for the club and to thank Paul Searle for allowing us to hold the Ball at Hunstanton and to everyone who supported the ball and hope you had as much fun as I did.

I apologise if I have forgotten to congratulate/thank someone for something but you are all very much appreciated for what you have done.

1. Treasurers’ Report

Matthew Bower went through the Financial report (not attached, CL has on file).

Robin Brundle asked whether both sets of accounts should be showing profits if we will be applying for grants/loans for the new pitches. MB replied that it is something we will need to look at and can transfer funds as and when.

Jim Major wanted it to be noted that we have had excellent management of funds over the last few years so well done to MB for this.

Kirsten Kerry asked about the outstanding match fees that were still owed, due to the closeness to the end of the season they hadn’t all been handed in yet but had been accounted for in the report

MB was happy with the position of the club’s finances and thanked the captains for being so good with their record keeping.

1. Pelican’s Go Plastic Report.

Peter Lemon gave a brief history of PGP for those who don’t know what it is, PGP was set up in 1995 for the organisation of fund raising and to be VAT registered ready for the building of a new astro, over that period PGP has managed to generate a large amount of money for when the day arrived that we would need to re-lay our pitch. This money would finance the whole carpet but would go a long way towards it.

We have managed the carpet very well and has lasted longer than first thought. We are now in a very exciting period for the club because the council, (through a lot of negotiating by Tony Hall) would like to re locate us to another part of Lynnsport as they have plans to develop large areas of the perimeter of Lynnsport and we happen to sit right in the way. Fortunately we have a long lease on the site. The plan is to build 2 new pitches on the football fields behind the main Lynnsport building from where we are sitting now. This will involve applying for grants for large parts of the build and at present no time scale has been set but it would be nice if they were available for the 2014/15 season. When we first came here we had the use of 2 pitches and when we lost the Lynnsport to football it reduced our ability to expand.

The 1st pitch will be owned by ourselves and the second by the council and marked out for multi-sport use but with a surface suitable for hockey.

A new carpet would cost us in the region of £150,000 so that is the amount we will need to raise towards the new pitch build. PGP has approximately £90,000 in the bank already and as long as we don’t have to spend any money on our pitch before we move may generate more. Therefore we need to raise £60,000 as a club in the next 18 months. There may well be other grants available that the club can apply for but can’t be relied on. The council will be doing the building so they will be putting forward their own grant applications. This is great news for the club and I hope all will support where they can so we can reach our target.

1. New Vice Presidents

Sean Kerry proposed Charles Lankfer, David Lemon and Collin Picton to be made a Vice President and these were seconded by Alan Sagrott. All present VP’s were voted in on mass

1. Executive Members and Officers of the club

Brian Page proposed Mark Mills to be made Chairman and Mr Neville Carter President of the club. This was seconded by John Drohan.

The following were voted in as the Executive Officers of the Club on mass as there wasn’t any position contested.

Chairman Mark Mills.

Vice Chairman Sean Kerry.

Secretary Charles Lankfer.

Treasurer Matthew Bower.

Head of Selectors Bob King.

Head of Junior Section Debby Ramsdale.

Club Welfare and Development Officer Debby Ramsdale.

Elected Member Kate Lemon.

Elected Member Kristie Caley.

Elected Officer. Sam Major.

Head of Fundraising Jon Brown.

The following were voted in as Officers of the club on mass.

Men’s fixture Secretary Bob King

Ladies fixture Secretary – Kate Lemon

Umpire Secretary – not filled (filled by Ian Todd after the meeting)

Bar manager Graham Brooks

Equipment Officer Sam Wildbur

Astro Bookings Manager Kirsten Kerry

Press Officer Sam Major

Captains / Managers

Men’s 1st Team Nick Henry

Ladies 1ST Team Jane Proctor

Men’s 2nd Team Ben Human

Ladies 2nd Team Tracy Brown

Men’s 3rd Team Jon Brown

Ladies 3rd Team Jane Moore

Men’s Masters Bob King

Ladies Master’s Tracey Bower

Boy’s Development

Girl’s Development Tracy Bower

1. Club Colours.

Double Colours were awarded to Bob King for all that he has done for the club over the years.

1. Any other business

Mark Jarvis commented on the website, needs to be up graded regularly to help attract new players and also inform club members of what is happening on and off the pitch. CL agreed that this was an area that needed the most improvement and as a committee we need to try and make sure this is achieved.

Robin Brundle asked about the use of headsets for the umpires. Mark Jarvis being a National League umpire replied that yes they are good at helping the umpires but at this stage I would wait and see what developments are made at the higher level first before introducing them at our level, certainly worth keeping an eye on though for the future.

Louise Frost asked when the cut off was for paying subs. MB replied that the club policy is that subs should be paid prior to the first league match to make sure that league affiliation rules are met bur MB likes to have them all in by the 1st Sept.

No other business

Meeting Closed at 9.15pm