

## KEY POINTS FROM COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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| Distribution:  | All Club members      |                           |                  |
| In Attendance: | Barrie Izard (BI)     | Club Chairman             | <b>Chair</b>     |
|                | Debs Gemmell (DG)     | Club Membership Secretary |                  |
|                | Carl Bason (CB)       | Club Treasurer            |                  |
|                | Jo Stevenson (JS)     | Club Secretary            | <b>Secretary</b> |
| Apologies:     | Steve Fudge (SF)      | Club President            |                  |
|                | Alex Hayes (AH)       | Head Coach                |                  |
|                | Di Darch (DD)         | Ladies Club Captain       |                  |
|                | James Bell (JB)       | Men's Club Captain        |                  |
|                | Leanne Lambert(LL)    | Umpiring Co-ordinator     |                  |
|                | Claire McSevney (CMc) | Social Secretary          |                  |
|                | Charlie Webb (CW)     | Welfare Officer           |                  |

### TESCO BAGS OF HELP GRANT SCHEME

The Club has been successful in its application 'To provide quality hockey coaching in order to inspire young people and ensure they benefit from all this sport can offer' and the project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during November and December 2018.



Funding raised by the carrier bag charge at Tesco stores is being used for grants to improve local parks, hold community events, support sports groups and more. The grants are managed by the community charity Groundwork UK. Three community projects in each local area will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores throughout the UK, with projects changing every other month. Following the vote, the project that received the most votes in its area will receive a grant of up to £4,000, second place receiving up to £2,000 and third place up to £1,000. Customers are given a token when they buy their shopping that they can use to make their choice using the voting units in most stores.

**Next steps.** Our Project goes forward to a vote in Tesco stores which will take place from Thursday 1st November to Monday 31st December 2018.

**Local stores voting for our project will be:**

- Tesco Extra, Queensway, Yeovil BA20 1DL
- Tesco Express, Abbey Manor Park, Yeovil BA21 3TL
- Tesco Express, Cavalier Way, Yeovil BA21 5BU
- Tesco Express, Ilchester BA21 3BL

**Please vote for your club.** You and your friends, will need to make a purchase within one of these stores of any value. You will receive one token per transaction to put in the slot and support the Club in its plans to use the money for training of current and future coaches with a specific purpose of reaching-out into schools and the wider community.



Club playing kit and outer clothing available from Sports of Bond Street in Yeovil and KITZUK in Sherborne. Links on Club website.



### Pitch Etiquette

Please ensure that the dug-outs and pitch surrounds are left tidy after your match.





## CLUB BUSINESS

### Bad Weather Planning

- A What's App group is to be set up including the Club Secretary, Coaches, Captains, Club Captains, Fixtures Secretaries who will confer 24 hours in advance if weather outlook is poor.
- Message will be sent out 24 hours in advance on Full on Sport, Facebook and Website to warn players and parents that weather may result in cancellation.
- If a decision cannot be made the previous day, the pitch will be checked at 8am on Saturdays or by 5pm during the week prior to a training session.
- Players and parents should also make their own decisions as to whether it is safe to travel and attend scheduled training sessions.
- Players and parents will be informed of any cancellations via messages posted on Full on Sport, Facebook, Club Website. Captains should inform their teams and Fixtures Secretaries will inform any opposition concerned.

### Your Club Needs Your Active Support

**Communications Officer.** Responsible for implementation of the Club's Publicity Strategy with regular updates to the Paper/Website/Twitter feed and distribution of advertising info to local community groups and schools. This is a role that could be carried out by a Communications Team with individuals taking on different aspects of the role

**Volunteer Coaches for Senior or Junior sessions.** The best starting point is to just volunteer to come and help the Lead Coaches at one of these sessions or at junior tournaments which take place on Sundays from 09:30 am to 2.00 pm. We welcome any offers of regular support at these sessions and you will have the opportunity to see if it meets YOUR needs too.

Please contact Jo Stevenson ([stevanyeov@gmail.com](mailto:stevanyeov@gmail.com)) if you can help out with any of these roles OR if you have any ideas for the development of the club OR would like anything discussed at the next committee meeting.

#### Post-match Meals



The provision of post-match meals of sausage, beans and chips at Westland Pavilion continues to be successful. Currently 18 meals are being provided for each match, however, this is not sufficient for all home team players to be fed, therefore, the number of meals provided for each match for the second half of the season will be reviewed. It may be affordable to increase the number of meals to 24, though on many occasions the numbers of home team players going back to the Pavilion post-match is very low and, therefore, the review will consider whether paying for meals that may not be required is cost effective.

**Occasional Sunday Fixtures.** Because of the disproportionate time and effort required to set-up the equipment necessary to prepare full cooked meals, it has been agreed that for the occasional Sunday match, soup and bread with ham and cheese will be provided as required at Westland Pavilion.

## PLAYING MATTERS

**Umpiring Courses.** Despite the disappointment of the England Hockey Level 1 umpiring course in October being cancelled because of a lack of numbers, we remain committed to getting more people umpiring in the Club. To this end it is planned to hold an introduction to umpiring evening in the New Year for any parents and players who are interested in umpiring but don't yet want to make the commitment to completing the Level 1 course. Hopefully some will be prepared to have a go at umpiring junior matches, senior friendlies or during Summer hockey and club days (when EH qualified umpires are not required). It is intended to try and run a Level 1 course again at the start of the 2019/20 season for those who then want to go further.

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## SENIORS

### Some gentle reminders!

Please make certain you sign in at each training session with your captains. Selection for teams will be dependent on skill, availability and attendance at training.

Please ensure match fees are paid to Captains in £5 and £10 notes as this makes the Treasurer's job more manageable

Match reports should be posted on our club Facebook page with details of the score and who scored goals for the club so they can be collected and entered on the Club Website.

Please ensure you are wearing the correct Club Kit when playing in league matches – see details on the website.

## JUNIOR ACADEMY

### Junior Administrator and Academy Team Managers

Jo Stevenson has taken on the role of Junior Administrator in addition to her duties as Club Secretary: Our thanks to Jo for stepping-in.

The initiative to recruit parents to act as Academy Team Managers to support Academy players and their coaches has been very successful, and has helped a great deal in sharing the load at junior tournaments. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered!

The girls and boys continue to attend their training sessions with a high level of enthusiasm and commitment. They are great fun to work with!

All the age groups have enjoyed taking part in the Inter-Club Tournaments this month- winning some matches, drawing others and losing a few! Great performances from everyone, including all the parents and volunteers who have helped at the tournaments.

The Under 14 Girls have done brilliantly at the start of their England Hockey Tier 2 Competition beating Taunton Civil Service 9:2 and Marlborough 11:1.

We still need more volunteer Coaches and Umpires to support our Junior Teams so do contact Jo Stevenson, Junior Administrator, if you can help. ([stevenyeov@gmail.com](mailto:stevenyeov@gmail.com))

## SUPPORT AND SOCIAL

### WELFARE

Barrie Izard and Pip Dawes have joined Claire McSevney, the Club's Welfare Officer, in completing the England Hockey "Time-to-Listen" safeguarding course to fulfil the Club's Clubmark commitment.

**Transporting Juniors and collecting/dropping them off on route to matches.** Juniors players may be picked-up and dropped-off *en route* to away matches providing it is arranged with team captains and the agreement of parents, and parents wait with children until picked-up and are there to meet them when they are dropped-off on the way back.

### SOCIALS

**Do put all these dates in your diary and encourage your team-mates to join you in socialising with the rest of the club.**

**Christmas Party 2018.** 23 people will be enjoying the YSHC Christmas Party at Yeovil Golf Club on 1<sup>st</sup> December. It was hoped that more of you would come and join us, particularly as club members often say they would like more social events! **To help facilitate this all team captains are asked to nominate a social representative in their team who will meet with Charlie Webb ( Social Secretary) to organise and advertise social events and encourage their team mates to take part.**

**Second Saturday Socials.** Held on the Second Saturday of each month at The Globe in Yeovil, providing an opportunity to meet informally for a chat and a drink together.

**Dinner Dance 2019.** The Northover Manor has been booked for the 27th April 2019