



Yeovil & Sherborne Hockey Club



Calling Notice and Agenda for Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 16th May 2024

Time: (7:00 pm for) **7:30 pm start**

Location: Westlands Pavilion

NOTES

- a) The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is below.
- b) Items of Any Other Business should be forwarded to the Club Chair for exceptional consideration before Thursday 2nd May 2024.
- c) In accordance with the Club Constitution only senior members who are fully paid-up for the 2023/24 membership period may vote on any matter at the AGM.

AGENDA

1. **Apologies.**
2. **Minutes from the Previous Meeting.**
3. **Matters Arising.**
4. **Chairman's Report.**
5. **Other Reports.**
 - a. Ladies Club Captain.
 - b. Men's Club Captain.
 - c. Coaches.
 - d. Juniors.
6. **Treasurer's Report.**
 - a. Presentation and acceptance of Financial Report for 2023/24.
 - b. Presentation and approval of Financial Plan for 2024/25, to include:
 - (1) Setting annual subscriptions and match fees for the 2024/25 season.
7. **Election of Officers** (for nominations see Annex A):
 - a. **Elected at AGM:**
 - (1) Club President.
 - b. **Management Committee Roles Elected at AGM:**
 - (1) Club Chair.
 - (2) Club Secretary.
 - (3) Club Treasurer.
 - (4) Club Membership Secretary.
 - (5) Ladies Club Captain.
 - (6) Men's Club Captain.

(7) Men's Fixture Secretary.

(8) Ladies Fixture Secretary.

c. **Roles Elected at AGM or Co-opted by Management Committee**

(1) Umpiring Officer.

(2) Communications Officer.

(3) Social Media Officer.

(4) Social Officer.

(5) Welfare Officer.

(6) Safeguarding Officer.

(7) Equipment Officer.

d. **Appointment of Team Captains:** In accordance with the Club Constitution (amended at 2019 AGM) the appointment of Team Captains will take place in September at the start of the season when squads have been decided, in consultation with respective club captains, lead coaches and team members, and ratified by the management committee: If necessary an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called to hold elections.

8. **Election of Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members.**

9. **Changes to the Club Constitution.** The following changes to the Club Constitution are proposed:

a. **Resolution:** To introduce a new membership category, that of 'Social Member' (see Annex B).

b. **Resolution:** To set the annual subscription for Social Members.

10. **Any Other Business.**

a. Prize draw for one free annual membership for 2023/24 (from among those attending the meeting).

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB ROLES

2023/24 post holders shown in **BOLD**

Role	Nomination(s)	Proposer	Secunder	
Elected at AGM:				
Club President				
Management Committee Roles Elected at AGM:				
Club Chair	B IZARD	A Organ	TBN	
Club Secretary	J STEVENSON	TBN	TBN	
Club Treasurer	N DUCKWORTH	TBN	TBN	
Club Membership Secretary	D GEMMELL	TBN	TBN	
Ladies Club Captain	S Mowthorpe and D Darch	B Handford D Gemmell	S Waller T Western	
Men's Club Captain	J Wadham	TBN	TBN	
Ladies Fixture Secretary	L KAY	TBN	TBN	
Men's Fixture Secretary	G Veltom	D Martin	L Walters	
Roles Elected at AGM or Co-opted by Management Committee				
Umpiring Officer	J BELL	TBN	TBN	
Communications Officer	N MOWAT	TBN	TBN	
Social Media Officer	S Mattock	TBN	TBN	
Welfare Officer	K SCORER	TBN	TBN	
Safeguarding Officer	TBN	TBN	TBN	
Equipment Officer	M Cox	TBN	TBN	
Social Officer	TBN	TBN	TBN	

2024 AGM - PROPOSED CHANGE TO CONSTITUTION

Associate Members

The original concept of creating Associate Members was:

To include volunteers, coaches and umpires who were not otherwise full paying/playing members of the club to be formally registered as part of the club (for insurance and communication purposes amongst other things).

To provide club membership to players who cannot otherwise commit to training and playing regularly the opportunity to join-in with non-league hockey eg Summer hockey, masters, club days.

It was also decided that Associate Members may play in league matches, subject to a limit (currently 6), to help out with numbers when teams were short; however, they could not take precedent over full members.

Use of Associate Membership Category in League Matches

In recent seasons the category of Associate Membership has been (mis)used with associate members regularly playing in league matches, and not necessarily in the lowest team with the intention to 'make-up numbers'. Associate members have been included in squads even when the number of players available and selected is sufficient (ie in the order of 13, 14, 15 players per team); players from lower teams have not been moved up; and/or full members have been denied pitch time.

To forestall this occurring in the future it is proposed to introduce a new membership category and reiterate the intention of the Associate Member; and more clearly define participation in league matches and non-league, 'social' hockey.

Proposed Membership Categories – 2024/25

Full Member. Pays the full membership fee and can participate in any club activity.

Social Member – New. Pays a nominal membership fee (£20.00 -£25.00?) to cover insurance and club overheads. Is permitted to participate in 'social' hockey (i.e. Masters training, Summer League, B2H, Pay-n-Play etc) but not in senior squad training (Tuesdays/Wednesdays) and league matches (including pre-season friendly matches).

- Any training/match fees for 'social' hockey can then be the same for all members, Full or Social.

Should a Social Member wish to participate in senior league hockey they must join as a Full Member.

Associate Member – Criteria Reaffirmed. Limited to anyone who provides bona-fide volunteer 'services' to the club (i.e. umpiring, coaching, junior manager, photographer etc), but does not participate in playing hockey.

- No membership fee (i.e. free)
- By 'invitation only', at the discretion of the management committee.

Should an Associate Member wish to participate in 'social' hockey they must join as a Social Member.

Should an Associate Member wish to participate in senior league hockey they must join as a Full Member.