

Highland Hockey Club AGM

Season 2022-23

Friday 23rd June 2023

Present

- Stuart Fisk, Kathryn Cooper, Chris Smith, Michelle Smith, Nigel Gordon, John McFadden, Jill MacRae, Anto Infante, Laura Nelson, Megan Ralph, Gavin Allen, Donna MacBeath, Alexis Mackay, Gillian Love, Megan Law-Clark, Phillippa Dowling, Mhairi Clark, John Marshall, Josh Newby, Kevin Cummings, Abbie MacRae, Lauren Smith and Duncan Ball.

Apologies

- Mark Watson, Jill Matheson, Emma Thomson, Sarah White, Jean Deakin, Nikki Grant and Kayleigh Yeudall send their apologies.

Minutes of Last Meeting

- Approved by Stuart Fisk and Chris Smith

Presidents Report

- Stuart Fisk took over presidency role while Gavin was in Canada.
- Silver Accreditation completed and granted by SHU.
- Moy Fare – fantastic effort by the team coping with the new systems. Thank you to all who attended, with particular praise to Graeme Watson, Chris and Michelle Smith.
- Issues with result inputting and league tables along with communications with SHU.
- Stuart Fisk to update membership section
- We will continue to lease with SHU to keep PVG's up to date.
- Mark Pane – regional development officer has moved on. Stuart and Chris briefly met with his professor.
- Inverness Sports Club Meeting – positive event with more collaboration going forward. The point raised by all clubs is the lack of minibuses. Highlife Highland are going to coordinate with Highland Council about school minibuses
- UHI Sports Fare attended last summer.
- O35's on Mondays has been a great success. Social Hockey is thriving with games against other teams. Junior festivals continue to be a huge success. Youth numbers on Fridays have dwindled a little
- Ladies league season massive success – Ladies 2s won their league and the Ladies 1s finished 4th. The men's section found their league games much tougher. Withdrawal of the second team is an issue, but North Districts have agreed to help with organising friendly games.
- Two former players are representing Scotland in Wales at the weekend.

- John McFadden is in contact with Highlife Highland regarding the state of the pitch.
- Dojo has eased the burden of money on team captains
- John has taken ownership of the 100 clubs and is gaining members daily. Extra funds potentially leading to video equipment
- Social – incredibly success annual dinner.

Treasurers Report

- Thank you to players who continue to pay their subs on time.
- The club received £4000 from Moy Fair.
- Thanks much go to John for taking over the 100 Club.
- Paying by card this season has been welcomed and made this easier for players. Although the card machine is expensive.
- Running at a loss again this season but fees were kept to a minimum for the benefit of players
- Fees need to be reconsidered for next season as Highlife Highland has increased their pitch hire fees.
- Dinner Dance was a great success this year for those who attended, and, in the end, we made a £456.59 loss for the event
- Transport and fuel have been a huge expense this year.
- As a committee, we decided that if a team are to hire a minibus, then they will be given an agreed amount from the club and then they must fund the rest themselves.
- This year's accounts are based on a 10-month year compared to a 12-month year for the previous season. All pitch hire and fees from the summer league have not been taken into account with the balance.
- Closing balance is £13235.66 which is a loss of £1577.68, which does not consider Junior Hockey, Summer League or the 100 Club
- Kevin suggested the club could possibly set a monthly standing order for subscription fees if fees are going to be increased. Chris Smith and Gavin Allen states there are issues with this on the website side of things along with the tracking of monthly payments.

Election of Office Bearers

	2023-24	Nominated/Seconded
President	Stuart Fisk	Jill MacRae, Donna Macbeath
Secretary	Kathryn Cooper	Stuart Fisk, John MacFadden
Playing Director	Chris Smtih	Stuart Fisk, Kathryn Cooper
Treasurer	Gill Laws	Michelle Smith, Isla Prentice
Child/	Donna MacBeath	Chris Smtih, Alexis
Committee Member	Isla Prentice	Stuart Fisk, Donna MacBeath
Committee Member	John McFadden	Kathryn Cooper, Chris Smith
Committee Member	Laura Nelson	Megan Ralph, Anto Infante

- Responsibility of Committee to find Chris Smtih an assistant

- Welcome to the committee Laura.

Club Fees Season 2023-24

- As previously stated, increased pitch cost. We are proposing £90 membership fees if paid by September. £150 if not paid by September.
- Keep match fees the same.
- Youth fees are £60 for the season.
- Continue to keep the discount if players are doing both senior and youth training.
- Over 35s, social and juniors will remain the same. Potential nominal payment for casual players.

A.O.B

- The charity that Kevin works for has previously organised fundraisers in the past, where 50% of what gets raised goes to the charity and the other half to the club. Could be a skydive, fire walk, 24-hour hockey games. Potentially could be a good earner for the club and would use social media to promote. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Video Technology – a system called Veo which is a camera on top of a tripod that sits on top of the pitch. It can follow players throughout the game. Coaches can then analyse parts of the game afterwards such as short corners. The cost is roughly £1000 with an estimated £60-70 monthly payment.
- Juniors have roughly £8000 in the bank. Will discuss merging with the club at the next committee meeting.

Stuart Fisk has closed the meeting.