

## Minutes of Oxford Hawks AGM

Saturday 30th May 2009

Agenda:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Chairman's Report
4. Captains' Reports
5. Colts' Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Setting of Subscriptions and Match Fees for next season
8. Election of Officers for next season
9. Any Other Business

Present: Henri Coles, Andy Clark, Fi Walton, Emily Munsey, Emma Cragg, Kim Johnson, Pollyanna Fitzgerald, Helen Robey, Rory Bowden, Dave Hughes, Charlie Bennett, Sam Clark, Ted Bennett, Paddy Roche, Peter Bennett, Jim Felix, John Kaluza, Phil Hargraves, Evelyn Hargraves, Tim Martin, Mandy Hamilton-Martin, Sue Clark, Libby Leadbeater, Jacqui Barlow, Linda Phillips, Jon Elkins, Adrian Higgins.

The meeting started at 4.10pm.

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Caroline Baggs, Neil Biggs, Chris Billington, Andy Brown, the Chilvers Family, Kevin Clarke, Peter Curtis, Deborah Evelyn, Johnny Jeffery, Simon Keys, Henry Manuel, Sam Raynor, Dan Robins, Simon Robinson, Simon Smith, Hannah Williamson, Richard Wilsdon, Laura Wingfield-Digby.

### **2. Minutes of the last AGM**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Adrian said he thought the season had been extremely well organised. All was done that could be, it just didn't quite work out with respect to the Men's 1s. He said that we just need to dust ourselves off and carry on. The Ladies have had a better season overall, even if the end of the season for the Ladies 1s was worse. In summary, there were some good results all round; the

facilities are better than ever, and now really coming into their own. The club spirit is good despite the troubles of the Men's 1s. Progress continues to be made towards a second pitch at Banbury Road North. A coach for the Men's 1s has been recruited.

Adrian thanked the Committee, especially Jon and Henri, for the past season. Adrian thanked all the team captains – he said that in many ways captain is the hardest job in the club. He especially thanked Andy Brown, saying he thought he had done a good job and didn't deserve what happened.

#### **4. Captains Reports**

Tim Martin said the Men's 1s' season had been disappointing, but they can take it forward this season. He agreed that Andy Brown had done a very good job.

Mandy Hamilton-Martin said that Ladies 1s had had a season of two halves. They were 2 points from top at the half-way point. They are now one of the teams to beat in the league. She said it had been a good season, and thanked Tim Martin for coaching.

Phil Hargraves said that the Men's 2s had had a good season. He thanked Andy Clark and Justin Hamilton-Martin for their help. The Men's 2s got some good result, and even when beaten they gave good matches to the top teams. The young players did well, there was a good atmosphere and it was a good team to be around.

Sue Clark said the Ladies 2s had a tricky season but stayed up in the end, and deserved to. They learned a lot about what is required for that league. She thanked Sjouke Tolsma for her help.

Dan Robins emailed a report before the meeting:

The season started with high expectations following a very poor season the previous year but following a couple of up and down pre-season games the 3s were brought back to earth with a bang. Losing the first 3 games of the season albeit by the odd goal brought back some bad memories but the team soon got back into the swing of things with a few useful late signings and won the remaining 8 games before Christmas leaving them fighting for top spot going into the break. The second half of the season started in a similar vein to the first half with a couple of loses to the other title contenders but all was not quite lost yet as far as promotion was concerned. The next couple of weekends were lost to the snow and ice much to everyone's frustration but the 3s were soon back in their winning ways dispatching Newbury and Eastcote 4s with ease. Following that however 2 poor results, a loss to Wycombe and a draw against Rover extinguished all hope of promotion. The final 2 games of the standard season resulted in wins before the postponed games were replayed against much improved opposition teams finishing in a loss to Aylesbury and a draw against

Ashford. The draw consigned Ashford to face relegation whilst the 3s finished in their best leagues position for a number of years in 4th and seemingly just outside of promotion. However in a final twist of fate, the Wycombe 1s avoided relegation from their league, the resulting shuffle ending in promotion for the 3s into the newly restructured MBBO Division 2.

A great season with plenty of ups and downs. Over 40 players stepped on the pitch for the team with 18 different scorers and top scorer, Bas de Groen pushing the captain into 2nd spot with a tally of 17 goals. Player of the season went to Rob Dunnill.

An extremely enjoyable season and a fantastic result to reward all the effort put in throughout the year hopefully giving next year's captain some solid foundations on which to continue building the team.

Emma Cragg said the Ladies 3s had started out thinking of promotion but were out of contention for promotion at half-way. However, they were promoted in the end due to teams above them. It was a good season.

Henry Manuel emailed a report before the meeting:

A year ago the main discussion point was whether the 4<sup>th</sup> team should continue at all. Whilst results had been reasonable, availability had not been. One game was played with 9 players, 2 with 10 and most others with 11. A sub was generally regarded as a miracle. This season, apart from an early scare in the second match when there were only 10, we only played with the bare 11 only four times. On an incredible three occasions we had THREE subs!

Results have not gone our way though. Things were looking bright early on – our seven goals in the two friendlies warned nothing of the goal-scoring problems that were to come. After six games we had an extremely promising start of 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. However, we seemed powerless to then prevent a run of 13 games without a win – one draw and 12 losses. We rarely played poorly but, aside from a couple of lacklustre performances and some imaginative umpiring, generally we were simply beaten by better sides. Our main issue was, perhaps, getting the ball into goal-scoring areas. We weren't disgraced by the number of goals that we conceded and we certainly held the ball in midfield with some good passing at times but our forwards were usually without any decent service unfortunately. The fact that at least one game passed without winning a single short-corner is testament to this.

Our 5-0 walkover of South Bucks in the final, re-arranged, game of the season puts us in a generous 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom position. We are likely to be relegated but maybe this is a blessing in disguise. Next season we can find our level and start again. Score some goals and win some games.

Linda Phillips said that the Ladies 4s had started off slowly but it picked up and they finished 6th out of 10 in the end.

Neil Biggs emailed to say that the Fledglings won promotion again for the fourth time in a row and will play in MBBO Div 4 next season, one higher than the Men's 4s who were relegated from Div 4 to Div 5.

Sue Clark said that the Harriers came top of the Oxfordshire Development League.

The Senators finished 6th in the league with 24 points, an improvement on last season.

Chris Billington emailed to say that the Falcons finished second in the league behind Reading. He thought they had lost 2, drawn 2 and won the rest. Top scorer was GMHuggie (Dave Hughes). Big thanks to Ricardo (Richard Wilsdon) for acting as our secretary and Rogues (Rogan Meadows) for keeping all the contact details etc.

## **5. Colts' Report**

Sue gave a report on behalf of Ian Sobey. She said there has been a massive amount of activity with over 200 junior players and many coaches. There have been achievements all the way through, from U8 to U18. The juniors won four out of seven of the age group finals at the Rover tournament, at which there are over 700 young players. She said there were many thank-yous needed, including all the coaches, and especially Ian Sobey and Jan Roche.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

Neil said by email that he thought there should be a separate meeting later in the summer to consider the club's finances in the light of the refurbished clubhouse, the plans for a second pitch, and the implications for the coming season of coaching and additional pitch time for training.

For the past season, match fee and (eventually) subscription income was good and our finances continue to be in good shape and are healthy. Neil has some final bills to pay and there are a few games outstanding for match fees but he should be able to prepare the Club's annual accounts for our financial year end (31st May), and then call a meeting as mentioned above.

## **7. Subscriptions and Match Fees for next season**

Adrian said that a meeting would be called later in the summer to decide on the level of subscriptions for next season. He said that obviously it was for the membership to decide the level of fees, but clubs are defined by their Men's and Ladies 1s, and as far as coaching goes clubs are tending to hire external

coaches. Members may wonder what they get from this, but the coaches' experience does pass down to the lower teams.

## **8. Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected:

President	Paddy Roche
Chairman	Adrian Higgins
Treasurer	Neil Biggs
Ladies Secretary	Phil Williams
Ladies Fixture Secretary	Kara Kerr
Ladies' Entertainments	Fi Walton
General Committee	Henri Coles Kim Johnson Pollyanna Fitzgerald Summer Merrie
Colts' Representative	Sue Clark
Men's 1st XI Captain	Tim Martin
Ladies 1st XI Captain	Ali Omell
Ladies 2nd XI Captain	Libby Leadbeater
Men's 3rd XI Captain	Sam Raynor
Ladies 3rd XI Captain	Emma Cragg
Men's 4th XI Captain	Henry Manuel
Ladies 4th XI Captain	Linda Phillips
Men's Fledglings Captain	Neil Biggs
Men's Falcons Captain	Dave Hughes

The following positions were unfilled:

Secretary  
Men's Fixture Secretary  
Men's Club Captain  
Ladies Club Captain  
Men's Entertainments  
Men's 2nd XI Captain  
Ladies Harriers Captain  
Men's Senators Captain

## **9. Any Other Business**

Dave Hughes thanked the umpires, for example PJ Wilson who has umpired most of the Falcons games. Adrian thanked Ashley Hurden who has done a huge amount of umpiring for the club this season.

Sue asked Adrian to present a trophy to the Girls Player of the Year, Emily Munsey, saying that she is in addition now a big part of the senior section as well as helping with goalie coaching on Sunday mornings.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

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