

Kinross Hockey Club
AGM
4th May 2016 19.30pm
KGV Clubhouse

Present:

Gail Nelson, Claire Brownbridge, Libby Simpson, Michelle Best, Beth Robinson, Louisa Pountney, Amy Weatherup, Lindsey Knight-Broderick, Joanne Pearson, Wendy Marshall, Laura McCall, Kirsty Dunn, Vicky Carver, Susie McIntyre, Margaret Best, Dawn Allison, Helen Davidson, Morag Donaldson, Jennifer Robertson, Elaine Page.

Douglas Ogilvie, Gurdial Duhre, Andrew Getley, Andrew Montford, David McIntyre, Andrew McIntyre, Pete Smith, Chris Robson, Neil Wilson, Cameron Banks, Dan Marsh.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies:

Sarah Collins, Karen Elwis, Wendy Symington, Catherine Robertson, Lynn Paterson, Amanda-Jane Combe, David Niven, Richard Savage, Georgia White, Rebecca Thomson, Sally Montford

Welcome from President Gail Nelson

2. Receive & Confirm the Minutes of the 2015 (1st) AGM

Minutes of the first AGM meeting were distributed and accepted:

Proposer – Louisa Pountney, Seconder – Neil Wilson

3. President's Remarks: See attached

4. Presentation of Club's Financial Accounts

Accounts presented and explained. Figures are 10-month year, with March, April and May missing due to merger mid-year. £12k will be needed per year for pitch costs so it was stressed that we need to continue to generate money. £35k in the bank currently. Pitch fund money is noted separately, being £11k. Kinross Astro SCIO has £3k. Debtors are principally standing order subscriptions still to come in from March to end of season. Question was raised as to whether the current direct debit system is a successful way to pay – yes from Monty, who finds it an excellent system.

Thanks were extended to Monty from the President for his work this year

5. Club Secretary's Report: See attached

6. Men's Club Captain's Report: See attached

7. Ladies Club Captain's Report: **See attached**

8. Junior Convenor's Report

- Over 100 junior members at the start of the year, with 60 – 80 attending training each night. Numbers have fallen; this has been attributed to two causes, these being reluctance of the 14 year olds to move up to the later Thursday session and also the pitch issues which may mean players moved to other sports and have not yet returned to hockey.
- The Thursday session may need to be reviewed as it may not be bridging the gap for 14 – 17 year olds. There is a bit of a gap in the 14 – 15 year old age group, but the 12 and 13 year olds are coming through and are roughly a 60/40 ratio of girls to boys. Several players have moved up to the adult

section, which is excellent news (Chris Licence, Alex McConnell, Duncan Montford, Hannah Marchant, Amy Salmon, Pollyanna Smith). A number of goalies are being trained and there have been excellent efforts from Beth Robinson here.

- There has not been as much interaction with schools this year due to a lack of time, this needs picking up with the Active Schools coordinators.
- Many thanks were extended to all the Kobras coaches for their invaluable support – Monty, Ollie, Dan, Neil, Kirsty, David, Cammy and Richard.
- No Hockey Leaders course is scheduled for this year but hopefully for next. David McIntyre achieved his Level 1.
- There is competition locally for coaches and competing demands on time plus the club paying a notional amount means we need to review this to retain them. This will be presented at the next committee meeting.
- Perth and Kinross development squad was not organised by the district this year and little effort made by them to develop those who made the Midland squad. This will be raised with the regional development officer.
- Midlands District have organised monthly junior competitions.
- Beth asked if the loss of Kobras players was down to them moving to the adult section, Andrew McIntyre replied that they are just not attending.
- Thanks were extended from the President to all those involved with Kobras, particularly Andrew McIntyre, for his continued efforts in running the Kobras.

Korinthians – report from Lindsey Knight

10 – 14 members have attended Korinthians each week throughout the winter. There is a forthcoming match against the 2's, also Ladies Circle are coming for a fun match/introduction to hockey. Thanks from Dougie Ogilvie - his wife is attending and loving it. We need to encourage men to join Korinthians.

9. Subscriptions & Membership Categories 2016-17

No change to subscription rates were proposed for next season. Chris raised concerns that some men are dropping away as finding that 'full membership or nothing' does not suit them and are asking for alternatives. Gail advised to please approach the Treasurer with any special circumstances requests. Lindsey reminded everyone of the social membership option, which includes training and allows for participation in 3 matches, and that the Korinthians are happy with this rate too.

Voted to keep the same membership fees and categories.

10. Competitions Entries 2016-17

- Men: Possible restructuring of East mens leagues which may affect us, we currently play in division 1 and 2. Regarding the possibility of a mens 3rd team, felt it better to wait for new pitch and to see if any uptake for arranging friendlies for Sunday matches, then look to enter a league for 2017/18 season. Gurdial raised that if players cannot get a game because of numbers but are paying fees, we need to make allowances for that whilst considering 3rd team options – meanwhile open dialogue should be encourage by club and team captains with all players. Enter 2 teams in East District leagues and one "club" team (note not our first team) in Scottish District Cup.
- Ladies: Firsts have struggled with consistency in the Championship League but plan to continue, although it has been difficult with a different team each week. There have been opportunities for players to play up and it was felt that to come out of the Champions league would be a step backwards. It was also felt that we need to be encouraging younger members to the club through

our involvement in the Champions League. Second team to continue in Midland league and in both Midland District cup competitions. Indoor – Beth is happy to continue organising and indoor league is attracting youngsters too. Enter one team in Championship League, one team in Midland league, one team in Knock Out Cup, one team in League Cup and one team in Midland indoor league.

11. Election of Honorary Life Members

There are currently 4 Honorary Life Members and no change proposed to this at present.

12. Election of Management Committee 2016-17

The following members were voted onto the Management Committee:

Position:	Nominee:	Proposer:	Seconder:
President	Gail Nelson	Gurdial Duhre	David Niven
Vice President	Gurdial Duhre	Douglas Ogilvie	Andrew Montford
Club Secretary	Position Vacant		
Treasurer	Andrew Montford	Gail Nelson	Neil Wilson
Men's Club Secretary	Douglas Ogilvie	Libby Simpson	Andrew Getley
Ladies Club Secretary	Susie McIntyre	Joanne Pearson	Louisa Pountney
Pitch Convener	Richard Savage	Andrew Getley	Pete Smith
Social Convener	Amy Weatherup	Beth Robinson	Lindsey Knight
Junior Convener	Andrew McIntyre	Gail Nelson	Andrew Montford
Child Protection Officer	Michelle Best	Joanne Pearson	Neil Wilson
Mens Club Captain	Chris Robson	Gordon Balfour	Neil Wilson
Ladies Club Captain	Lindsey Knight-Broderick	Kirsty Dunn	Wendy Marshall

13. Election of Team Officials 2016-17

Position:	Nominee:	Proposer:	Seconder:
Men's 1 st XI Captain	Gordon Balfour	Douglas Ogilvie	Dave Goodenough
Men's 1 st XI Vice Captain	Neil Wilson	Andrew Montford	Douglas Ogilvie
Men's 2 nd XI Captain	Simon Williams	Graeme Malcolm	Pete Smith
Men's 2 nd XI Vice Captain	Ralph Hepburn	Pete Smith	Graeme Malcolm
Men's Match Secretary	David Niven	Andrew Getley	Andrew McIntyre
Ladies 1 st XI Captain	Vicky Carver	Michelle Best	Libby Simpson
Ladies 1 st XI Vice Captain	Lynn Paterson	Vicky Carver	Louisa Pountney
Ladies 2 nd XI Captain	Position Vacant		
Ladies 2 nd XI Vice Captain	Position Vacant		
Ladies Indoor Captain	Beth Robinson	Claire Brownbridge	Amy Weatherup
Ladies 1 st XI Match Secretary	Lynn Paterson	Beth Robinson	Amy Weatherup
Ladies 2 nd XI Match Secretary	Laura McCall	Wendy Marshall	Louisa Pountney
Korinthians Convenor	Wendy Marshall	Gail Nelson	Lindsey Knight-Broderick

14. Appointment of Independent Accounts Examiner

Vicki Silvera has done a great job this year on a voluntary basis. She is happy to continue but a fee will apply next year. This was agreed.

15. AOB

- Pitch Maintenance - Richard Savage wished to discuss the pitch situation in terms of looking ahead to what happens if we get a pitch and how we will maintain it going forward. Cost presented were £10k per

year for a contractor, the alternative is to do the work ourselves which will rely on member volunteers. The pitch will need to be cleaned every 10 hours of use – roughly weekly. Less often it will need a deep clean to agitate the sand – we could brush it ourselves, requiring an agitator and we would require a bigger tractor to do this. Around 8 people were positive about helping out and forming a team to carry out maintenance.

The options explained were:

1 – Basic Kit roughly £7k = 1 brush, ride-on tractor

2 – Mini tractor, brush, agitator = £21k second hand, £26k new

Storage would be in a shipping container at KGV – they have agreed to this.

Contractor deep clean = £1800 per annum

- Pitch Funding – PKC taking a decision on whether to award £81k at end of June. Signs are positive, fingers are crossed. There is a time limit on already pledged funding which is February next year – this has been highlighted to the council. Question raised as to whether we have a Plan B should PKC funding not happen. There are cheaper pitch options. Our fundraising target includes replacing of shock pad. If we don't need to (should last the life of 2 carpets) we are OK, but don't know yet.
- Business Plan requires that we aim to grow the club to 3 mens and ladies teams to remain financially stable and sustain pitch replacement costs over the next 10 – 15 years.
- Thanks were passed from Neil Wilson to Gail Nelson and Andrew Montford for making things run smoothly.
- Kirsty raised question of Milnathort fair – volunteers needed to chat and promote the club. Decision not to attend as other clubs have not benefitted from this. Andrew McIntyre is willing, however, and will discuss further with Gail.
- Half Marathon – Volunteers needed please to man water stations in return for funding from Kinross Road Runners.
- Lindsey presented new kit options to all. Gail explained the work of the kit committee and how they had arrived at the decision that Adidas was currently the most suitable option, with money from sponsorship to go part way towards. Club will buy sufficient shirts for each team and those shirts will be retained by the club rather than issued permanently to players. Players can purchase their own shirts and shorts/skorts – order for kit needs to be away end of May. Lindsey to coordinate an order and 'try on for size' sessions on Tuesday evening after mixed hockey.
- Susie McIntyre – raised and congratulated on Gail Nelson's success in representing Scotland Masters again this year and not mentioned in previous reports.

Meeting Closed 21.08 pm

(Attachments below)

President's Remarks – Season 2015/16

It's one year since the new Kinross Hockey Club was created. During this past year I have at times been overwhelmed by the amount of work involved in streamlining all our different systems whilst ferociously fundraising, but think we are getting there. We were not foolish enough to expect everything to be straightforward and we have made and will make mistakes, learn and adapt along the way. What has been a constant is my admiration for our volunteer committee members and team officials and the hours which they put in to ensure that we all enjoy hockey, so thank you all.

I think it is fair to say that we continue to be frustrated by the pitch situation. A season of displaced or cancelled matches and training sessions has again been difficult to endure. One team playing here and another playing there has also made it difficult to provide umpire coverage, so I'd like to thank our match secretaries and umpires for ensuring that we completed our fixtures; and to thank our Kobras and Corinthians who have suffered hockey on the MUGA for a large portion of the season. Our club home is here at KGV, we all want to be here more often and feel like we have a base from which we can support each other at matches and socialise together. This will happen and we hope yet to have a new pitch started in 2016, with over £93,000 pledged, a strong case with the council for funding and other funding applications in the pipeline. Your committee has been working on this extremely hard, we just need your continued support to make it a reality and thereafter.

Claire, Monty, Libby, Gurdial and Andrew will cover the admin, financial and team reports from the past year, but I wanted to congratulate the Men's 1s on an impressive 2nd place finish in East Division 1 and our Ladies 2s who play in Midland Division 2 and finished the season strongly with a narrow 2-1 cup semi defeat by Dundee Uni 2s who were Midland Division 1 winners. With some lovely Kobras players coming through it is a testament to the hard work of the Kobras coaches and I hope that their hard work continues to reap rewards as they witness players enjoying hockey and some progressing through to our senior teams.

Encouraging hockey to be played at all levels is something we have always done in Kinross, but this year saw the birth of a new arm of the club, Corinthians. Brain-child of Monty (it was certainly his choice of name) it has been a real success. The SHU now have social hockey as a key growth area and we are already doing it. A huge round of applause to Wendy Marshall (convenor) and Lindsey Knight-Broderick (coach) for making the Corinthians such a welcoming and fun environment, the feedback has been great and we hope Corinthians continues to flourish.

Many individual achievements have also been attained. Various members have represented Midland at Inter-district (Alex, Ollie, Andrew, Charlie, David, Cammie, Hannah, Lucy, Kara – I hope not to have missed any) and Alex and Lucy have represented Scotland in Holland, and Gurdial the Scottish Masters in Canberra, Australia where he obtained a bronze medal. Gurdial and Kirsty have also undertaken coaching courses, achieving their Level 2 and Level 1s respectively. These are great personal achievements but ones which the club can also be proud of and that will hopefully inspire others.

We really want to make the club a buzzing social club, and appreciate that the current major fundraising has been painstaking, so to everyone who has participated and cajoled their friends and families to support our social events and fundraising efforts, thank you. We have had our inaugural Annual Dinner, a Club Day, Christmas Dinner, Burns Supper, Sponsored Walk, Total Warriors and Santa Helpers to name a few. If you did not join in you missed out, but fret not there will be more to come!

Gail Nelson

Club Secretary Report

It has been a busy season with focusses being on the tasks of smoothly implanting the merging of the clubs, fundraising and doing what we are all here for – to play hockey!!

There has been a phenomenal amount of work carried out by club members both behind the scenes and in a more visible capacity and this has enabled us to make the progress we have made and enable the club to run as smoothly as possible this year.

In my role of secretary I would like to say a special thanks to Monty who I feel has gone above and beyond in his input to establish systems that have made my job easier, although he has highlighted limitations in my technological and organisational abilities and I would like to be first to register for lessons with him. Especially about 'that googley thing' he keeps updating. (I think it is called a spreadsheet in a drop box stored somewhere)

I am a regular visitor to the SHU site to register new members which is an indication of the steady increase we have had this year. At current standing I believe we have 195. Please don't ask for a breakdown or I will have one. I think Monty has a button somewhere that he can press that will do that though.

On a personal opinion level, I think the new kit designs are looking fantastic and the amount of work that has gone into this from the Kit and logo committee cannot be underestimated.

The website is amazing – something about that smooth balance of a nice font and images on that crisp white background does funny things to me.....and I know people who are not currently members are looking at it – I keep meeting them - one example being the beautician responsible for tinting my eyelashes. It is difficult to conduct a professional recruitment drive with a potential member when you are lying with cotton pads on your eyeballs, but I persevered.

Gail Nelson has, as Club President, continued to set high standards in management and guide us through the year, whilst still keeping a close eye on the needs of club members in the careful act of trying to balance what we can do, would like to have and happen and cannot possibly do.

Similarly those working hard in the different club areas – ladies, mens, Kobras and Corinthians – are putting in phenomenal amounts of time and effort to contribute to the club, be it organising the disorganised, establishing new opportunities and, especially in regards to - but not diminishing the efforts being put in elsewhere – the Kobras where members need huge thanks for their work in coaching the new generation of players and setting exemplary examples to younger players, and to the wider community, of what Kinross Hockey is all about.

Claire Brownbridge

Club Secretary

Men's Club Captains Report 2015-16

SECOND TEAM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Results	20	5	2	13	36	59	17

Finished 6th out of 8 in Division 3 of Mens East District League

Used a total of 30 different players in the season

Top Goal scorer was	Vince Banks	7
	Dave Goodenough	6
	Stuart Smith	4

Debutants:

Chris Licence also sent off in his first season

Duncan Montford

Alex McConnell - Goalie

Ian Stewart Goalie

Availability

Pete Smith 19 games

Stuart Smith and Vince Banks with 17

Closely followed by Ralph Hepburn, Struan Hepburn on 15

6 Players played more than 15 games

New Players

Mike Young

Vince Banks

Used 9 different umpires

Only one game had a player doubling up with the first team

FIRST TEAM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Results	22	14	3	5	73	43	45

Finished 2nd out of 12 in Division 1 of Mens East District League

Highest ever finish

Only one point off the top position

Highest number of goals scored in the league

Used a total of 24 different players in the season

Top Goal scorer was	Chris Robson	15
	Ali Vaughan	11

Debutants:

Ben Montgomery

Alex Wilson

Arthur Morris

Ian Geddis

Alex McConnell - Goalie

Availability

Gordon Balfour 26 weeks

David McIntyre 26 weeks

Neil Wilson 26 weeks

GENERAL

Midlands Representation :

Andrew Clark

Charlie Webster

Ollie Wilson

Alex Wilson – also selected to U16 Scotland development squad

Cameron Banks and David McIntyre – Represented Midlands U18 winning the national final v East

Thanks to the team captains for managing the teams on a Saturday and Neil/Ali/Chris for coaching on Tuesday nights.

Finally thanks to the all the umpires especially :Niv, Dougie, Dan and Gail

Gurdial Duhre

Mens Club Captain