



KINROSS HOCKEY CLUB

Ninth Annual General Meeting

Wed 3rd May 2023 in The Thistle Hotel, Milnathort

MINUTES

Welcome

In attendance: Dougie Ogilvie, Andrew Montford, Andrew Getley, Ewan Reid, Andy Marsh, Fraser Glasgow, Jack Emslie, Gail Nelson, Iain Deane, Catie Deane, Sarah Collins, Gerrold Kuijpers, Amy Burton, Fraser Graham, Robbie Graham

Minutes of the 2022 (8th) AGM were approved as a true record by Andy Marsh and Fraser Graham

President's Remarks Dougie expressed great satisfaction at another season of good hockey all round. He noted how exciting it was to see so many youngsters in all teams across the club. He offered his thanks to all the coaches, the umpires and the committee members including all the extra assistance provided by many to the Kobras. He also highlighted the huge effort provided by Gerrold to keep the pitch in such great condition. He also noted his thanks to Azets, our Sponsors, for their generosity. And, also, to Mike Young for his long service as Mens Match secretary.

Treasurers Report Monty noted that we had a surplus of almost £1,000 over the year and over 200 members which was nicely consistent with prior years. The SHU Subs were substantially higher this year (with the youth cost increasing from £1 to £5). The bulk of the increase in spend this year has been due to Keeper's kit which we would expect to last us for the next several years. KAS (essentially the pitch fund) made a £3,000 surplus too however we were advised to retain £200k to replace the carpet next time around, a significant increase on the £150k we'd spend last time. The Electricity contract is fixed until Feb '24 by which time we'll need to hope that prices have dropped considerably. Given the surplus across both the Club and KAS this year it is proposed that Subs remain the same for next season. Vicki Silvera has approved the Accounts.

We have received planning permission for the Warm up area adjoining the pitch and, based on very early estimates, may spend between £50 - £70k on the project of which we already hold £35k.

Ladies Team Report Amy noted that a rotating captaincy had been challenging but the 1st team had finished 5th of 8 having conceded two games. Many thanks to all who contributed to a successful season.



The 2nd team finished 2nd of 7 with thanks to Becca and Shona. Many of the Dev squad have stepped up effectively and the numbers have been replenished in the Dev squad with other Kobras moving up too.

Indoor hockey proved difficult to find the numbers required. Also, a solution will be needed to the ongoing challenge of raising a team for the further afield games including Inverness and Ayr. This, however, is the price to pay for playing in a National league which we all agreed was where we wished to play.

The full report is attached below.

Men's Team Report Ewan, with assistance from Jack, noted their thanks for the excellent kit, much of which was paid for by our sponsors, Azets. We'd had some excellent games with some new players and also younger ones stepping forward and finished 5th of 9. Mark Harley drew specific attention for his debut season in the 1sts. Many thanks to David McIntyre and Locky Scott for all of their assistance as both are moving on for next season.

The 2nds finished 3rd of 8 which may lead to promotion. There were several new players both to the club and from the Kobras. The Keepers had suffered an unexpected run of bad luck with injury across the season and thanks were due to Ryan for returning to the Pads despite a desire to play further up the pitch. Congratulations to Will Lester on his hat trick.

It was noted that, attractive as converting training to a game was, we must keep formal training going for longer as the benefits were enormous for those starting out. More consistent coaching would be very beneficial.

The full reports are attached below

Kobras Report We've had good numbers across the season with a regular core of 80 in addition to the Dev squad. We've had two new coaches step forward this season which is working well albeit there will always be a churn at this level as the Kobras move on and up. We've held and attended several tournaments and had some good successes. Monty mentioned that there is a real level of skills coming through with the 10\11 year olds just now.

KGV Clubhouse Work has started which will lead to addition changing rooms for the Kobras and a larger social space. The President encouraged all teams to make better use of the social space by going for a drink after each home game.



Appointments

Role	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Gerrold Kuijpers	Dougie	Mutley
Vice President	Saah Collins	Dougie	Gail
Club Secretary	Richard Brown	Monty	Jack
Treasurer	Andrew Montford	Dougie	Mutley
Ladies Club Capt	Saah Collins	Dougie	Amy
Mens Club Capt	Ewan Reid	Monty	Fraser Graham
Junior Convenor			
CPO	Lindsay Stobie	Monty	Mutley
L1 Capt			
L1 Vice Capt	Niamh Chumley	Amy	Sarah
L2 Capt	Kirsten Laird	Amy	Dougie
L2 Vice Capt			
M1 Capt	Jack Emslie	Ewan	Fraser Glasgow
M1 Vice Capt	Robbie Huxtable	Jack	Fraser Glasgow
M2 Capt	Iain Deane	Mutley	Gerrold
M2 Vice Capt	Robbie Graham	Fraser Graham	Ewan
Social Secretary			
Ladies Match Sec	Kate Clayden	Amy	Dougie
Mens Match Sec	Mike Young	Dougie	Monty

Social Media Fraser Glasgow agreed to post results and general chat on social media on the understanding that everyone within the club kept him informed of anything that should be added. Team Captains must ensure that match results are sent to Fraser swiftly after each game.

Umpires Dougie noted that it was becoming increasingly difficult to find umpires for each game and that he ended up relying on a few generous souls. Please step forward if you are badged and seek training if you aren't badged.

Disabled Parking Fraser Graham highlighted the challenges with disabled parking at the clubhouse. KGV committee are to be asked to re-mark the space and remind everyone of its specific use.

Life Membership was awarded to Andrew Montford (Proposed by Gail and seconded by Gerrold) and Andrew Getley (Proposed by Gerrold and seconded by Dougie) for many years service



President's Award was awarded to Monty for all the work, both as a coach and as a long-term Treasurer, that he does to keep the club running smoothly year after year.

Club Anniversaries Dougie also noted that the Ladies Club has been running for 50 years in 2024, the Mens for 20 years and the combined Club for 10 years which would need to be marked in some manner.



Ladies Club Captain Report 2022-23

It has been a good but also challenging season for the ladies of the club. Not having set captains, vice captains and match secretaries at the start of the season made it difficult and meant a rota had to be created for these positions each week with myself maintaining this for the first half of the season and Philippa Orr kindly taking over for the second half. Philippa and Shona Graham kindly took on the match secretary roles which I was very grateful for and the season would not have gone as smoothly without them. We have once again struggled with numbers and therefore fielding two teams, with some good players from last season leaving or being unable to play for various reasons. However, it has been great to see so many of the younger girls stepping up and getting the chance to play for both teams, bringing the average age of the teams down a tad from last year! Thanks goes to the Kobras and Dev Squad coaching team, along with volunteers and parents, for helping the younger girls to make their way up through the club to the ladies section.

The Ladies 1s have been playing in the Scottish Hockey Women's Championship 1 league this season. They have finished 5th out of 8 having played 12 games – winning 5 and losing 7. They had to concede an additional 2 games due to lack of player availability which resulted in losses being recorded for both, however a good result overall finishing mid table. Big thanks goes to Phillipa for all of her hard work getting teams together and games organised throughout the season, with help from Sarah Collins, Vicky Carver and others.

The Ladies 2s having been playing in the Midlands District Division 2 league this season. They are currently sitting 2nd out of 7 having played 10 games – winning 6 and losing 4. They also had to concede an additional game which resulted in a loss being recorded. Tonight they are playing their final league game against Grove, which has been rearranged, so best of luck to the ladies for that (update post AGM – LOSS 2-3). They have played in the league cup in Pool B, playing 3 games – winning 2 and drawing 1. They have also played in the knock out cup winning their first game to get through to the semis, however unfortunately lost that match. They have had some good results against tough teams in both cups. Huge thanks go to Becca Thomson and Shona for all of their hard work getting matches rearranged and teams together each week. A successful season for the Ladies 2s in terms of results!

We have had a lot of movement between the teams this year which is great, and also lots of younger players stepping up from Dev Squad into both teams and coming off the pitch with smiles on their faces - brilliant to see. From speaking to members of the teams, special mentions go to Fiona Bayne for becoming one of the key players for the 1s having played centre mid consistently. Alice Taylor, Catie Deane, Isla Fotheringham and Lois Weir have also stood out during the season, growing in confidence and really improving throughout the season to become strong, prominent members of the teams.



We have also welcomed some new players – Sharon Crossan, Gillian Parry and Kirsten Laird. It is great to have you all, and apologies to anyone I may have missed.

The Ladies also had an indoor team this season, playing in the Midlands Division 1 league. It was very difficult getting the numbers together for this each week, however Philippa did a great job organising and captaining. The Ladies ended up 8th out of 8 having played 6 games – winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 4. 1 game was unplayed due to both teams being unavailable on the scheduled date.

I'd like to say a huge thanks to Philippa for all her help during the second half of the season getting teams together, organising training and maintaining my spreadsheet for scheduled games, results, POMs for each game and goal scorers, etc. which has enabled me to gather all of the information for the end of season awards.

The Dev Squad is going strong with numbers increasing and lots of them getting the opportunity to step up into Ladies throughout the season. A big thanks goes to Monty and Vicki Alexander for all their hard work in coaching them. It is great to see, especially those who have stepped up doing so well and being such strong members of the teams.

Training was run in two groups by Jack Emslie and Ollie Burton at the start of the season, followed by Monty taking Jack's position and after Ollie and Monty, Lindsey Knight taking over and running one training session each week for the ladies for the second half of the season. On behalf of the ladies section, I would like to give thanks to all of the coaches mentioned for all of their efforts and for giving up their time. Finally, a huge thanks to all the umpires who have given up their time to umpire all of our games throughout the season, and also to all the parents for driving the kids around to training and games.

I wish the committee and club all of the best for the upcoming season.

Thanks,

Amy Burton



Kinross Hockey – Men’s Club Captain’s Report for Season 2022/23

Overview

Our first full season after the “covid years” has been an eventful and positive one, with excellent attendance at training sessions at all levels within the club, and an equally strong attendance at matches.

M1 finished the season mid table in East Division 2 and M2 placed third in East Division 4 qualifying for promotion to Division 3 for next season. Individual team reports to follow.

We are delighted that Azets came on board as our new club sponsors and had a well-attended pre-season launch event in August 2022. New signage and strip designs are helping fly the flag for club and sponsor alike and our new kit suppliers SurrIDGE Sport (thanks Monty) made sure we took delivery of good quality, fairly priced kit that was delivered in good time for the new season.

Investment in training and new goal keeping equipment has been very welcome and has all been put to good use over the season gone.

Strength in numbers

We have strong attendance at Kobras which bodes well for the future and saw welcome progression from the Kobras into M2, and it has been great to see Ben Ruiz & Angus Nicol debut for the senior teams and to see Mark & Ryan Harley, Michael Jack, Luke MacIntosh and David Leslie develop their skills playing for both Men’s 1 and 2 teams. We also welcomed new team members in Al Santi, Calum Johnston, Fraser Glasgow, Sean Purvis, William Watson, Lewis McLaren and our oldest/newest member Paul Finch (Finchy) without whom net tending would have been more of a challenge this season (more on that later).

Special thanks to Robbie Huxtable for making the trip from university in Aberdeen on a regular basis for both senior teams.

University has seen Joe move on only to return as part of the St Andrews opposition against M2 but we won’t hold that against him as we know all his tricks and tells!

Goal Keepers

It has been a challenging year for our goal keepers, with a pre-season training incident resulting in a fractured ankle and damaged tendons for Ewan Reid, putting him out of for 70% of the season. We are pleased to see him back and on the road to a full recovery.



Andy Marsh had a great season with M1 making many decisive saves, but unfortunately suffered an accidental but severe knock to the head late season. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

Ryan Harley stepped up to play at senior level this year and as a result of injury to our other keepers, had a baptism of fire. He played very well under immense pressure and is to be commended for his hard work and commitment to GK duties. For season 23/24 he has decided to focus on outfield play, but we hope to entice him back into his pads at some point.

Paul Finch joined us early season and brought his extensive experience to keep net for both senior teams to good effect. He has also coached club keepers during the course of the year, especially the Kobras, for which we are very grateful.

Special thanks to Ralph Hepburn for stepping in as goal keeper for M1 for several matches, putting his defending experience to good use.

Captains, coaches and umpires

I would like to extend our thanks to Jack, Robbie, David and Ralph from the 1st team and James and Will from the 2nd team for their captaincy, leadership and coaching of the teams this season.

The unsung heroes of most organisations are those who provide guidance and mentoring. Therefore our grateful thanks to all our coaches; Andrew McIntosh, Olly Volland, Ian Henry, Darren King, Andrew Montford and Alex Chapman. Also Ryan & Mark Harley and Angus Nicol who regularly support the Kobras ahead of the senior training sessions.

We must also acknowledge our hard working umpires without whom no match can proceed – Doug Ogilvy, Gerrold Kuipers, Andrew Montford & Andrew McIntosh. And a big shout out to all parents and club members who have supported training, matches and events in whatever way they can. Your continued good humoured support is essential for a healthy club.

Finally my apologies to anyone I should have acknowledged and didn't.



EAST DISTRICT MENS DEV 2

Played: 13

Won: 8

Drew: 1

Lost: 4

The Kinross Mens 2s came 3rd out of 8 teams in the league table, which provides a fair assessment of how well the season went for us overall.

This season has been one of the best yet with some very strong performances and solid wins with some frustrating defeats against high quality teams. We only lost out to two teams this season, Dunfermline Carnegie and Stirling Wanderers. The most frustrating game of the season was against Stirling Wanderers at home.

We have a good balance of players looking for games on Saturdays, for both home and away games. On average we have had about 14 players each week for games. Which is down from last season but has supported more consistent performances on the pitch.

All the team performed well this season; however, a particular mention goes out to the new youth players who joined the team this year, Ben Ruiz, Ryan Harley, Myles Chumley and Angus Nicol, who put in some incredible performances on match days and at training. All young players have shown some real class, enthusiasm and determination throughout the season and made a great contribution to the team's winning performances. I am sure some of them will join the Men's 1st team next season. Luke McIntosh, Mark Harley stepped up to Men's 1st team which was great to see.

We also had some new Men's players join the team this season, Calum Johnstone, Gurdial Duchre, Al Santi and Paul Finch, all made a great contribution to our team's performance with Al Santi taking the award for top goal scorer with 20 goals (23 if you include the game with men's 1st team) this season. Great effort! Santi. Calum and Gurdial playing very well in the middle of midfield and Paul taking up position in goal and defence.

There has been some terrific play from the guys across all areas of the pitch. The team did a fantastic job and kept the consistency and momentum up throughout the season, putting what was learnt in training into practice, such as keeping possession, whilst playing out from the back. It helps having some brilliant young players with lots of skill and energy and a great goal scorer such as Al Santi. I should also mention that William Lester got a hattrick this season. Well Done! William.

Big thank you to all four goal keepers (Paul Finch, Andy Marsh, Euan Reid and Ryan Harley) who played their part in the team's success and saved us from defeat on several occasions. We relied on all four goalkeepers this season, due to Andy, Paul and Euan being injured at different times. Ryan Harley played in goal for most of our games, I



would like to thank Ryan for being an outstanding goalkeeper and for stepping in at the end of the season, when he wanted to play outfield. Ryan has made the decision to become an outfield player, which means we may need another goalkeeper next season.

We managed to get a couple of friendly games arranged with St Andrews University and Hillhead Development teams which was good fun.

Big thank you to all the coaches Monty, Ian and Gurdial and all the umpires who have given up their time to come and umpire all our games.

