



KINROSS HOCKEY CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Monday 25th April 2022

MINUTES

Those present included;

Iain Henry, Andrew Montford, James Fenna, Vince Banks, Lindsey Knight, Wendy Marshall, Philippa Orr, Ewan Reid, Fraser Graham, Andy Marsh, Gerrold Kuijpers, Amy Burton, Douglas Ogilvie, Andrew Getley, Gemma Reid

The President opened the meeting and told us how proud he was of all we'd achieved over the past year. It is great to see so many young players feeding through into the adult teams and then on through regional competitions as far as international matches. Many thanks to all the Umpires.

The Minutes from the prior AGM were accepted as a true record. This was proposed by Vince Banks and seconded by Gerrold Kuijpers.

The Treasurer reported that the club is in good shape financially having made a surplus again this year. Membership numbers are consistent. Whilst income is down a little this is no cause for concern and mostly reflects some new keepers kit in which we've invested. We have an excess in the bank which is being held for the warm-up area. It is proposed that the balance of this money should be transferred to KAS so that we can earn some interest and also to prevent it masking the true financial position of the club. If it is transferred it will be as a donation restricted for use on the warm-up area. There were several views expressed but, essentially, the club were concerned that we should retain sufficient working capital. It was agreed by unanimous vote that we should transfer, at the discretion of the committee, a reasonable balance to KAS for this purpose up to a pre-agreed maximum.

The Treasurer, further, updated the club on the fortunes of Kinross Astro (KAS). KAS made a surplus of £1k this year (in contrast to a £3k deficit last year due to COVID). The masters program have proven to be regular visitors to our pitch which has been welcome. We have an Investment manager who is dealing with the funds in KAS for the long term. We've lost £800 from the investments over the past year due to the war in Ukraine but they seem to be increasing subsequently. We remain c.10k ahead of target for a full carpet replacement in 2030. The Treasurer has, separately, been tasked to reassess whether our target remains appropriate given that the Chinese have recently entered the hockey carpet market and prices are falling. The investment strategy, whilst fairly aggressive just now, will become more passive as we approach 2030 and the need to draw down the funds.

The Mens Club Captain reported that the Men's 1st team are comfortably mid-table and thanked the coaches, youth coming through and umpires for their assistance. Congratulations are due to Locky on the recent arrival of his first child, Flora.

The Mens 2nd team Captain reported the challenges of having so many players from which to choose and the associated responsibility. No one expressed much sympathy. There have been many new players both to the sport and to the club which has been a delight. The M2s managed our usual mid-table mediocrity again this year.

The Ladies Club Captain reported that the Ladies 1st team has experienced the opposite of the M2s as they have had fairly low numbers this year and, consequently, have finished lower in the league than hoped.

The Ladies 2nd team were delighted with how well the younger players have improved and contributed to the matches. Many thanks were expressed to coaches, umpires and parents for driving hither and yon. There have been some pleasing additions to the Brave academy (Scotland Development) from the club

The Ladies Dev squad couldn't field a formal team due to lack of numbers but they've made a significant contribution further up the club.

The Kobras now have 92 kids aged 7 – 14 and have been able to push some up to the Dev squad. Many thanks to all the coaches, of which we require many due to the numbers, for all the assistance and time that they contribute. We've seen the return of Festivals and would hope to have one every fortnight through the summer. The Kobras have been very successful at these tournaments in all age groups. It is recognised that several of the coaches are likely to be following their children up to the Dev squad next year so we'll need a new squad for the younger kids.

The Management Committee for 22/23;

Role	Lucky Recipient	Proposer	Seconder
President	Douglas Ogilvie	Andrew Getley	Andrew Montford
VP			
Club Secretary	Andrew Getley	Amy Burton	Andy Marsh
Treasurer	Andrew Montford	Iain Henry	Amy Burton
Mens Club Capt	Ewan Reid	Vince Banks	Andy Marsh
Ladies Club Capt	Amy Burton	Lindsay Knight	Douglas Ogilvie
Junior Convenor	Iain Henry	Douglas Ogilvie	Amy Burton
CPO	Lindsay Stobie	Iain Henry	Andrew Getley
Social Secretary	Amy Burton	Andrew Montford	Andrew Getley
Mens match Sec	Mike Young	Douglas Ogilvie	Andrew Montford
Comms officer	Gemma Reid	Andrew Montford	Iain Henry
Covid Officer	David Goodenough	Douglas Ogilvie	James Fenna
M1 Capt	Jack Emslie	Vince Banks	Andrew Montford
M1 Vice Capt	Grant Ogilvie	Vince Banks	Fraser Graham
M2 Capt	James Fenna	Andrew Getley	Andy Marsh
M2 Vice Capt	William Lester	Andrew Getley	James Fenna
L1 Capt			
L1 Vice Capt			
L2 Capt			
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Pitch Convenor	Gerrold Kuijpers	Douglas Ogilvie	Vince Banks
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It was agreed that Vicky Silvera should be retained as the Independent Accounts Examiner at an increased fee of £200.

It was agreed that Subs would remain the same next year. Gerrold proposed a reduced fee for GKs who would then provide their own kit. This led to concerns that we could exclude any potential GK that couldn't afford the £1k for their own kit. It was agreed that the new committee could address the problem of how to get GKs to treat club kit as though it were their own

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- Gerrold expressed his thanks to the entire club for our support of Bart and his success within the junior Scotland squad
- Ewan Reid, as a new member this year, wanted it to be known how welcoming the club had been to him
- The Annual dinner is to be held at the Green hotel on 27th May. A ceilidh band have been booked
- Many thanks to SOHO and Jelf – Clark Thomson for their sponsorship these past few years.
- Next year AZETS, an accountancy Firm in Perth (and internationally), have agreed to sponsor the entire club for two years with an option for a third. Many thanks to Amy for facilitating this.

Ladies Club Captain Report 2021-22

It has been a good but also tough season for the ladies of the club. Despite at the start of the season thinking we were going to have loads of players and a third team, we changed the format of training into two sessions for SHU and district squads to manage this, however the third team never came to fruition and we had to withdraw them from the league. We have struggled with numbers and therefore fielding two teams each week, however this seems to be similar to the other clubs we have played throughout the season, particularly towards the end of the season. Despite that, the movement across the teams and the communication between captains and coaches has been great.

I don't think either team would like me to mention where they are sitting in the table, however they have both done a great job nonetheless, onwards and upwards to next season.

The 1s are sitting 10th out of 11 in the Championship 1 league, with no games left to play. Thanks must go to various players for stepping up throughout the season to help when required and making their mark in the team – Grace Reid, Jen Robertson, Shona Graham, Eve Cuthbertson, Lauryn Henry, Catherine Wray, Isla Campbell and Sarah Cassels. Particularly Isla for stepping up not only for the first time at our match in Ayr yesterday, but after losing our goalie last minute, stepped up into goals and did a fantastic job, it was hugely appreciated. Special mentions also to Niamh Chumley, Caitlin Lowry and Fiona Bayne who have become such prominent members of the team, especially in the second half of the season. The season would not have gone as smoothly without our captain, Philippa Orr, vice captain, Fiona Rae, and match secretary, Lindsey Knight, working hard each week to get a team out and organise everyone. We would also like to thank Ewan Ogilvie for all the time and effort he has put into training for us.

The 2s are sitting bottom of the district division 1 with one league game and the knock out plate final still to play. The girls have become so much more confident throughout the season and connect well with the more experienced players, not just in the 2s but in the club as a whole, which has been really nice to see. Becca thinks performance and results will improve next year. Special mention goes to Eve in goals, who has grown in confidence and has improved so much this season. Other mentions go to Tabitha Peck, Maddie McIlwraith, Suilven Haszeldine and Catie Deane for making their marks in the team, and to Lois Weir, Sarah Cassels, Freya Robins, Fiona Bayne and Niamh Chumley for all doing so well and making the rest of the team up their game each week. Big thanks to their captain, Becca Thomson, vice captain, Katie Clayton, and match secretary, Wendy Symington for all of their hard work throughout the season. Special thanks also to Karen Scott and Gemma Reid for coaching throughout the season – their time and effort is hugely appreciated by all.

A few of the girls are trialling for and have been accepted into the Brave Scotland Development Academy, and we are very proud of them for their achievements.

The Dev Squad are still going strong with numbers increasing and big thanks to Monty for all his hard work in coaching them, it is great to see especially after seeing those who have stepped up to ladies hockey more recently doing so well and being such strong members of the teams.

Korinthians is still going, however not with the same numbers as before, but great to see those attending still enjoying it.

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.

Here's to a successful upcoming season.

Amy Burton

Junior Convenor's Report 21-22

This year, we had a total of 92 kids registered with Kobras, ranging in age from 7 through to 14, which is roughly the same as last season. We have continued to see a steady stream of kids joining through the year, and existing members moving up through the sessions and out into the development squads and beyond. A massive thanks to all the regular coaches who have given up so much time to get these sessions running over the last year;

- Lyndsay Stobie, Douglas Sinclair, Adam Ruiz, Lauryn Henry, Fraser Henry and Tabitha Peck for the 5.30 group,
- Andrew McIntyre, Andrew Montford, Michael Jack, David Leslie, Fiona Bayne, Alice Taylor, Dani Dion for the 6pm groups,
- Andrew McIntosh, Sarah Cassels, James Fenna, Luke McIntosh for the 6.30 group
- Olli Volland and Dave Goodenough for the boys dev group
- All the other coaches that dive in to help as required.

We are also very lucky to be supported by a growing number of teenage helpers over the year, and it is good to see that as some of our older teenage helpers head off for University, others are stepping up to take their place.

This year has seen a return to Midlands festivals, and an effort to run them at a more regular interval through the years. These have been well supported by the club, and despite the distances involved with attending the events, we have consistently taken multiple teams through the age brackets. It has been pleasing to see how competitive our young players are, with the u10 groups proving particularly strong at many of the events. Thanks to all the coaches and helpers who have stepped up to help look after the teams. We look forward to more festivals later in the summer and are looking to host other clubs in Kinross as soon as we can.

This year also saw the grudge match of the year, a Boys Dev versus Girls Dev match in which I'm told the boys were comprehensively outplayed but ran out 4-1 winner. The rematch is strongly anticipated!

Men's Club Captain's Report

On behalf of the Mens Teams I would like to thank Lachlan Scott, Robbie Huxtable, James Fenna and Andrew MacIntosh for all their efforts and contributions in their roles as Captains and Vice Captains of the two squads. Mike Young for yet again doing a grand job as fixtures secretary, to all the Umpires for carrying out the most thankless role in sport and to all the coaches for their preparation and patience on many a cold and wet Tuesday night. Finally I would like to thank all the committee members for helping to keep the club running smoothly and without whom we wouldn't have a club.

Kinross Men's 1st XI 2021/22 Season Report

East District Div.2

Played: 16

Won: 6

Drawn: 1

Lost: 9

To play: 2

Missing out on last year's season due to Covid, it was with some great relief within the team that we were back at this year with a full season under the belt.

As of writing Kinross Mens 1s sit 5th out of 10 in the league table, which provides a fair assessment of how the season went for us overall. Some really good performances and solid wins with some tough defeats against some high quality, well drilled sides in between. Unfortunately throughout the season we never managed to find the consistency and momentum required to push for the top 4, with a fairly hefty points difference between the top 4 and the rest of the league. At times goals along with a full squad, meaning fielding the minimum of 11 players, were hard to find which always leaves you with an uphill struggle.

Despite this and even during some of the losses there has been some terrific play from the guys across all areas of the pitch. The team did a fantastic job, especially towards the end of the season, of putting what we practiced into matches, such as keeping possession with greater composure on the ball whilst playing out from the back, maintaining our defensive press, being able to adapt to changes throughout the match and still playing with our counter attacking style. A big thank you to the coaches Robbie, Ewan Oggs and David McIntyre, who have help plan sessions each week and shape the team development.

There are notable performances from across the team, however particular mention goes to our younger team members David Leslie and Michael Jack stepping up to the M1s for the full season, putting in the miles on the pitch both at training and on match days. Both showing some real class, enthusiasm and determination throughout the season. Mainstay players for the M1s for seasons to come! Mark Harley also featured in our last game, scoring on debut, another one to watch for the future. We were also joined by Jack Emslie and Euan Boyle this year too. Jack sureing up our defence and providing a killer pass and Euan running for days!

Stalwarts such as Calum Weir in goal dug us out of tight spots more often than not, and thanks Ralph for filling into his big shoes for a couple of games too! Gavin and

Grant Ogilvie providing the majority of goals, we did get, holding up the play and creating chances. Vince putting his face on the line versus Eskvale, set an example for us all to follow (or maybe not)!

Thanks to all players for their efforts they put in for the season, and hoping we can finish strongly with the final two games remaining. Playing with the skill, confidence and determination shown at our best during the season we should hopefully get the result required to cement our 5th place in the league.

The team is certainly in a strong position to build on what we have learnt this year, providing a solid playing structure and looking to encourage younger emerging talent to the M1s, ready for next season. As my last season as Captain I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way too, it has been a pleasure.

Hockey Report - Men's 2nd Team

This year has been another good year for the Kinross Men's 2nd Team. We started off the season with a number of losses but got better as the season progressed. Our biggest challenge is accommodating the large number of players each week that are looking for a game, which is a great position to be in, however, it makes it difficult to keep a consistent team on the field.

We had a number of new youth players join the team this year, Fraser Henry, Luke McIntosh, Mark Harley and Sean Purvis. All players have played very well throughout the season and made a great contribution to the team's performance. I am sure most of them will join the Men's 1st team next season.

Michael Jack, David Leslie stepped up to Men's 1st team which was great to see. Both players have done very well fitting into the team. We also had some new Men's players join the team this season, JJ James, Ewan Reid, Robbie Graham, Clayton Will and Ian Deane, all made a great contribution to our team's performance. We would have been without a goalie for most of the season as Andy March was injured, however, thanks to Ewan Reid for joining the team and being a fantastic goal keeper this session. It is great to have Andy back in the team now and we will have 4 goalies next session with Ryan Harley joining us.

Unfortunately, we needed to concede the first game of the season with Eskvale Development to support the 1st team. ESM Development pulled-out of the league at the start of the season which reduced the number of fixtures played. However, we did manage to get a couple of friendly games arranged with St Andrews University and Inverleith Development. Overall we had 7 wins, 8 losses and 1 draw.

Goal of the season has to go to Adam Ruiz, who scored a top corner goal against Eskvale Development. Top scorer of the year, who found his new position as a forward player, and managed to score 16 goals is Joe Jennings. Great effort Joe! Another highlight on the scoring front was William Lester scoring 4 goals against Inverleith Development, which was great to see. I am sure William will be another player that may progress to the 1st team next year.

Overall a great season with lots of fun hockey played. Big thank you to all the umpires who supported our games this season, we recognise the time and commitment you put in.