



Poole Hockey Club AGM 2024/25 minutes

Saturday 7th June 2025, 13:30 start

Attendees

Adrian Potter (Life)	Thalia Galloway (VP)	Ruth Wharton	Paul Fletcher
Trevor Bailey	Steven Carter	Terry Harding (Life)	David Jeffery
Katy Wright	Deb Chase (Life)	Danni Willis	Colin Latham
Noa Latham	Seb Latham	Laura Allen	Sian Burrows
Megan Llewellyn	Tom Wainwright	Simon Maskrey	William Potter (U16)
Charlie Brunner (U16)	Zanna Brunner (parent)		

1. Apologies

Rob Maidman	Scott Kirtley	Daniel Potts (VP)	Martin Wollington (VP)
Richard Evetts	Mike Hampton (Life)	Nickie Spalding	Edward Bailey
Hazel Fendley	Pippa Marchant	Nicky Marchant	Jennifer Pilley
Caroline Izod	Tim Phillips	Harry Izod	Daniel Worthington
Oliver Maidman	Helena Darragh	Lauren Isaacs	Marie-Pierre Cottam
Genevieve Huntley	Dominique Rodriguez	Graeme Ramsay	Heather King (VP)
Tanya Williams	James Izod	Hamish Hare	Pia Alexander-Dan
Hollie Ferrett	Steve Riley	Elliot Mills	

2. Approval of previous minutes

Previous minutes approved by Colin Latham, seconded by Deb Chase.

3. Season 2024/25 reports

Chairperson – Ruth Wharton

Highlights and positives from the season:

- Introduction of walking hockey
- Increased social media activity
- 3rd year of sponsorship from Charles Trent Ltd and Amethyst Sports
- New coaching equipment funded by sponsorship from Atkins Bland
- Umpire session with South Central
- Collaborative funding for umpire development (with local clubs), to be organised
- Successful club Christmas event (quiz and raffle), generating funds for added value things
- Extra pitch coaching time (Weds), all senior teams getting at least 1.5hrs

No season goes without its challenges and things we can work on:

- No umpiring assessments
- Junior member numbers continue to be low
- No U14s games due to low numbers
- More work needed with engaging schools in hockey
- ClubMark remains outstanding



- Men 1s will move to division 2 next season, opportunity to reset

None of this takes away from what we've achieved this season and I believe we're in a good position to make next season every bit as successful, if not even better.

As always, a huge thank you goes to everyone who has contributed to making hockey happen this year. Whether you coached, played, umpired, organised, supported from the sidelines, or helped in ways big or small, your effort and enthusiasm are what keep this club moving forward.

Overall the season has been another positive and rewarding year for Poole Hockey Club. Our membership has remained steady and it's been fantastic to welcome back some familiar faces into the fold. The sense of community, resilience, and passion across the club has been clear throughout, and it's something we should all be proud of.

Recommendations for things to consider next season:

- More club umpires
- Youth development (playing, umpiring, coaching and volunteering)
- Better communicate with our members and the external community
- TJ and Trev stepping down at the end of next season (2025/26)
- Capacity during the day to run school sessions
- Photos
- Launch new website
- Consider club budgets with the intention of sourcing and allocating additional funds to developing the club's coaching offer in the future

Treasurer – Thalia Galloway

Presenting the accounts for the season 2023/24. We can see overall an improvement on the finances compared to 2022/23. However, at the end of that season Ashdown increased our pricing by 9% and this year has increased by a further 5%. We have a new membership scheme from England Hockey. Previously they simply charged us per adult team. Now we pay a lesser amount per adult team, but we must also pay £16 per person aged 13+, and £10 per person aged 12 and below. I'd therefore like to propose the new Treasurer calls for an EGM on 13th September once the accounts for season 2024/25 are completed, and once we have firm forecasting from all our predictable expenditure. This is so we can agree the membership fees for the 2025/26 season, and the match fees from that point forwards.

I'd like to thank Terry for his assistance with the accounts again this year where we look at every single penny. To put that into context, a hockey ball costs 300 pennies. So next time one flies off your stick, please can you go after it? It isn't just the 300 pennies of the cost, it is then the volunteer time identifying that we are missing a ball, arranging to purchase more balls, and then paying the invoice where we have two-to-sign on our bank account as per our constitution. We do not have volunteers. An untapped area of volunteers are junior parents, but our junior numbers are currently poor. I'd love to hear from you if you can flex your work to help with an ad hoc or regular school session. The National Surf Lifesaving Championships hosted by Branksome last summer had their entire weekend run by parent volunteers whilst the adults were competing.

On the 12th October is Run Bournemouth, a key fundraising activity for us. If you are unable to give your time to this or other events, perhaps you can donate money to the club instead?

A final date I'd like to mention is Friday 27th June when Ashdown have offered us a free pitch booking in exchange for marketing photos for BCP Leisure. I will drop this onto Teamo when I get it confirmed!

Discipline – George Collen

Another successful year for Poole HC on the discipline front.

No red cards for another year. A number of yellow cards but nothing out of the ordinary for the year. (Other than one incident which was dealt with)

The culture on the side-lines has improved and in fact more people are watching games including families with children, so the players should be congratulated for that.

More work can be done, and swearing should be targeted next, as it is audible from the side-lines. This was the incident mentioned above.

Now that yellow cards are collected in GMS, we should consider a more rigid discipline process utilising this data. Look at themes, not necessarily to discipline the player but to understand if training or information is needed to stop repeat offenders.

Good luck to all next year.

The club has had its fair share of Yellow and Green cards as per the table below (as recorded in GMS):

Team	Green	Yellow	Total
Men 1	32	13	45
Women 1	11	3	14
Men 2	14	4	18
Women 2	0	0	0
Men 3 / Dolphins	3	2	5
Total	60	22	82

Coaching – Paul Fletcher

The beginning of the season started off well, with largely good numbers attending most sessions, practically the W2s. The introduction of the Wednesday evening has allowed us to provide all teams an extra 30mins per week training time and from the survey results at the end of season this appears to have been well received and a welcome addition. We also received a welcome sponsorship for our coaches from Atkins Bland, which allowed us to invest in new equipment, which seems to have gone down well with our Goalkeepers when used, as well as providing coaching jackets for some coaches, you'll see more of this new equipment in pre-season for fitness!

Whilst time addition has been very welcome, we occasionally find that space can become an issue, we will continue to monitor this as we hope to grow participation and evaluate the best way to utilise the pitch space we have.

Despite midseason distribution the Wednesday men's session saw attendance increase as the season came to a close, and hopefully this will continue into next season so the benefits of extra time can begin to make a difference to them also, we need to see more of you there to make the additional expense the club is incurring is fair.

Your feedback in the post season survey is greatly appreciated, and from this I have already created a coaching action plan for the 25/26 season to ensure our coaches continue delivering high level coaching to what you our members want and need from the club. I continue to encourage to talk to your captains, coaches or myself with any feedback throughout the season.

The proof has been in the pudding this season with the performances of our teams, with the W1s having their best season in their highest league ever, the W2 having a cracking season in Forest div and seeing them moving up the table, the M3 ending the season strongly with promising results heading into next year, the M2 picking up crucial results as the season drew to a close and keeping



them up, and finally the M1, despite the end of season result saw an improvement in performance, and enjoyment, again pushing this into next season on a positive note.

We continued to provide indoor throughout the season, which had mixed attendances, we will discuss and evaluate the best way of incorporating this into the 25/26 season as its a fantastic social level of hockey as well as skill improving. I'd like to give Laura a massive thank you for running this again this season.

All of the above could not be achieved if not thanks to our coaches for the season, so on behalf of the Exec and the players, I'd like to thank Adrian, Lowie, Steve, Casey, Bob, Lloyd, Martin, Dave, Steve Carter, TJ, Ali, without them giving up their time we simply would not be able to run our Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Finally, at the end of last season we set the following targets for this season:

- Settled start to the season with coaches and teams
- Introduce a 2nd night of coaching
- Further develop our young stars and have more playing come Saturdays

I think we can safely say 2 out of 3 successfully achieved, with the Wednesday introduction, and extra pitch time, and having seen a number of U18s move up teams to get good playing time this season.

So goals for 25/26:

- Better attendance at our senior men's session
- Even more progress for our U18 players
- Expanding our playing members from the ones currently just training

Juniors – Casey Fudge

Watching our junior players grow over the past season has been great to see, not just in hockey ability, but in the friendships they've built along the way. While our junior section remains small, it's packed with energy, dedication and keenness to learn. We've been thrilled to welcome a few new faces to the club who've become valued members of our hockey family and we look forward to watching them flourish even more next season.

Our U10s and U12s embraced the challenge of tournament play, putting their coaching and hard work into practice. These competitions have been important for player's development and enjoyment. Sadly several tournaments had to be cancelled due to weather, but Poole managed to host a brilliant morning of hockey in November, showcasing the club's spirit. Huge thanks to the coaches, umpires, players and parents who helped make it a fantastic event. It was a moment of real pride for the club.

Feedback from our junior coaches:

- It's been great to see increased numbers in the U8s group. Saturday mornings have been an absolute whirlwind of excitement and non-stop enthusiasm, keeping up with them is both exhausting and delightful. Every session is filled with laughter and energy and it's been a joy from start to finish.
- It's been a real pleasure to see how far everyone has come on since the beginning of the season and how hard everyone has worked. Nice to see some good friendships developing within the teams. Players have really started to gel together and work more as a team. Less bees around the honey pot, more spread like butter across the field.
- All players have made great progress this year, their skills have improved, and in every session everyone has been involved, invested and try their best. Their decision making has improved and they're beginning to see the bigger picture when playing on the field.



None of this would be possible without the incredible dedication of our coaches, umpires and volunteers. Your guidance and support create the foundation upon which players build their skills and confidence, and for that, we are endlessly grateful. Junior players come to Poole Hockey Club not only to learn and become better hockey players but because our coaching team are welcoming and we have fun! We're fortunate to have a committed group of coaches who dedicate time and effort to developing our junior players so I do want to say a big thank you to the junior coaches Lewis, TJ, Alex, Emma, MP, John, Monty, Lucy, Sam, Lola, Will and Ruth for all their hard work and effort this season. You're all fantastic, and the impact you have on the juniors and the whole club is huge.

My aims for next season are the same as last:

- Get more junior players at the club, please bring a friend, tell them how amazing Poole Hockey Club is and how amazing your coaches are.
- We're always looking for more coaches so, parents please come and have a chat if interested. It's always good to see new coaches at the club.
- Build up working relationship with schools to get more juniors involved.
- Involvement with County Hockey and the England Hockey South Coast Talent Academy. Being involved should help us understand what is required and hopefully making it a leading pathway for our juniors.

And finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the parents. Week in, week out you stand on the side of the pitch in the cold and wet so your child can enjoy the sport they love, or maybe it's for an hour of peace? Thank you for being part of our hockey family.

So onto the awards:

- U10s Most Improved.....Oscar Issacs
- U10s Player of the season.....Rory Morgan
- U12s Most Improved.....Finn Moreton
- U12s Player of the Season.....Dolcie Ferret

Last season we introduced a new award, junior coach of the season. This coach has gone the extra mile this season, always turn up with a smiley face, steps in to help at coaching and tournaments. Not only regularly coaches the U12s but also lead several goalkeeper coaching sessions, which the players have loved. So the award goes to.....Thalia Galloway.

Before we finish, a reminder of our summer coaching sessions, Tuesdays 6-7pm until 15th July (6 sessions remaining). Bring a friend along and continue enjoying playing hockey.

Thank you again to everyone and we look forward to seeing you next season!

Teams

Men 1s – Steve Riley

Mixed year with challenges but ended on a positive note with 3 well fought draws in the last 5 games. Will compete in division 2 next year.

- Player of the season – Bob Maidman
- Top goalscorer – Sam Butterfield

South Central Men's Division 1 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Portsmouth 1	20	15	2	3	61	23	38	47		W W W W W
Havant 2	20	14	2	4	64	31	33	44		W L W L W
Trojans 2	20	12	5	3	66	33	33	41		L L L W W
Chichester 2	20	10	3	7	53	41	12	33		W W L D W
Southampton University 1	20	9	5	6	67	47	20	32		W W W L L
Alton 1	20	9	2	9	44	46	-2	29		W W W W L
Salisbury 1	20	8	4	8	58	62	-4	28		W L W W D
Petersfield 1	20	5	2	13	42	58	-16	17		L L L L L
Gillingham 1	20	5	2	13	32	76	-44	17		L W L W L
Bournemouth M2	20	3	6	11	36	59	-23	13		L L L L L
Pool 1	20	1	5	14	36	83	-47	8		D L L D D
Hamble 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Women 1s – Hazel Fendley

After a stressful end to last season, finishing by one point in the safe position of 8th, following south centrals decision to relegate 4 teams. We were looking forward to getting back to it and cementing our place in the league.

We started the season strong with a decisive 4-0 victory against Salisbury, an inspiring post-match debrief cited what an incredible result it was against a newly relegated prem team and then it was pointed out they had actually been promoted from the league below - sorry about that, my bad! We had some close results as the weeks progressed while we found our feet, trying new formations and imbedding new junior players. We came to the Xmas break in a solid 6th position finishing with a devastatingly close 1-0 loss to Havant despite an impressive team performance.

We gained momentum returning in the New Year playing with a renewed confidence and challenging and testing the other top teams in the league. We sustained only one defeat in the 2nd half of the season, a closely contested game against new forest, which also saw us play some of our best hockey. This meant that we finished the season in 4th place, the highest finish for any OHC team ever and a fitting reward for everyone's hard work.

I would like to say a big Thank you to Katy for all her help as vice-captain this year and for captaining the team that finally silenced Wimborne! Massive thank you to Bob and Paul for all of their coaching efforts this season. I know I speak for the whole team when I say that we are so grateful and we couldn't do this without you and we absolutely promise to watch more of your training videos next year!

My final thank you is to the team, I could not be more proud of you all. This achievement is not the result of just one person but from the commitment and dedication of all of us and our ability to work together and for each other. Thank you, you've been phenomenal!

South Central Women's Division 1 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
New Forest 1	22	16	4	2	62	19	43	52		W W L W D
Havant 2	22	13	4	5	47	30	17	43		L W W D D
Wimborne Wayfarers 1	22	13	2	7	48	23	25	41		W L W L L
Poole 1	22	10	6	6	49	36	13	36		D W D D D
Southampton 2	22	10	6	6	45	36	9	36		L W D L L
Fareham 2	22	10	3	9	36	37	-1	33		L W L L D
Portsmouth 1	22	9	3	10	34	33	1	30		W L W L W
Haslemere 2	22	8	3	11	30	40	-10	27		D L L W D
Alton 1	22	8	2	12	33	43	-10	26		W W W W W
Trojans 3	22	7	2	13	26	48	-22	23		L L W W W
Bournemouth W2	22	6	3	13	30	60	-30	21		W L L W D
Salisbury 2	22	3	0	19	27	62	-35	9		L L L L L

Men 2s – Martin Wollington

I'd like to start off by saying a huge thank you to all those who do so much for this club—our amazing exec: Ruth, Paul, TJ, and Trevor. The amount of work you put in, and the grief you put up with throughout the year, is frankly ridiculous—but you do it all with heart, and we're so grateful for it.

Thanks also to everyone who helps in all the other essential ways—social media posts, team management, coaching, umpiring, driving to games—every bit of support matters and keeps the club running. The more people that get involved, the easier it becomes for everyone.

And of course, thank you to the players. Without you showing up, playing your hearts out, and (hopefully!) paying your fees on time, the club wouldn't be where it is today. Just a reminder—our season runs from September to April, so get those calendars blocked out!

Now, onto the Men's Twos.

We had another solid season—safe from the dreaded word: relegation. We played 22 games and got results in 8 of them. And like many of you, I know there were matches where the score didn't reflect how well we played.

Here are some stats from the season:

- 43 different players pulled on a Twos shirt
- 11 different goal scorers
- 9 players received at least one green card
- 3 yellow cards were handed out
- Our youngest player was just 13 years old
- Our oldest? A sprightly 62
- Most appearances: Harry Izod
- 8 of our players were under 18

To the parents—thank you. The support, the lifts, the coordination... we couldn't do this without you.

We've seen fantastic development from our younger players this year. Shout out to Harry, Will, Charlie, Declan, Oli, Monty, and Sam—these lads are key to Poole Hockey Club's future. I hope they enjoyed the season and, if they head off to uni, that they find their way back to us.

A special well done to Will, Charlie, and Declan. This was your first full season with the Twos—Declan joined us more toward the end—but each of you gave everything every week. It was great to finish strong, and I'm excited to build on that next season with a renewed focus on youth development and pushing higher in the league.



Now, a nod to our experienced players—Steve, Potts, Michael, Ahmed, Caleb, Hamish, Alex, Worthy, and others. Without your consistent availability and presence, we’d struggle. You bring experience, stability, and a lot of banter—which, let’s be honest, is essential. You’re fantastic role models for our youth players and a huge part of this team’s fabric.

A quick mention to Caleb, Hamish and Ahmed who all joined the club this year and have been brilliant! Their attitude to playing, performance on a Saturday and willingness to play for whoever is amazing. I hope you all enjoyed this season with Poole Hockey Club and plan to be around for a long time.

A look at some key results:

We lost four games by just a single goal—those could’ve gone either way. Add in our three draws, and there were 18 points we almost had. With better cohesion and full availability from the start next season, we could easily be pushing top five.

Some memorable games:

Our first win came on 2nd November against Chichester 4s—4-1, with Oli Maidman bagging his first hat trick.

The next week, a wild 6-5 game vs. Weymouth—3-3 in the first 15 minutes! Pottsy got himself a hat trick in that one.

A big away win against Basingstoke: 6-3. Danny Parker got his hat trick, with Oli scoring 2 and Pottsy adding another.

A thriller against Chichester Friars: 3-0 down in 10 minutes, we fought back to win the half 4-3. The game ended 6-6, with Oli scoring four and Sam netting two. An amazing one for the spectators!

Our final two wins came in a make-or-break double-header weekend in February. Saturday vs. Weymouth, Oli got 2 goals. Then on Sunday, we smashed Salisbury thanks to Chris Spencer’s 4-goal haul.

To wrap up, thank you to every single player who’s been part of the 2s this year. It’s been a rollercoaster but once again, I finish the season thinking, “I can’t wait to go again.”

Here’s to Poole Hockey Club, and here’s to all of you.

South Central Men's Division 4 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
New Forest	22	17	2	3	105	42	63	53		W W W L W
Haslemere 3	22	14	4	4	90	35	55	46		W L W W W
Basingstoke 3	22	13	4	5	52	34	18	43		D W W W W
Trojans 4	22	13	3	6	69	34	35	42		W L L W W
Winchester 4	22	12	3	7	55	39	16	39		L L W W L
Bournemouth M4	22	11	5	6	62	41	21	38		L W W W L
Romsey 2	22	9	4	9	55	43	12	31		D W L W L
Chichester Friars	22	6	5	11	55	83	-28	23		D W D L L
Salisbury 3	22	7	0	15	29	60	-31	21		W L L L W
Weymouth 1	22	7	1	14	44	81	-37	21		L W L L L
Poole 2	22	5	3	14	47	93	-46	18		D L D L W
Chichester 4	22	1	0	21	20	98	-78	2		L L L L L



Women 2s – MP Cottam

It’s been an exciting and eventful season for our Women’s 2s team, and it’s my pleasure to take a moment to reflect on what we’ve accomplished, and also look ahead to what we can build on for the future.

This season, we had 49 fantastic women on the team, with 17 new joiners and 2 returning players (plus more that weren’t on Teamo). We’ve seen a lot of growth and new faces, which is always exciting.

Looking back at our performance, we know there’s always work to be done, but we’ve made huge progress. In the 23/24 season, we finished 11th, having won 5 games, drawn 1, and unfortunately lost 16. We conceded 96 goals and scored just 21. But we’ve made significant strides this season, where we’ve shown clear improvement. We Won 8 games, lost 8 games, and drew 4 games, with a much-improved goal difference—conceding 38 goals and scoring 35. This shows the progress we’ve made as a team and the potential we have to continue growing!

A highlight for us has been the outstanding performance from our 3 goalkeepers —Emma, TJ, and Helena.

I’d like to take a moment to thank our incredible coaches Martin, Steve, Dave, Vinny, and TJ for their guidance and unwavering support throughout the season. Also a massive thank you to our supporters who join us week in and week out, rain or shine! \It mean a lot to the team having you there cheering us on. Another thank you to the members of the club for umpiring our games as we wouldn’t have been able to play without you.

One of the most exciting aspects of this season has been the development of our junior players, who have also been training with the Women’s 1s and taking part in matches. Zoe, Kayla, Immi, Pippa, and Lucy—you’re the future of the club, and we’re excited to continue watching you grow and contribute. I’m hopeful that next season, we’ll see even more of our youth players stepping up to take on bigger roles.

Looking ahead, we’re aiming to continue this upward trajectory. Next season, we’re setting our sights on promotion. Our goal is to develop more youth players, build a stronger, more cohesive team, and push for that promotion. Together, we can achieve even greater things next season.

Thank you all for your hard work, passion, and dedication. Here’s to season 25/26!

South Central Women's Division 2 Forest										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Wimborne Wayfarers 3	20	17	3	0	75	19	56	54		W D W W W
Southampton University 4	20	13	2	5	48	23	25	41		D W W W L
Romsey 4	20	10	6	4	50	23	27	36		W W W W W
Swanage & Wareham 2	20	10	3	7	47	40	7	33		L W W L W
Andover 3	20	10	0	10	54	46	8	30		W L L L W
Poole 2	20	8	4	8	35	38	-3	28		W W L D W
Salisbury 5	20	8	1	11	41	45	-4	25		L L W L L
Eastleigh Ladies 2	20	7	3	10	27	45	-18	20		D L D W W
Trojans 5	20	8	2	10	34	53	-19	17		L L W W L
Bournemouth W5	20	3	1	16	29	65	-36	10		L W L L L
Southampton 5	20	3	1	16	15	58	-43	10		L L L L L

Men 3s – Richard Evetts

Well that was a long season, feel I started that one in my mid-twenties. 7 months in reality but the 3rd men’s team has been on a journey. Casey and Lloyd have worked hard with our training, concentrating on the much needed basics, along with match play drills and general fitness. 3rds training has been well represented, with a good number attending. Steadily there has been improvement and this shows in the Saturday matches. Results have been varied but no longer are we suffering the big loses, and goals are being scored. The games are closely fought and we are enjoying the hockey, never letting our heads go down and playing right through to the final whistle.



We started the season with a win against Salisbury, then on the return leg, we drew with them. Salisbury being the team that won the league so, good results. Steady improvement came throughout the season and it showed. More wins, and draws than last year, and more closely fought matches. Yes there's room for improvement, but we are traveling in the right direction. We ended this season strong, with 2 wins and a draw, very proud of the boys for what they have achieved.

A few junior players have joined us this season, and although we only have them for a brief moment before Martin swoops in and spirits them away to the 2nds, its again testament to the training they've received prior to joining us. The junior coaches have given them a good basic understanding of hockey and when they join us there more than ready for the adult teams. Obviously this gives the club a secure future with the injection of new talent coming through the ranks.

So, what for the future, the next season for the 3rds? Well hopefully picking up from where we left off, hit the ground running and keep getting the results, enjoying the hockey, welcoming new players into the team. There will need to be improvements. This season we have struggled for players, especially for away games, to the point we have had to cancel a couple of matches. If we only played home games then we would be fine, but the rules stipulate a home and away leg. Training has been so well attended, so the players are there, lifts are there, commitment needs to improve. We have a good network of players in the team who are always ready to help, with lifts and management duties, so we have a support network. If we can get commitment nailed down then I think the 3rds, 2nds and the 1st team could become something special. Creating better results and more enjoyment within the game.

Next season looks promising, and with the continuation of training and hard work, more results will be forthcoming. Thanks to those who have helped run the team, Colin, Simon, and Graeme. Thanks as well to Martin who with some voodoo magic has often come to the rescue with players when we have been short. Lastly though Poole Hockey Club is an amazing, friendly, inclusive club, so a big thank you to all those who work so hard to make it work.

South Central Men's Division 1 Forest										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Salisbury 4	26	24	0	2	104	22	82	72		W W W W W
Blandford And Sturminster 1	26	21	2	3	93	18	75	65		W W W W W
New Forest 2	26	16	2	8	68	39	29	50		W L W W W
Southampton Otters	26	14	3	9	48	44	4	45		W L W W L
Romsey 3	26	14	4	8	63	38	25	43		L W L W L
Bournemouth M5	26	13	5	8	46	46	0	41		W W W D L
Winchester 5	26	13	2	11	53	62	-9	41		L L L D W
Eastleigh	26	11	6	9	63	41	22	39		W L W D W
Romsey Renegades	26	12	2	12	49	41	8	38		L W L D W
Swanage & Wareham 2	26	13	1	12	69	66	3	37		L W L L W
Southampton 3	26	5	2	19	44	84	-40	16		L W L L L
Poole 3	26	4	3	19	33	96	-63	12		W L W L L
Andover Diamonds	26	2	3	21	30	83	-53	8		L L L L L
Weymouth 2	26	2	1	23	25	108	-83	3		L L L L L

4. Ashdown Leisure Centre Update

The Everyone Active contract for running the leisure centres in Poole (Ashdown, Rossmore and Poole Dolphin) ended 30th September 2024 and is now run directly by the council (BCP Leisure).

England Hockey previously recommended that a [Community Use Agreement](#) is put in place between Poole Hockey Club and the council, to improve the relationship and give us more ownership (i.e. all the things we've requested in the past).



New lights were installed before Christmas, which have improved night-time visibility – thank you to the council for this.

Approx. £0.25mill is needed for pitch resurface (including shock pad), the council has no funding so this will need to be funded from multiple sources e.g. grant applications, club fundraising etc. [Crowdfunding is available which Sport England match fund](#), up to £10,000 (i.e. anything we raise Sport England will contribute the same).

We continue working with the Council to improve the facilities at Ashdown.

Season 2024/25 closed. Meeting passed to Trevor Bailey (current club secretary) to commence season 2025/26

1. Election of Club President (two thirds majority required)

The executive committee proposed Adrian Potter for Club President. Seconded by Colin Latham

2. Election of Honorary Members (two thirds majority required)

The current list of Life Members and Vice Presidents:

Vice Presidents	Life Members
1. AJ Windsor	23. Adrian Potter
2. Alex Warren	24. Andy Collyer
3. Alistair King	25. Debbie Chase
4. Bob Wickens	26. Gail Nuttall
5. Brian Pitman	27. Mike Hampton
6. Carl Tantum	28. Peter Webb
7. Casey Fudge	29. Terry Harding
8. Daniel Potts	30. Tom Darlington
9. Darrel Vincent	
10. Duncan Kirwin	
11. George Yoxall	
12. Graham Heron	
13. Heather King	
14. Martin Wollington	
15. Nick Fisher	
16. Paul Roberts	
17. Stephen Costello	
18. Tanya Read	
19. Teresa Morris	
20. Thalia Galloway (TJ)	
21. Trevor Dyson	
22. Vic Martin	

No proposals for Vice Presidents or Life Members received.

3. Election of Executive Management Committee (simple majority required)

Chairperson

Ruth Wharton – elected unopposed

Vice Chairperson

Paul Fletcher – elected unopposed

Treasurer

Thalia Galloway – elected unopposed

Secretary

Trevor Bailey – elected unopposed

4. 2025/24 Membership & Match Fees

As mentioned during the update from the Treasurer, late changes to costs from both BCP Leisure and England Hockey mean that further work is required on the cost model before subscriptions and match fees can be proposed. EGM planned for 13th September 2025.

Any match fees incurred before this time will be based on 24/25 rates.

Going forward, the Treasurer proposed that fees rise with a minimum of inflation. Seconded by Colin Latham and carried by majority.

5. Dates for your diary

August	Preseason – to be planned
Saturday 30 th Aug	Senior club day (to include visiting oppos for 1s & 2s squads) and start of season club senior social
Tuesday 2 nd Sept	First senior coaching session
Saturday 6 th Sept	Senior friendly matches
Tuesday 9 th Sept	First Tuesday junior coaching session
Saturday 13 th Sept	Senior friendly matches
Saturday 13 th Sept	Club EGM, finances focused, plus evening event (if needed / TBC)
Saturday 20 th Sept	First senior league matches
Saturday 20 th Sept	First U8s coaching session
Sunday 12 th Oct	Run Bournemouth marshalling
Saturday 13 th Dec	Xmas club social (possibly including inter club games during the day, depending on league fixtures)
Saturday 18 th April	Senior EOS awards and celebration event
Saturday 25 th April	Junior EOS awards and celebration event & AGM

6. Chairperson's closing statement

When considering my closing statement for this AGM I looked back at last year's, much of which remains the same. So, thank you for voting me to remain as the Club's Chairperson, it's a real honour to take on the role and be part of a brilliant team with Paul, TJ and Trevor, with the support of Adrian.



Over the next season we will continue to work to achieve more growth within the club at junior and senior level. We want this next season to be as good if not better and we all need to be pulling together to enable this. There are a few small things you can all do to help:

- Update Teamo with your availability a week in advance of matches.
- Pay your membership and match fees on time (anyone with outstanding debts from 2024/25 will not be invited to play any match, including summer league, until these are cleared. If this applies to you, please do speak to us so we can sort a plan together).
- Join your team for teas after matches, this is an important part of being part of the team.
- Attend coaching on a regular basis.
- Get involved and help the club where you can.
- Help promote and celebrate the club.
- Get social and join in with club and team events.
- Use the EasyFundraising app when you are buying online, the club receives a financial contribution.

Please remember this is your club and as a member of the club you can have just as much influence on the running of as anyone. So please, if you feel something is / isn't working then please do tell us and let us know if you have an idea for improvements.

Looking forward there are a few areas we hope to progress in over the next season:

- Increase junior numbers, more work in schools.
- More social events.
- Reaccreditation of our ClubMark.
- Umpire development.
- Increase number of advanced coaches (UKCC Hockey Coach Course, old level 2 equivalent).
- Improving our relationship with the Canford Heath community to strengthen and broaden our reach.

Going forward we need more help and input from our members so we will be asking you to get involved, starting with, we need as many as you can on the 12th October to help us marshal at Run Bournemouth. This is an excellent opportunity as we receive funds for our help which will be put back into the club to help keep membership and match fees as low as possible. Please do help, the more people involved the less demand on everyone, even if you're only able to offer an hour – this would be hugely welcomed!

The club is only as good as you make it so, please do get involved.

7. AOB

- Following a suggestion during the season, away socks are changing to WHITE.
- Question: Are there any plans / structure for preseason training / fitness games ahead of the season starting (and can be asked across the entire club, not just a particular men's or women's team)? Answer: planning Aug/Sept as pre season.
- Point raised: practising tactics prior to season start. Response: will be discussed as part of pre-season planning. This could be pitch or classroom based.
- Point raised: highlighted that as part of England Hockey fees, player insurance is included and members should research offering.

Meeting closed by Ruth Wharton.