

WHC COMMITTEE MINUTES 9th February 2026 19.30 Clubhouse

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly committee meeting
CHAIR	Louise Broome
MINUTE TAKER	Jim Garside
ATTENDEES	Jim Garside, Sophie Pearson, Hilary Markwick, Louise Broome, Sarah Brickhill, Matt Bonner, Megan Pugh, Caz Farrell, David Middleton-Egan (David Clark, Alan Murdoch for item 1)
APOLOGIES	Becca Healey, Penny Sparrow, Kieran Jones, Sue Wright, Sharon Holford, Matt Parris-Jarman, Steve Martin

PHOENIX (David Clark)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David, the new Chair of Phoenix, offered a summary of the situation faced by Phoenix and the ways to potentially turn Phoenix from a state of “Surviving” to a state of “Thriving” Phoenix is currently in the state of “Surviving” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has been loss-making for the last 4 years (and heading for another loss this year) Has no financial reserves for investment or contingency Grass pitches are often unplayable during winter – impacting lacrosse and football Cricket revenues lost when Lindow CC leaves after this summer There are various actions in progress or planned to try to bring Phoenix back to break even But none of these actions are sufficient to get Phoenix to a state of “thriving” – with cash available for repairs and investments in the facilities. Padel could be a “game-changer” as it could bring in £20k-£25k pa if approved and built 3G Pitch could be another “game-changer” with extra revenues for Phoenix and bar/clubhouse profits. Importantly, it secures Lacrosse at Phoenix in the long term too. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MINUTES

DISCUSSION		
Minutes of last meeting:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the last meeting were approved. 		
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SOCIAL EVENTS (BH)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dinner Dance booked for 18th April – although not confirmed in writing by Pinewood yet DJ is booked and deposit paid. DME wants to book a junior event ahead of the Dinner Dance – a non-playing event in the clubhouse for all ages, including presentations, awards and DJ/games. Probably a Friday. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

CLUB SURVEY (JG)

DISCUSSION		
We discussed the provisional actions from the Club Survey from the last meeting. The final actions agreed were as follows:		
Men's actions (MB)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue search for a Men's coach for this season or at least next season Share the volunteer coach each week (from the rota) to encourage attendance Recruit more players in time for next season – to enable a Men's 3rd team. Assess training timings for next season and how to include our youngest players 		
Ladies actions (Captains/Coaches)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to seek a new/interim Ladies Club Captain Help the L3s stay in their league: to avoid 3 teams in the same league Consider if our teams would be better off next season in N rather than S Central 		
Juniors actions (DME)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General: continue to do what we are doing – it's working and appreciated Non-hockey socials: plan an end of season awards event & Christmas event. Tournament locations: we will continue to host more tournaments to save travel Kit: investigate alternative kit options for juniors (with JG) Planning for more U8 and U10 tournaments with local clubs next season. Consider options for additional training – potentially Sunday mornings for our youngest. 		
Umpiring actions (MP)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and promote a new-umpire training programme – to inspire and train new umpires, including adults, juniors, parents. 		
Phoenix actions (JG to take to Phoenix)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs to the access road (have a plan, pending available funding) Improve showers/changing facilities (again, pending available funding) 		
Teas actions (JG)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Variation: Introduce a cycle – alternating wraps with 2 curry/rice variants. 		
Veo actions (SD)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take up the Veo offer of a free consultation – to see how other clubs use Veo Veo training session(s) for captains, coaches, enthusiasts – to start using Veo features for performance improvement/coaching etc. 		
Purpose and Values actions (JG)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remind members of the Code of Conduct, "Respect" in particular; combine with notification of EH Misconduct policy and use of camera footage. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• As above.		

FINANCES VS BUDGET (HM)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forecasting a year end loss of ~£3,000 vs budget of £778 loss Income is down ~£5,600: membership fees, junior camp (made £400 vs £1500 budget), match fees (-£2,500) Expenses: need a forecast from Zoe for coaching fees – this is the biggest unknown. Teas: may be a saving of ~£700 as player numbers are down Dinner dance needs to make a profit of £500 Xmas party achieved only achieved £250 (plus raffle which is £500 for several events) Sponsorship – likely to meet budget. Crow money paid. 		
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FUTURE EVENTS (All)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marshalling for the Wilmslow Running Festival on 22nd March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> please push for volunteers – we need more we need a volunteer to take over from Sharon as race officer (this will be her last race), ideally shadowing her this race. Community event (8th March) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All 5 Phoenix sports will be represented now – including hockey. Will need one hockey representative on the day. (Setup from 2pm. Event 3-5pm) Maddie Hinch coaching event in the summer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed to find out more and then decide how we benefit from giving our pitch for free for one/two days. Will likely attract lots of people from the area – goalkeepers and outfield players. AGM – pencilled in for Saturday 17th May 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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COMMUNICATIONS: NEXT TOPICS/PROMOTIONS (MP)

DISCUSSION		
• MP will work on the next newsletter with the topics agreed last time, plus umpiring appeal.		
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bar volunteers: LB, SB, JG, SamD, MartinW now trained. CharlieW, MP and others from LadiesT2 training (incl CF) yet to be trained Clubhouse/bar keys: need a set of clubhouse/bar keys for CF and MB. Teamo: JG spoke to Teamo account manager to complain about recent slowness and some errors in the app. They have made some changes as a result and want to know if there are other problems any of the committee are facing. Please report errors/slowness to Teamo direct on the Support Chat (or to JG) with a screenshot, explanation and specific date/time. EH misconduct incident: CF spoke to the NW Discipline lead to see whether feedback on the process would be welcomed by EH. In the discussion, it became clear that this would not be welcome or help the club. Action closed. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Request extra keys from Chris Hunter in Phoenix	JG	14 th Feb
• Report Teamo faults/slowness via Teamo Chat of JG	All	28 th Feb

Meeting closed at 21.15

NEXT MEETINGS (7.30PM, 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH)	9 th March 2026 13 th April 2026 11 th May 2026
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Actions from previous meetings

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Spirit of Hockey implementation – communication, signage etc	BH/SP	20 th Sep
• Update Discipline Policy – red card treatment and from lessons learned over the summer	CF/BH	10 th Nov

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Review the first aid kit contents over Christmas break	CF	15 th Dec
• Make contact with local Schools Games Organiser	DME	30 th Nov
• Re-purpose benches to store the pitch dividers	DME/MB	30 th Nov
• Review new sponsorship proposal for local businesses	JG/BH	7 th Jan
• Purchase new training bibs	MP	13 th Dec
• Communication: to say how captains and coaches operate – roles & responsibilities. Representatives encouraged and welcome. BH as the escalation only.	BH	3 rd Jan
• Draft a message to all members EH on the new Misconduct process itself, highlighting CoC amendment	CF	19 th Dec
• Reorder a stock of socks	LB	18 th Dec
• Suggestions for next social event	BH	9 th Feb
• Follow-up with volunteers in the club survey	LB/DME/BH/JG	28 th Jan
• Develop and send January newsletter incl Survey Actions.	MP (& SP)	31 st Jan