

WHC COMMITTEE MINUTES 9th March 2026 19.30 Clubhouse

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

MINUTES / ACTIONS

DISCUSSION		
Minutes of last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the last meeting were approved. • Actions from previous meetings were reviewed and updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreed to purchase 8 sets of replacement first aid and one new container. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

MARSHALLING (SH)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are short of marshals for Wilmslow Running Festival on 22nd March 2026. Scouts can't help this time, nor can Martin Stocker's friends. • With 25 positions to cover and just ~30 people available we would have to have 12 people on their own all morning. We are reluctant to place so many people on their own, mainly for their own wellbeing but also it's a bigger ask, less fun and because they may just not come back next time. • Alternatively, we can give up 5-6 positions but keep everyone in pairs. We decided that this was the best option – even if this results in less money earned for the club. • Next meeting we need to discuss how/if to support the summer 10k where we have 30 positions assigned and a recurring challenge to find enough volunteers. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
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UPCOMING EVENT PREPARATION (JG)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior events masterclass - 31st March (DME) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everyone to promote on social media please • End of season drinks (SP/BH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post done on social media. • Dinner Dance (CF/BH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to ask sponsors for raffle prizes – JG/SM • Maddie Hinch event (Friday 7th August) (JG/ES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Event: for goalkeepers and attackers – both during the day – adults separate to juniors ○ Event is planned, marketed and run by MH1 – no risk to us ○ Calendar is clear for the pitch ○ Cost to us: pitch hire for a day – “recruitment” via WPAL 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefit to us: members have a discount; reputation and recruitment; our coaches can join in to learn too. ○ Agreed to go ahead provided fee from WPAL is reasonable. ○ [Post meeting note: agreed a fee of £100 for the day with WPAL and HM. Have given the organisers the go-ahead] 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a poster for End of Season drinks and the Dinner Dance – display in the clubhouse and ladies/gents 	SP	20 th Mar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask sponsors for raffle prizes for Dinner Dance 	JG/SM	20 th Mar

PHOENIX (HM)

DISCUSSION		
<p>3G pitch - conditions for hockey to agree (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phoenix is evaluating the benefits of hosting a 3G pitch at the site ● Hockey and other sports got an action to consider under what “conditions” hockey would agree to the 3G pitch construction. ● JG proposed a list of conditions. These were discussed and amended during the discussion. ● See appendix 1 for the final list. ● PS noted that two separate companies on the same site charging the same amount might not meet any need to demonstrate commercial business to HMRC. ● LB noted that Phoenix and hockey should hold Football accountable – can’t be bullied. Phoenix is the “land owner” and they need us. <p>Finances and bar volunteers (JG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phoenix is facing a severe cash shortage due to low bar profits, lack of football grant and historical reluctance to increase sport subscriptions ● Bar volunteers are important: 1 paid staff member on a Saturday, volunteers step in too; weekdays – volunteers only. ● We must encourage our members to use the bar and we must actively develop social events to increase bar turnover. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 		

PLANNING FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR (HM)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coaching savings will offset the reduction in membership fees somewhat ● Fundraising income (excl raffle) is down. Hoping to make some profit (if over 60 people) at dinner dance. ● Teas: good feedback from Deeside. Wastage continues at end of day. Can we bill opposition for un-used teas? Yes – regulations allow this – see below. We want to warn visiting teams in the pre-match arrangements that we reserve the right to invoice the club for wasted food. 		
<p>NW Regulations:</p> <p>6.6 Hospitality</p> <p>6.6.1 Home teams are required to make post-match hospitality available to visiting teams and Area Appointed Umpires.</p> <p>(a) Away team and umpires must confirm if they do not wish to receive any offered hospitality by 2000 hrs on the Wednesday prior to the match. Away team is liable for any costs incurred if they notify that they do not require hospitality after this time or if it is not taken on the day.</p> <p>6.6.2 Clubs who do not intend to provide post-match hospitality must seek ALMC approval, before the start of the season, with justification. If the ALMC allows a Home team not to provide hospitality for the season, they should inform all of their opposition teams before their first game. Away teams may reciprocate or not.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phoenix fees are likely to go up significantly ● Teams: provisionally planning on 5 ladies teams and 3 mens teams 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> L3/4/5s: move teams to North (vs South Central) would incur 186 vs 500 travelling miles. Seems a no-brainer. Aim to make that decision next meeting. We have to confirm team entries by 1st May 2026 for next season – along with any requests. AGM date is set for Saturday 16th May. Resolutions to be discussed and confirm at next meeting. Hoping to be able to include a further resolution regarding incorporation of the club. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add polite notice to pre-match arrangements email warning that we reserve the right to invoice for unused food ordered by the visiting team. 	SW/AlexL	21 st Mar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare draft resolutions for AGM – to review in next meeting 	JG	13 th Apr

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MP: Planning to run a summer league at WHC for Ladies 3/4/5s. 6 teams on a Tuesday evening. 7 a side. Masters 500s expected to continue in the summer too. Social hockey – not decided. Kit: JG showed an alternative playing shirt for both juniors and senior players from Joma. It is significantly cheaper than the Mizuno shirt. Will investigate option to make this the default kit to save money for members. 	
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate alternative playing shirt kit options 	JG	13 th Apr

Meeting closed at 21.15

NEXT MEETINGS (7.30PM, 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH)	13 th April 2026
	11 th May 2026
	15 th June 2026

Actions from previous meetings

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit of Hockey implementation – communication, signage etc 	BH/SP	20 th Sep
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Discipline Policy – red card treatment and from lessons learned over the summer 	CF/BH	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make contact with local Schools Games Organiser 	DME	30 th Nov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-purpose benches to store the pitch dividers 	DME/MB	30 th Nov
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review new sponsorship proposal for local businesses 	JG/BH	7 th Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft a message to all members EH on the new Misconduct process itself, highlighting CoC amendment 	CF	19 th Dec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reorder a stock of socks 	LB	18 th Dec
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestions for next social event 	BH	9 th Feb
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up with volunteers in the club survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LB: Emma J, Nicola M, Rick Nicholson (Maisie) DME: Anya, Steve M, Kat Lister, Kae Travis, Helen Baxter, Barbara Chesworth, Alistair Revell BH: invite all those who offered to help with Social events to a meeting to gather ideas. 	LB/DME/BH/JG	In progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JG: Francis Wheeler, Sam Dawson, Nadia Ghaffar, Mustafah Khalid, Shameena Bharucha, Charmain May 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up with volunteers in the club survey 	LB/DME/BH/JG	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and send January newsletter incl Survey Actions. 	MP (& SP)	31 st Jan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request extra keys from Chris Hunter in Phoenix 	JG	In progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for new umpiring training programme 	MP/JG	28 th Feb

Appendix 1

3G pitch: Phoenix conditions/requirements

Wilmslow Sports should:

To become a constituent section

- Provide the £10,000 promised from the grounds grant, as cash, to replace the £10,000 Phoenix has already spent on drainage on the understanding that the grant was already secure and imminent.
- Commit to continue to provide the grounds grant funding over subsequent grant years for maintaining and improving the grass pitches.
- Agree to pay the full membership fee - currently ~£4,500 pa from May 2026
- Agree a service agreement for transparency of facilities usage (in progress)

Continued from the original agreement: (Aug 2024)

- Commit to apply for grants for grounds equipment and clubhouse improvements
- WS parents to park in Wilmslow Albion car park for Saturday morning matches

(Becoming a Constituent Section requires a 75% vote in favour at the upcoming AGM. Failure to secure approval would leave WS as a Provisional Member with a new annual fee of [TBC] and unable to progress the 3G pitch.)

To site a 3G pitch at Phoenix

Phoenix-specific requirements

- Develop a visual plan with other sports of the whole site showing the proposed 3G location (showing both alternatives) and remaining football/lacrosse grass pitches. Show a plan of expected usage of the grass pitches.
- Actively consult Phoenix on usage, financial and construction plans
- Ensure the charge on the land is limited to the 3G pitch location only
- Coordinate with Phoenix on all CEC interactions - joined up approach
- Negotiate a sub-lease (including adequate protections for Phoenix in the event of partial or full failure of the 3G pitch company)
- Meet any legal fees for football or Phoenix, including the sub-lease
- Demonstrate integrated plan and funding for sufficient car parking
- Demonstrate integrated plan and funding for an upgrade of changing facilities
- Discuss and agree relationship of Wilmslow Albion with Wilmslow Sports and Phoenix. What is the plan for Albion land/buildings?

Wilmslow Lacrosse Club-specific requirements:

- Full size pitch with lacrosse markings
- 1st priority access to the 3G pitch on Saturday afternoons 2-4pm
- 1st priority access for the entirety of Nick Kehoe weekend (1st May bank holiday weekend)
- One evening training for seniors other than Thursday (we will continue our full club training Thursday on the Astro)

Styal Running Club-specific requirements:

- Development allows sufficient space for and ideally enhances plans for an active running track

Wilmslow Hockey Club-specific requirements - 2nd Astro location only

- Compensate WPAL/Hockey/Phoenix for their respective cost/effort expended to date achieve planning permission and car park investment. (Total WPAL costs were £10,430 + new car park £14,430 (net of grant) = £25k)

- Comply with scope and conditions associated with existing planning requirements, including completing the car park and passing places on the driveway.

To operate the 3G pitch

- Form a new company to operate the pitch on a commercial basis with a sinking fund to upgrade the surface in due course
- Charge Phoenix clubs a reduced rate vs public rate - as per WPAL
- Agree to pay the full membership fee for the 3G company (currently ~£4,500 pa) - in addition to WS club membership
- Pay for all its own costs e.g. electricity for lighting
- Not compete with WPAL - minimise impact on WPAL revenues