

WHC COMMITTEE MINUTES 13th April 2026 19.30 Clubhouse

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

MINUTES / ACTIONS

DISCUSSION		
Minutes of last meeting:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the last meeting were approved. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

UPCOMING EVENT PREPARATION (JG)

DISCUSSION		
Dinner Dance (CF/BH)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparation is in hand. Caz/Becca will be there to set up. Raffle prizes from sponsors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handforth Physio: two prizes: 60 mins and 30 mins Sports Massages Official Kit: voucher offered conditional on switching from Mizuno (TBC) Chelsea Flowers: £voucher expected Breakthrough Maths: £50 e-voucher to spend at Majestic wines Orbit, Crow, MGS: nothing. 		
Junior Summer Camp (DME message)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Junior summer camp for May/June is designed to enhance and prepare the players for moving up to the next age group U8 to U10 and for the current U10 players to have specific coaching. We have targeted these age groups as it gives us more scope to improve the players. It will allow space for us to invite the local primaries which we are promoting, we can also offer coaches from Wilmslow to go into the primaries schools if it fits with times and dates. 		
Junior Awards (May TBC) (DME message)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The junior presentation event will be held at the club. This will be a more formal way of celebrating the junior section this season with parents. 		
Summer 10k (12th July) (SH message)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SH thinks we should support it as it's quite late to let them down. SH has messaged Megan to see if her sister's rugby club can help. Bobby has said his cricket club can help. LB will ask at Wilmslow Prep for help. Organisers also have Styal Running Club and Charlton Running Club to try to get more help. SH is happy to organise marshals up to the day but ideally with someone shadowing. SH is not available on the day (holiday) but Steve Kinsella said he can cover if necessary. Committee agreed we should go ahead of this basis and requested SH to ask Martin W if he would cover the day and take over organising positions from SH in future. 		
Ladies friendly summer league (MP/CF)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have a few clubs interested in joining us. Aim to charge £30 per team. This puts the club in immediate profit (and gives budget for decent trophies and pizzas after last week) 		

- If we get 6 teams there will be 5 rounds of games so games could be 20mins with time between. Everyone plays everyone.
- Or 8 teams where each team plays 4 times but everyone plays each other across a 2 week stint. Say 7.30 start. Pitch hire would be £60 per week. Pitch is booked starting first week May. Need to get communications out to members, schedule events in Teamo.

Men's friendly summer league (MB)

- Used to be held at Timperley, but not happening this summer as previously let by Andy H.

Mixed Masters 500s

- Our team is entered. Jenn M-E has kindly offered to organise the team.

Midweek summer social hockey

- With masters and ladies tournament there may not be a need for this. TBC.

Phoenix working party – TBC (JG)

- Phoenix has issued a long list of jobs and asked all sports to organise members to tackle them.
- We agreed the best way to support was to arrange a working party day and invite members to help. We would aim to help on things that most benefit hockey. Provisionally set for Sunday 10th May – say 1030-1300.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Ladies friendly summer league: communications to members and other clubs; scheduled events in Teamo	MP/CF	28 th April
• Club working party: add to Teamo (done), create social post to invite members to help	JG/SP	24 th April

COACHES FOR NEXT SEASON (All)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will need a Men's coach, Ladies coach x 2, additional junior coach • Need to appoint club captains to lead on this ideally. • In the meantime, need to get the adverts out: website, EH jobs, social media, local clubs, NW League contacts, coaching leaders, personal contacts etc. • Lottie Wright – offered to coach ladies 1s – player coach. Jake may be interested from Macc. • As coaches are hard to recruit, we will need a contingency plan: using existing players/coaches. • We lose coaches every year - need to understand why we don't keep them – "exit interviews". 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• "Exit interviews" with Zoe, Jenna to see what we can learn from their experience	JG	28 th April
• Create coaching advert(s) for EH jobs page	JG	28 th April
• Create coaching advert(s) for social media / website	SP/JG	28 th April

PLAYING KIT – MIZUNO UPDATE (JG/MPJ)

DISCUSSION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JG showed a JOMA shirt at the last meeting as a potential replacement for the Mizuno playing shirt. That shirt would be available with no MOQ, a number/name within 2-3 weeks, direct to your door. • Official Kit have priced this and all the equivalent JOMA kit: with a couple of exceptions (for which there are unbranded options) all the playing kit is cheaper. • Playing shirt comparison: junior JOMA shirt £24 incl delivery vs £27 Mizuno; senior JOMA shirt £26 vs £34 Mizuno. • However, we are still in the last year of a 3 year agreement with Mizuno. Mizuno are not willing to release us from the obligation to promote their kit to members. But they would like 	

<p>to help us if they can. Delivery time is now estimated at 5-6 weeks – European manufacturing. Suggested that we or Official Kit might hold some kit. But they can't relax the MOQ any further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are not in a position to terminate the Mizuno arrangement and must wait 12 months for any substantial shift away from Mizuno. However, we already buy small junior kit (U8s) from Emblazed. JG recommended and the committee agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switch our small junior kit from Emblazed to Official Kit – using the JOMA shirt/kit – a better product and all available on one website, not two. We can find out how the new shirt fares over the next 12 months and decide this time next year if we want to switch to the new shirt for seniors too. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange to close down the Emblazed arrangement and setup junior kit on Official Kit; communications to parents. 	JG/DME/MPJ	15 th May

PLANNING FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR (HM)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HM presented a draft year end forecast and draft budget for next year The draft forecast indicates a small surplus this year (~£1k) and a loss next year (~£3k) – based on assumptions of number of teams, coaching, teas, sponsorship etc. – but leaving membership fees and match fees unchanged. We discussed the assumptions, as follows. Ladies teams: expecting 7-8 players to leave – several Uni. Potentially a whole team's worth. L1s are considering if they want to continue in their league or not, after a challenging season. Agreed to budget on the assumption of 4 teams, although we may still enter 5 teams and see how we get on and hope to bring new players in. Ladies 3/4/5s: will request to move from South Central to North equivalent league to reduce travel and improve availability. Will request this in the NW team entry submission end April. Men's teams: certainly 2 men's teams, but potentially a development team too – pending responses to a poll that MB has issued. Another option would be ad-hoc development games. CHS: expecting not to need CHS - will play 5 games in a day at home if needed, to maximise member footfall at the club, more social interaction and more bar income. Some clubs require one parent to become a member – could be an option. Need to check kit supplies – payments vs income – as there's a £1,400 gap showing. Phoenix affiliation increase is likely to be significant – potentially £5,000 (from £4,200) Membership fees will likely need to increase: assume adult £200-£215 and junior/concession £100-£110. Match fees will likely need to increase: assume £10-£11 adult and £5-£6 junior. HM will use these assumptions in the next iteration of the budget Previous increases (for reference): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 2020: no increases May 2021: adult match fee increased from £9 to £10 (junior remains £5) May 2022: no increases May 2023: O13 membership, concessions £80-£100; adult £175-£200; social £35-£40 – associated with paid teas and paid umpires May 2024: U13 membership £80-£100 May 2025: no increases 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconcile kit payments to suppliers vs kit income from members. 	JG/MPJ	28 th April

AGM PLANNING (JG)

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM is scheduled in Teamo for Saturday 16th May – 2pm. Formal notice needs to go out by next week with agenda. Normal resolutions only: approve accounts for this year & agree budget for next (including changes to membership and match fees) Not ready to propose agreements on Incorporation – focus has been on WPAL first, which has proved complex and required professional VAT advice on transfer WPAL shares from WPSC to WHC. Will provide an update in the AGM. 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue formal notice of AGM to all members 	JG	20 th April

COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR (All)

DISCUSSION		
<p>The following committee members said that they were stepping down at the AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BH Chair JG Secretary MB Men's club captain CF Discipline (reported by BH) <p>We need a renewed call for volunteers to join the committee, to send with the AGM notice.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		

Meeting closed at 21.30

NEXT MEETINGS (7.30PM, 2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH)	11 th May 2026 15 th June 2026 13 th July 2026
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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"> Re-purpose benches to store the pitch dividers 	DME/MB	30 th Nov
<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"> 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

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<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"> 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