

**WHC COMMITTEE MINUTES** 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 19.30 Clubhouse

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

**MINUTES / ACTIONS**

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

**COACHES FOR NEXT SEASON (All)**

DISCUSSION		
<b>Mens (AL)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee welcomed Alex Louch to the meeting. AL has offered to be Men's Club Captain for the new season, subject to confirmation at the AGM.</li> <li>Last year's M1 training attendance was low with no coach. Vital that we have a coach next season. Simon Rome has approached us and MB/AL have spoken to him. Simon is an ex Wilmslow player who has been Lymm men's coach for 2-3 years. The Lymm team is folding and he is interested in coaching for us. Spoke to Martin, Steve and others who know Simon – feedback all positive.</li> <li>He now plays Didsbury 2s and would look to coach our M1s on the sidelines for Saturday home games. AL requested a 2:30 M1s start time to maximise the chances of Simon being able to coach. This was agreed.</li> <li>AL relayed fees discussion with Simon: standard L2 hourly rate for training, plus 2 hours max at the same rate for a match. Simon is also asking for an allowance for travel time/costs. We don't normally pay anything for travel time/costs – asked AL to try to negotiate this element down while still getting Simon on board. HM confirmed that there was sufficient budget for men's coaching to cover the cost and travel.</li> </ul>		
<b>Ladies (RP)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have had coaching from Will but he is no longer responding to messages. Think he may be looking at other opportunities. Would like to continue coaching promotions on social media in the meantime. Meanwhile, a couple of new players have been recruited.</li> </ul>		
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise agreement with Simon as men's coach</li> <li>Continue coach advertisements on social media</li> <li>Plan for M1s fixtures at 2:30pm (subject to Simon being hired)</li> </ul>	<p>AL</p> <p>RP/SP</p> <p>SW</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> July</p>

**UPCOMING EVENT PREPARATION (All)**

DISCUSSION	
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**Social Hockey (AL/RP)**

- In previous years we've run mixed social hockey on a Wednesday evening. This year we already have Masters 500s in May/June/July, Timperley Summer League in May/June/July and Ladies Home Summer League May/June. Men's 2s had a 1-day tournament in May. M1s are not entered in Timperley league.
- Conclusion: there is no particular need for mixed social hockey this summer.

**Summer 10k 12<sup>th</sup> July (SH)**

- Could be a challenge to find enough volunteers. We have around 31 positions and ideally need ~60 people. Sharon is trying to get volunteers from Bobby (cricket) and others.

**Club Open Day (All)**

- Some schools not back until after 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. Also there's a ladies event on the 5<sup>th</sup> at the Armitage. Will aim for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept
- DME has led the preparation in the last 2 years – hope he will do so again. [Post meeting note: DME has agreed]

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Setup Club Open Day in Teamo for 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	JG	Done
• Remind/encourage players to sign up for 10k marshalling	AL/RP	19 <sup>th</sup> June

**PREPARATION FOR AGM (All)**

DISCUSSION
<p><b>Next year's budget – membership fees, match fees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HM presented the latest accounts for last year and provisional budget for this new year</li> <li>• Accounts for last year show a profit of £4,990 vs a budget deficit of £778. The surplus was largely due to unusually low playing costs (training pitch hire, no men's coach, teas etc) and not repeatable.</li> <li>• Draft budget for the new year shows a loss of £1,898. A 10% increase in membership fees would be sufficient to cover the deficit and help protect from further increases in costs in future.</li> <li>• Last year the club did not increase <u>any</u> membership or match fees, despite taking on additional costs for EH membership and teas. We agreed to increase full adult membership from £200 to £220 and concession/junior membership fees from £100 to £110 (all subject to agreement at the AGM). NB match fees have not been increased since 2021.</li> <li>• HM will adjust budget accordingly and prepare the treasurer's report for the AGM.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship income has dropped over the last few years as we haven't had anyone to lead on this. We could include a request to parents for new sponsorship ideas with the new membership fees messages. Barclays and other organisations sometimes offer match-funding for sports clubs with employees. Could ask about this too.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key messages for reports from Chair, Secretary (for presentation at the AGM):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Secretary:</b> update on WHC incorporation, Phoenix</li> <li>• <b>Chair:</b> state school investment programme; thank you's to volunteers; call for help to the committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Practicalities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will run the bar between us on the day – MP, LB, JG etc. No need for paid bar staff.</li> </ul>

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rework budget and prepare treasurer's report for circulation/printing</li> </ul>	HM	12 <sup>th</sup> June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare AGM presentation materials for Chair/Sec reports</li> </ul>	JG/BH	12 <sup>th</sup> June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include sponsorship/fundraising message in the new membership year communications</li> </ul>	SB	1 <sup>st</sup> July

#### COMMITTEE POSITIONS FOR NEXT YEAR (All)

DISCUSSION				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incoming – welcome!               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel Payne (Ladies Club Captain), Alex Louch (Men's Club Captain)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Continuing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vice Chair, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Communications, Fixtures, Social Media, Junior Club Captain, Social Media, Kit Manager, 100 Club.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vacancies – minimum roles required in Constitution               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair</li> <li>Secretary</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vacancies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsorship</li> <li>Payment support (Xero)</li> <li>Social Secretary</li> <li>Race Marshalling</li> <li>Discipline</li> <li>Development</li> <li>Systems/website</li> <li>Umpire Development</li> <li>Umpire co-ordinator</li> <li>Phoenix Representative(s)</li> <li>Teas coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Send AGM reminder to all club members and highlight importance of filling the Chair/Sec positions at a minimum</li> </ul>	JG	12 <sup>th</sup> June		

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MP has created an umpire development programme over 6 sessions. MP asked the committee to review and provide feedback.</li> <li>Phoenix: (JG)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football (Wilmslow Sports) are currently a Provisional Member of Phoenix. WHC previously agreed conditions for football to become a Constituent Section, including finally delivering the promised £10,000 grant and agreeing £4,500 pa membership.</li> <li>They have committed £7,500 and now have the invoice from Phoenix. Remaining 25% would effectively be covered by Phoenix. They have agreed to £4,500 pa but only in return for use of virtually all grass space and other benefits.</li> <li>Conditions are not met. DC writing to Football to reject Constituent Member request meaning no 3G pitch either.</li> <li>Lacrosse can no longer hire a 3G pitch so will depend even more on our grass pitches. Lacrosse are voting AGAINST the resolution to make football a full member.</li> <li>As the conditions are not met, hockey would also vote against the resolution.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				

- Potential changes to Teamo payments (JG)
  - Teamo is switching away from Stripe and GoCardless - to a new payments provider.
  - Will enable members to use Apple Pay and Google Pay additionally.
  - For admins, we will be able to do refunds direct from Teamo rather than Stripe – should make it easier to integrate with Xero too.
  - Fees will likely go up whether we switch over or not. Will find out more on a call with Teamo this week and report back with a recommendation.

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Create social post highlighting Ollie Fuller’s progress as an umpire	SP/AL	19 <sup>th</sup> June
• Review Umpire development plan and provide feedback to MP	All	19 <sup>th</sup> June
• Review new TeamoPay proposal and report back to the committee	JG	12 <sup>th</sup> June

**Meeting closed at 21.00**

<b>NEXT MEETINGS</b> <b>(7.30PM, 2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY EACH MONTH)</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2026 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
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**Actions from previous meetings**

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
• Spirit of Hockey implementation – communication, signage etc	BH/SP	20 <sup>th</sup> Sep
• Update Discipline Policy – red card treatment and from lessons learned over the summer	CF/BH	In progress
• Re-purpose benches to store the pitch dividers	DME/MB	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov
• Draft a message to all members EH on the new Misconduct process itself, highlighting CoC amendment	CF	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
• Follow-up with volunteers in the club survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LB: Emma J, Nicola M, Rick Nicholson (Maisie)</li> <li>• DME: Anya, Steve M, Kat Lister, Kae Travis, Helen Baxter, Barbara Chesworth, Alistair Revell</li> <li>• BH: invite all those who offered to help with Social events to a meeting to gather ideas.</li> <li>• JG: <del>Francis Wheeler, Sam Dawson</del>, Nadia Ghaffar, Mustafah Khalid, Shameena Bharucha, <del>Charmain May</del></li> </ul>	LB/DME/BH/JG	In progress
• Request extra keys from Chris Hunter in Phoenix	JG	In progress
• Arrange to close down the Emblazed arrangement and setup junior kit on Official Kit; communications to parents.	JG/DME/MPJ	15 <sup>th</sup> May
• Reconcile kit payments to suppliers vs kit income from members.	JG/MPJ	In progress