

# Wilmslow Hockey Club Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## **Our Club Purpose:**

To promote a supportive, social & family environment for all  
to learn and play hockey at all levels



WILMSLOW  
**HOCKEY**  
CLUB

# Agenda



## Welcome from the Chair

1. Approve the minutes of last year's AGM
2. Receive reports from the Chair and Secretary
3. Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts for 2025/2026 (including a report certifying the Club's accounts)
4. Agree the club budget and membership fees for 2026/2027
5. Elect the President
6. Elect the Committee Members for the next year
7. Deal with other relevant business

# Approve last year's AGM Minutes

- **Any objections** to the Minutes of the last AGM (18<sup>th</sup> May 2025)?
- **AGM motion**: this meeting approves the Minutes of the last AGM

# Chair's report



## Junior recruitment

- Enrolled in EH's State School Investment Programme
- An investment by EH to teach hockey in primary schools and run tournaments
- We will partner with the schools and hope to recruit more juniors to the club

## Phoenix challenges

- Phoenix committee is stronger than this time last year (WHC: GuyP/JimG/ChrisS)
- Financials not healthy – section fees will rise significantly
- Badly need more events, income and profit from the bar – “use it or lose it!”
- (We should plan to staff the bar with volunteers, except Saturdays or large events)
- Ongoing discussions with Football on fees, pitch usage, grants, membership
- But Destination Padel progressing towards submitting Planning Application

## Second astro

- No justification (or funding) to build a second hockey pitch in the foreseeable future
- But Football have aspirations to build a 3G on the second astro site (with FA support)
- We have set conditions for Football, primarily:
  - Become a Constituent Section - deliver overdue grant money, pay full annual fees
  - Involve Phoenix in planning and delivery of the pitch
  - Commit to pay Phoenix the annual fee from the pitch company (like Astro)
  - Repay the ~£25k that WHC/WPAL have spent to date on planning and car park.

# Secretary's Report



Companies House



## Incorporation of Wilmslow Hockey Club i.e. becoming a limited company

### REMINDER

- Last AGM we agreed to progress the incorporation of Wilmslow Hockey Club
- Recommended by Association of CASCs, Sport England and England Hockey
- Protects all members and trustees from unlimited liability for legal or financial issues
- Demonstrates credibility to potential donors or investors; secures banking arrangements

### PROGRESS

- Created a **steering group** of club members to guide the work; and **engaged Association of CASCs** to support
- **Agreed type of incorporation** - "Company Limited by Guarantee" – and drafted **Articles** (constitution)
- **Agreed the transfer of WPAL shares from Phoenix to WHC** – subject to tax advice
- **But first** need to change the company structure for **Wilmslow Phoenix Astroturf Limited** – engaged tax advisors to make sure VAT registration and CASC status both protected.
- **Next steps:** WPAL AGM to agree change to Articles and remit as a 100% owned subsidiary of WHC. Will need a further EGM/AGM to agree changes subsequently for hockey club.

# Treasurer's report for 2025/2026

- **Our budget** was forecasting a **deficit of £778**
- **Our outturn** is a **surplus of £4,990**

## Achieved by:

- **Lower income:**

- **Lower income (membership, match fees and other revenue):** ~£5,000
- **Other income (sponsorship, marshalling, events, 100 Club):** ~£0

- **And lower costs:**

- **Lower playing costs (coaches, pitch hire, teas, umpires):** ~£10,000
- **Lower administrative costs:** ~£1,000

- **AGM motion:** approve the accounts for 2025/2026 - subject to independent certification.

# Agree the budget and membership fees for 2026/2027



- **Forecasting a roughly balanced budget, with increased membership fees**
- Although we had a surplus last year, much of this was due to lack of a men's coach
- We need to make sure we can cover the increased costs for the new season
- Proposed membership fee increase: (last increase)
  - Adult £200 -> £220 (May 2023)
  - Junior/concession £100 -> £110 (May 2023 (O13s), May 2024 (U13s))
  - Social £40 -> £45 (May 2023)
  - Limited £115 -> £120 (May 2023)
- No change to match fees (last increased in May 2021)
- **AGM motion: approve the budget for 2026/2027**

# Elect the President and Vice Presidents

- President and new Vice-Presidents are proposed by the Committee and elected by the AGM in recognition of long service, exceptional contribution and continuous involvement in the club.
- They are honorary positions dedicated to promoting the Club's objectives and fundraising

## President election (elected each year)

- **AGM motion:** re-elect Louise Broome as President for 2026/27

## Vice President election:

- **AGM motion:** elect Hilary Markwick, Sarah Brickhill and Jim Garside as Vice-Presidents

(Vice Presidents are: Steve Kinsella, Louise Broome, Dave Simmons, Colin Birtles, Penny Sparrow, Clive Westbrook, Alan Murdoch)

# Proposed committee members for 2026/27



**Season 2025-2026**

President – Louise Broome

**Executive Committee:**

Chair – Emma Steiger Vice Chair – Louise Broome Secretary – TBC Treasurer – Hilary Markwick

<b>FINANCE Sub Committee</b> Treasurer	<b>PLAYING Sub Committee</b> Chair	<b>DEVELOPMENT Sub Committee</b> Vice-Chair	<b>ADMIN Sub Committee</b> Secretary
Membership Secretary - Sarah Brickhill	Ladies' Captain – Rachel Payne Men's Captain – Alex Louch Junior's Captain – David Middleton-Egan	Development Officer – TBC Social Secretary – TBC Communications – Megan Pugh	Welfare – Penny Sparrow

OPERATIONAL ROLES: committee meeting attendance optional, by exception; short written updates provided in advance of each meeting

Kit – Matt Parris-Jarman 100 Club – Noelle Hankinson Teas co-ordinator – TBC Payments support - TBC	Fixtures Sec – Sue Wright Umpire Co-ordinator – TBC Umpire Development – TBC	Social Media – Sophie Pearson [WPAL Chair – Alan Murdoch] Phoenix Rep – TBC	Systems/Web – Neil Shirley Discipline Officer – Emile Broome Race marshalling – TBC Sponsorship Officer – TBC Incorporation – Jim Garside
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## Any other business

- No topics were requested in advance of the meeting



Thank you for taking part  
in this AGM!

14th June 2026