



MELTON HOCKEY CLUB



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AGM 2025 Minutes

19:30

Monday 28th April 2025

The Cherry Tree, Edendale Road, Melton Mowbray

1. Open/Welcome

19:40 Chris Eden opens the meeting

2. Attendance

Chris Eden, Ali McQuillan, Matt Snow, Andy Brown, Jonathan Brooks, Lisa Hewitt, James Hewitt, Georgina Butcher, Andy Sibun, George Exton, Cat Exton, Justin Harris, Alex Tancock, Shaun Barker, Hannah Proctor
Matt Courtman (non member)

3. Apologies

Heather Simpson, Martin Johnston, Jacob Welch

4. Review of minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Missing off the printed Life members list in section 12.

Chris Wakefield

Doug Hacking

To be amended and represent in the 2025 minutes.

- Andy Brown Proposed as a true record of the 20204 AGM and Lisa Hewitt seconded it.

5. Chairpersons address - Chris Eden

Dear Members,

Welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Melton Hockey Club for the season 2024 / 25. The AGM gives me a chance to thank all who have contributed to the season and to highlight our successes, perhaps where we can improve and how need to be looking to the future.

I have continued to focus on trying to transition the club forward & make the club more cohesive, I believe that we are still progressing well but that there is still some way to go.

First of all, thanks go to all committee members for their support throughout the last season, a lot of unseen work happens to ensure that we are all able to play & the club continues to exist & run as smooth as possible.

Congratulations to the Ladies team with a well-deserved promotion & adapting well to the changes in league structure, having to play new teams not faced



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before & an increase in travel to away matches. Losing just 1 league game all year & benefitting from the younger players 'coming of age' & the introduction of a numerous new players throughout the season. I'm sure there is more to come from this team & next season will be a challenge to relish.

The Mens 3rd team has continued where they finished last season & followed up on the previous year's progression by only missing out on promotion by goal difference. They were able to get some game time to a couple of younger players looking to progress from the Badgers to Mens hockey.

Unfortunately both the Mens 1s & 2s were relegated from their respective leagues, with the Mens 1s taking their season to the final game of the year. On reflection I feel that the inconsistency of player availability has been a huge impact on both teams being able to attain a higher level of performances that was required, I do believe though that these relegations may help the club be in a position to build teams for the longer term.

Organising teams for matches can be a thankless task at times, so I would like to thank all the captains - James Hewitt, George Exton, Shaun Barker & Alex Tancock/Georgie Hewitt for their efforts throughout the season to ensure we were able to field teams & fulfil our fixtures as much possible.

The Badgers has had a variety of success with their results but have seen a new influx of players pre-dominately at training but also with matches, with being mainly a younger & less experienced team this year, the results against more established Badgers teams has seen a good level of progression. Thanks to Martin Johnson & George Swann for supporting this.

Thanks also to Matt Snow for organising the Men's Masters team on behalf of the club, a change of the age group brackets (lowered from over 40's to over 35's) meant progression in the competition was more difficult than the previous season. 3 games played; 1 win & 2 loses to very good & more established mens teams.

As a footnote to all of the above, without the players & without the support of the parents of the younger players, the club would struggle to survive/exist, so a big thank you to every member of the club from me for the past season.

To finish my report, it became clear - especially in the men's section, we really need to focus on increasing numbers throughout the club & we need to transition younger players into the senior players – this should be the primary focus for the club for the forthcoming season.

Chris/Dutch

Chairman



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6. Secretary's report

Ali McQuillan -

Second full season of using the Teamo membership app and has been used across the club by the majority of members. 102 active users of the app inclusive of parent and guardians.

The Admin via GMS has also been better managed this season by club captains with fewer issues and fines zero fines received for administrative purposes

I would like to thank Martin Johnston for stepping in the role of club welfare officer mid way through the season and completing the task of getting CRB checks done promptly.

Looking forwards it was decide to rearrange the membership structure of England hockey.

7. Treasurers report

Justin Harris -

Hockey Accounts Summary Statement 2024/2025

Summary

Income and expenditure were approximately in line with expectations and the club has made a surplus of approximately £900 pounds.

To date there are approximately £1640 in outstanding fees and it is likely that around £300 of that amount is recoverable. The remaining relates to membership invoices issued but the player has either left the club or has been unable to play the season. These invoices will be adjusted after review by the committee at the AGM on the 28th April 2025.

The sports centre continues to have difficulty accepting cheques for payment of pitch hire as the cheques need to be sent to head office before being presented at the bank. On two occasions this season the cheques have been lost. A replacement cheque was sent to the sports centre in February and this has still not been presented at the bank. The sports centre have been informed. The club has outstanding invoices for February, March and April pitch hire but a cheque for those has not been issued until the previous cheque has been presented and the funds have cleared from our account.

The Bank records indicate a higher balance at present as the pitch hire fees, England Hockey Membership fees and Equipment costs have yet to clear the account.

Proposed Changes to England Hockey Membership Fees

Existing Scheme

Each club pays a membership fee for a team so for Melton this was a fee of

Membership Fee: £900 Based on the number of teams at the club

Insurance Fee: £400 Based on the number of players registered at the club.

Total costs £1300

New Scheme



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The new scheme will see a change to this structure with two new fees replacing the existing

Club Support Fee: This fee contributes to the overheads and support services provided by England Hockey to clubs, ensuring the effective administration and leadership of the sport

Player Registration Fee: This fee offers players personal accident insurance, access to coaching, safeguarding, and officiating courses.

Proposed Changes

The existing Club Support (Membership fee) will be reduced from £239.75 to £175 and a new player registration fee of £19.

Assuming 76 active players at the club the new costs will be £2144 per year resulting in an increase of **£850/year** or approximately £10/player.

Summary of Income

Category Season All

Membership 2024/25 Season

Mens Match Fee 2024/25 Season

Juniors Match Fee 2024/25 Season

Totals

Summary of Expenditure

All

Pitch Hire

2024/25

Season Memberships

2024/25

Season Fines

2024/25

Season Misc (Kit + DBS)

2024/25

Season Totals

Card Fee Net

128.02 4971.98

156.88 3823.12

22.77 412.23

307.67 9207.33

£6,349

£1,417

£146

£475

£8,387

Ladies match fees -

Current Account balance approximately £25k

Outstanding Debtors to the Club

Jacob Bignell £10

David Boyne £10

James Butcher £130

Shirli Canaan £10

Adam Clarke £10

Matthew Courtman £30



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Tom Cramphorn £160
Chris Dickinson £100
Douglas Favill £50
Thomas James £5
John Judge £10
Ted Lomas £10
Lenprah Misiuda £10
Lacey Solly £50
Toby Solly £10
George Thompson £10
Lyonel Tollemache £10
Matt Truter £120
Freddie Welch £40
Jacob Welch £40
Adam Wells £10
Caleb Wells £10

Total Debtors =£1305.00

8. Setting of membership rates

Proposal 1 - Membership fees to remain the same - Match tax to remain the same £10/£5

Advised from the treasurer this would be the break even level

Proposal 2 - Membership fees to increase £5 £105/£5 - Match tax £10/£5

Advised from the treasure this option would bring in an extra £350 based on current levels.

Vote: Proposal 1 - 14

Proposal 2 - 1

9. Captains Reports

1. Ladies - Winners won the league
2. Mens 1 XI - Not winners
3. Mens 2 - Really not winners negative points
4. Mens 3- Nearly winners
5. Indoor - Second place in the group stage of the midlands indoor

10. Election of officers/Captains

1. Chair Person

Chris Eden Proposed by Ali McQuillan Seconded by Justin Harris
Carried unopposed

2. Treasurer

Justin Harris Proposed by Ali McQuillan Seconded by Chris Eden
Carried unopposed

3. Secretary

Ali McQuillan Proposed by Chris Eden Seconded by Justin Harris
Carried unopposed



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4. President -

No election Heather Simpson Elected 2024 for 2 year term

5. Welfare officer

Martin Johnston proposed by Ali McQuillan seconded by Chris Eden
Carried unopposed

6. Social secretary

Cat Exton Proposed by Ali McQuillan seconded by Chris Eden
Carried unopposed

7. Captains

1. Ladies 1

Lizzie Hewitt & Hannah Proctor Proposed by Georgina Hewitt seconded by Lisa Hewitt
Carried unopposed

2. Mens 1

Position Vacant -

3. Mens 2

George Exton proposed by Ali McQuillan seconded by Chris Eden
Carried unopposed

4. Mens 3

Shaun Barker proposed by Ali McQuillan seconded by Chris Eden
Carried unopposed

5. Mens Veterans

Matt Snow Proposed by Ali McQuillan seconded by Andy Brown

6. Mens Indoor

Matt Snow proposed by Andy Brown seconded by James Hewitt

7. Badgers

Martin Johnston & George Swan Proposed by Chris Eden Seconded by Ali McQuillan

11. Any Other Business

None provided in advance
From the room;



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- Matt Snow - What is the clubs selection policy for moving forwards for the next season? So as to avoid the issue of people deciding which team they play for rather than playing for the clubs selection.
- Lizzie Hewitt -
 - Leicester Westleigh have invited the ladies to a 7 aside summer league at English Martyrs starting on the 15th May 2025 for 6 weeks

12. Life Memberships

Chris Wakefield
Steve Plaiostow
Margaret Roskill
Haydn Snow
Chris Eden
Doug Hacking
John Leaman

13. Meeting Close

Chris Eden Closed the meeting at 20:41