

SCOTTISH VETERANS LX HOCKEY CLUB

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at The Football Centre adjacent to Scottish Hockey Centre, Glasgow Green, Glasgow on 8th March 2020 at 3pm

1. Sederunt

Kieran McLernan (President), John Hay (Secretary), Jim Chisholm (Treasurer), George Finlayson, Johnny Sudale, Glenn Paton, John Raeside, Sandy Weir, John Candlin, Hew Bishop, Rob.H.Campbell, Bernie Morrison, Ian B Wilson, John Lees, Alan Bain, Duncan Mitchell, Tim Lorimer, Mike McInally, Gordon Mackenzie, Iain Cameron, Peter Gordon, Alan Parker, Keith Raper, Tony Walker, John Smith, Dougie Turner, John Bennett, Niall Sturrock and Alan Bryce.

2. Apologies

Ernie Brittain-Dodd, Gavin McFarlane, John Michalik, Ronnie Stott, Stuart Stephen, Iain Lynch, Dick Pierce, Chris Kalman, Neil Sharp, Colin Gallagher, Alan Auld, Gurdial Duhre, Gordon Loudon, Ian Pett, Peter Haines, Neil Ward, Ross Gallagher, Billy Taylor, Derek Johnstone, Steven MacDonald, Dougie Morris and Neil Mackenzie and Graham Conkie.

The chairman thanked members present for attending the AGM. He was stepping down this year as President and wished to express his thanks to members for the opportunity to have been of service to the Club. He also thanked the various committee members who had served on the committee at various times, too many to name individually. The club was in a state of change and had been for the past few years. The Club had avoided taking decisions too quickly; for instance amendments to the Constitution had been delayed until the format of the re-organisation with World Masters Hockey and Scottish Masters Hockey was known. The administration of International Representative Hockey had been delegated to the club but now would be dealt with by Scottish Hockey. But he thought it would still make sense for the club to provide a pool of talent for both International Hockey (capital I) and international Masters hockey. He felt the Club had been successful in improving the quality of coaching, training and fitness over recent years.

3. Minutes of EGM held 27th January and AGM 31st March both 2019

These were approved by general acclaim.

4. Secretary Report

This had been circulated in advance. The Coach for O60 was Adam MacInnes not Adam Martin.

5. Treasurers Report

Accounts had been circulated in advance. The Treasurer Jim Chisholm made the following additional comments:

- a) Cash Flow had been an issue in the past but this was now addressed by asking members to pay up front. Credit and thanks were due to members for helping with this.
- b) Each member has their own record within the club accounts. Any member wishing to know their balance can send an email and they will be informed. Reconciliations are carried out quarterly.

- c) There is currently a surplus of around £2,000 in the club accounts. Some creditors have been written off as they are not likely to make any further claim against the club. The premium bonds with a value of £10,000 attract prizes of around £200 annually. He proposes to redeem these Bonds as the return is very low.
- d) Equipment used to be written down over 5 years but is now written off in the year of purchase.
- e) The Tour Fund provided gifts for Antwerp thereafter the amount left was divided up with each squad receiving around £450. £200 was left as a float for the club account.
- f) Each squad has their own account covering training and other incoming outlays.
- g) The club hold 100 shares in the Events Company which was set up initially for Glasgow 2017 only but subsequently used to manage the Celtic Cup in Aberdeen and would be used this year for the Celtic Cup and the Dundee Tournament. The Executive Committee discussed transferring the funds back to the Club account but he saw no reason to do this. The Club did not need the funds at present and he was happy to leave it in the Company Account where it could be used as a float for future events.

There being no questions for the Treasurer the Accounts were approved, with a round of applause for the Treasurer.

6. Membership Subscriptions for 2020-21

The Treasurer proposed to maintain the membership subscription of £20 and this was approved. For clarification JC confirmed that the subscription year ran from 1st January to 31st December, subscriptions being due after the AGM. In contrast the SHU subscription year ran from 1st September to 31st August, which was confusing.

7. Events Company Ltd

Kieran explained that the Events Company had been set up to safeguard the Club for the European Cup in 2017. Bills were still being received the following year hence there had been a delay in finalising the accounts. Stirling Toner had prepared the statutory accounts and had submitted them to Companies House. They had been asked for a combined statement covering 2 years which they had provided but with some missing information and we were still waiting for more information. He thought there was around £7,000 in the accounts. The Company had also been used for the Celtic Cup in Aberdeen which had helped swell the balance.

The original Directors were Kieran McLernan, Alan Auld and Niall Sturrock. Alan resigned on 29th February 2020. It was proposed by the Board that the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club should replace the existing Directors with a non-executive Director. This proposal was approved by meeting. The proposal would be made by the Executive Committee of the Club to the existing Directors. Niall Sturrock wondered if removing some of the income might mitigate tax. But it was thought any tax due on accrued interest would be negligible. Glenn Paton reported that sports subscriptions and fees were treated as exempt for sporting organisations by HM Revenue; only if the Club is making money by merchandising would tax be due on the Income.

8. Strategic changes in the Club - The way forward

Bernie Morrison gave a summary of the current position: the Club are well represented on Scottish Hockey working group by Kieran, himself and Niall Sturrock. Initially SH were minded to take on responsibility for the whole of International Masters Hockey generally. The Club's representatives, particularly Niall, had worked hard to persuade SH that the Club should continue with the administration of Masters Hockey for both genders and younger age groups for non-representative hockey. Clearly the 60's, 65's and 70's were very well organised at present and the aim was to try to replicate that further down the age groups. A Limited Company had been formed by SH and a committee running International Hockey comprising of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and a representative from each group would be formed to look after International Hockey. A communique regarding all of this will be sent out to all Over 35s and upwards. Communication between the club and the International Organisation will need to be agreed. Meantime 2020 is a transitional year.

9. Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected:

Bernie Morrison as Club President – Proposed Mike McInally, Seconded Kieran McLernan.

Mike McInally as Club Captain – Proposed Stuart Stephen, Seconded Graham Conkie.

Jim Chisholm as Club Treasurer – Proposed Kieran McLernan, Seconded by John Hay.

John Hay as Club Secretary – Proposed Kieran McLernan, Seconded by Bernie Morrison.

Ordinary Members elected to the Executive Committee:

Stuart Stephen – Proposed Keith Rapier, seconded Sandy Weir

John Lees – Proposed Neil Mackenzie, seconded Ian McCreath.

There were no other nominations from the floor.

10. Election of Auditor

Norrie Springfield was re-elected unanimously.

11. AOCB

A question was raised regarding orders for club kit. The Treasurer confirmed that if he knew in advance that an order was being placed the club would pay the account and debit the members concerned with the amount due.

KM confirmed that Scottish Hockey were in conversation with PSL the existing supplier to supply all Scottish teams and the club were part of that proposal. No decision had been made yet but there was a potential offer from PSL to supply a complete set of kit for each player. The issue of new strips would be dealt with by Scottish Masters not the club. However Thistles may be able to benefit as part of the re-negotiation.

There being no other matters raised the meeting closed at 4pm with a vote of thanks to the chair from Bernie Morrison.