

Poole Hockey Club AGM 2022/23 – minutes

Attendees:

Martin Wollington	Thalia Galloway	Ruth Wharton	Paul Fletcher
Casey Fudge	Hazel Fendley	Adrian Potter (life)	Duncan Kirwin
Terry Harding (Life)	Lewis Smith	Sarah Badley	Mike Hampton
Dan Dickens	Richard Evetts	Nicki Spalding	Jason Phillips
Alison Parker	Ben Pocknell	Theo Smith	Kirsty Walker
James Welsh	Danni Willis	Simon Maskrey	Trevor Bailey

1. Apologies

Laura Allen	Gracie Barham	Martin Blake	Adam Bowers
Helena Darragh	Ruby Hacker	Julie Jefferies	Sam Layzell-Booth
Elliott Mills	Tom Perry	Gareth Reardon	Mike Staples
Sophie Taylor	Michael Tomlinson	Alex Warren	Sarah Wilkinson
Daniel Worthington	John Munro	Tara Burton	Daniel Hacker
Paul Roberts	George Collen	Nick Jeffrey	

2. Approval of previous minutes

Previous minutes approved by Duncan Kirwin, seconded by Lewis Smith

3. Season 2022/23 reports

Chairperson – Ruth Wharton

Following a few seasons affected by the pandemic it was nice to see a bit of stability restored meaning we could enjoy a season in which we could focus on progressing forward without needing to factor in social distancing or lockdowns. The aim for the club at the beginning of the season was to get through it as smoothly as possible, and we (the whole club) did that with bells on!

We continue to offer a relaxed and family friendly community club which has attracted new and returning players and stands us in good stead for future progress. We are proud of this being the foundation of the club.

Club membership numbers are roughly where they were back in 2017/18, however I'm confident we'll be able to quickly get back to the healthy numbers of season 2019/20 and I believe the club has made significant progress over the last 12 months, a few highlights and positives which come to mind:

- Increased number of coaches, starting the season with a coach training day.
- Coaches first aid course, all achieving an Emergency First Aid at Work qualification.
- Several newly qualified coaches attending Introduction to Hockey Coaching course.
- All players now in the same match shirt colours.
- Sponsorship from Charles Trent Ltd and Amethyst Sports enabling us to source new match shirts for both senior and junior players (lots of positive comments received saying how nice it is that we look like a professional sports club).

- New O'Neills shop broadening the range of PHC branded clothing we can offer to our members.
- Began building improved relationships with other clubs, more to build on.
- Increased representation at schools, more to build on.
- Positive results at junior tournaments generating great team spirit and commitment.
- Promotion for both men and women 1s teams, plus men 2s staying in south division 4 (double promotion last season means this is as good as a promotion this season).
- Development and progress from a difficult starting point for the men 3s / Dolphins.
- Mixed senior team progressing to the final 32 of the England Hockey Championships.
- No matches forfeited.
- Very well attended senior Christmas and EOS Awards Celebration events, thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Thursday senior indoor game sessions.
- Goalkeeper specific coaching sessions every other week.

No season goes without its challenges and things we can work on:

- Loss of teams - O40s (and therefore 1 less male team), Women 2s and U16 boys.
- No umpiring assessments.
- Low junior numbers.
- Lack of match time for our U14 players, due to low numbers.
- Organisation and coordination of junior Sunday matches / tournaments.
- No Hampshire Cup / Trophy competition available.
- Room for improvement with game day team organisation and discipline.
- Attendance at coaching.

None of this takes anything away from what we have achieved this season and I believe that we have the foundations to make next just as good and if not better.

This season we've been grateful to have more people getting involved to help lighten the workload and I would like to formally thank:

- Executive Management Committee Paul, TJ and Martin who spend many hours in the background sorting paperwork, finding players for Saturday, dealing with associations, attending meetings, making sure we have the right equipment... the list goes on!
- All Club Officers, Coaches, Umpires, Team Managers for their hard work behind the scenes to keep the club operating efficiently.
- Trevor Bailey for doing senior coaching registers and continued support for the club and all players.
- Sarah Badley for her help and support with the welfare side of the club and leading the communication with our opposing teams and appointed umpires each week.
- Deb Chase for coordinating and arranging our umpires each week.
- Mike Hampton for ensuring we get fed each week and maintaining a positive relationship with The Pilot.
- Tara Burton for help and input with kit ordering.
- Ali King and John Hodgman who are non-playing helpers who volunteer their time to help with coaching and umpiring.
- Helena Darragh for sourcing an amazing list of donations for our prize draw.
- Special thank you to Duncan Kirwin who, after multiple seasons of leading the Dolphins and Men 3s, is stepping down from being a team manager/captain.

As always, if you think you can give any time to help with anything (big or small), many hands make light work and we'll be grateful and welcome you're input.



We have also received kind donations from some of our Vice Presidents, plus everyone who's bought tickets for the prize draw! These kind contributions enable the club to fund things such as coaching equipment, social events, training our coaches and umpires etc.

And finally, thank you to you all. Every member contributes to this brilliant club which is an honour to be a member of!

Treasurer – Thalia Galloway

First of all, I will present the accounts finalised for the previous season: 2021/22.

Membership subscriptions of £10,102; Match fees accounted for £10,788; we made profit on social/fundraising events net £275; and we received £324 in donations & sponsorship which includes our Easyfundraising entries.

With that £21,489 we then paid the bills! Affiliation & Entry fees, Pitch costs, Travel costs, appointed Umpires, Training costs, Course fees, Other kit & equipment costs. The sundry (or miscellaneous) expenses include trophies, DBS checks, and transaction fees for Teamo and Stripe (the payment gateway).

Our total spend was £22,081 leaving us in deficit of £592 for the year.

These accounts were prepared by Terry Harding have been reviewed and accepted by Alison Parker.

Now I will bring us to this year for the draft accounts. Our financial year runs 1st May until 30th April. All the interclub fees from today's events, all the people clearing their debts and the prize draw entries, anything that happens before midnight tomorrow will be included into this year's accounts.

Stripe, the payment gateway, will process April's payment next week and then furious work will be done to conclude this financial year's accounts.

I must start by explaining the financial incentives for our umpires and coaches, these are the only incentives given to these vital roles. Umpires receive a match fee credit; coaches on Tuesdays receive a proportion of membership discount relevant to their attendance; coaches running junior fixtures receive a match fee credit. These roles are not paid, these incentives are not valued at the market price for their time. Coaches and umpires who do not play receive no financial incentive. Please thank them kindly.

SO FAR Membership subscriptions of £11,083; Match fees accounting for £12,285; the social/fundraising events include:

Sponsorship: Trents £3,000 for senior match shirts; Amethyst Sports £500 for junior match shirts; Bournemouth & Poole College £400 for the end of season senior ball; and Adrian and Hazel for sponsoring some senior awards. Donations: from our Vice Presidents.

Those using Easyfundraising have brought in £61.30, literally does what is says on the tin. Please speak to me to learn how to get involved AND our fantastic prize draw which is hugely helping the coffers and we owe a massive thanks to Helena Darragh for coordinating the prizes, to Paul Fletcher for getting the Square card payment device, and to all of you for buying tickets.

Total income is roughly £28,900, a huge amount more than last year. We know a large quantity was to cover the club kit.

Reminding you of all the expected expenditure: Affiliation & Entry fees, Pitch costs, Travel costs, appointed Umpires, Training costs, Course fees, Other kit & equipment costs, trophies, DBS checks, and transaction fees for Teamo and Stripe (the payment gateway).

Total spend currently adding up to £26,578 leaving us in surplus for the year of roughly £2k. Surplus will be driven into sustainable growth of the club, our commitment to which is evidenced by our ClubMark status which will be renewed in the next year.



Despite Ashdown increasing by 10% from 1st April, and affiliation fees increasing by 1.5%, I am recommending membership and match fees remain the same. I don't want the hockey club to be another financial pressure, but at the same time I hope the membership commits its support: pay your fees on time, keep up with your payments, volunteer your time. As an example: 8th October marshalling Run Bournemouth, we can bring in £1,000 if we all step up together.

Club Disciplinary Officer – George Collen

Congratulations to Poole Hockey Club, another year passes without a Red card or external issue to negotiate. Tempered only with an internal issue which arose via the Men's First Team.

This was a low point of the season, however it felt isolated and has not happened since it was dealt with.

The shoots of progress that have come from this should move the club forward in a very positive direction. With a new Players Charter or Code of Conduct that each player agrees and signs up to.

This should leave no player in any doubt as to their conduct whilst representing Poole Hockey Club.

It would be really good to see a draft of this ahead of the new season.

Away from major issues, and on to Yellow cards, now that we can see these recorded, I must congratulate the women 1s team, who from the data I have, have had no yellow cards this year.

- Men 1s – 4
- Men 2s – 6
- Men 3s – 3
- Women 1s – 0
- Women 2s – unknown

I also have had manual data from Men 3s as have not been updating online.

Moving forward to next year, some teams are in new leagues and may find the standard higher, I hope we can maintain discipline and represent Poole Hockey club as best we can.

Well done all.

Coaching – Paul Fletcher

We ran a summer junior coaching program of 10 weeks over the early summer which we uncovered new members to the club who we were very glad to welcome back in the new season.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling commitments we were unable to tie John Royce for a further season as he had committed his time and resources to Salisbury, however we were pleased to have Casey Fudge step forward as head coach for the first time following his completion of his EH Level 2 qualifications.

We continue to have constricted times and pitch space due to pitch commitments at Ashdown, with proposed pitch developments at Rossmore we hope that pitch time maybe freed up with Football clubs relocating, we have already expressed interests in more pitch time, we hope to update you on this over the summer.

We carried out, and continue to be committed to hearing from you, our members, on how training can be improved, following the survey mid-season, tweaks to coaches, plans and times were made, I would like to encourage any feedback to be continued to be passed on.

Having introduced indoor sessions this season, we plan to carry on providing these throughout next season, keep your eye on Teamo for these sessions.

Numbers at sessions throughout the season have varied. The woman's sessions have been fantastically attended however, I look forward to seeing this grow again next season and developing the Woman 2s. The men's attendance at the 1 & 2 sessions however have been poorly attended,



with only 6 players attending more than 10 sessions throughout the season, please let us know what we can do to help increase these numbers.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all our coaches, Casey, Ruth, Hazel, TJ, John.H, Tom.P, Ben.K, Megan, Martin, Theo, Monty, Kirsty, Alex.M, Nick, Ali and Elliott.

Juniors – Casey Fudge

It has been great seeing our juniors improve over the season, not only their hockey skills but also their friendships with other players. We've had some committed juniors this season who have worked hard and have wanted to learn. Unfortunately, we've seen slightly lower numbers this year, not sure if this because of covid or other reasons but we have had players join throughout the season which is fantastic and I'm hopeful we'll get more juniors come to hockey.

Following on from the success of the Hockey Heroes programme for a couple of seasons we decided to introduce an U8s group, just a small group of players but regularly attended and brilliant to see players enjoying hockey at such a young age. The U10s competed in 6 tournaments going in with a consistent strong team each tournament and getting good results. The U12s also attend 6 tournaments with a few U10s making up numbers. Sadly, we didn't have enough U14s to make a team but we were grateful to be invited by local teams to join with them to enable some pitch time for our U14 players. Following feedback from some of our young senior players we added an U18s group to the junior session providing more pitch time for players aged 13 – 18. This was regularly attended and proved to be a great success, something we plan to continue next season. We were also lucky to have some goalkeeper coaching sessions this season which engaged two young female goalkeepers.

Some feedback from our junior coaches:

- U8s - Good fun, they all improved massively, got on really well. It's been fab working with a group of children who each week come to coaching excited and eager to play hockey!
- U10s - Fab attendance and the improvement is clearly visible! I'd even go so far as add: We've been doing really well with thinking 'what can I do to improve' rather than nagging at each other.
- U12s - We developed voices and confidence throughout the season. By the end of the season there was more energy and teamwork - especially when playing against the coaches! Sometimes we had to stay on track and if we gave more energy to the drills we would then do better in games. Overall, it's been a really great first year of coaching for me and I owe that to how the group has taken me and hockey.
- U18s (including U14 players) - Shown amazing improvement. We have had some players that had never touched a stick and are now confident in passing a ball in the direction it is meant to go. Nat was awarded most improved U18 female player for the hockey club, as she has shown her ability and need for learning has grown. I am very proud of everyone in the group and I hope we can build on what we have learnt this year and take it into the following year, getting better and better and ensuring they are all ready to start playing senior hockey. Thank you for making my job as a coach so enjoyable!

Also a huge congratulations to Monty for achieving his silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. Monty has coached for the club over the last 2 seasons which contributed towards the volunteering element of his Duke of Edinburgh achievements. If any of our young members are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme, hockey coaching is a great way to achieve your volunteering requirement.

Juniors come to Poole Hockey Club not only to learn and become better hockey players but because we're very welcoming and we have fun! It's because of the commitment our coaches give to training that players develop and progress throughout the season. If it wasn't for them we wouldn't have hockey teams and player improvement so I do want to say a big thank you to the junior coaches

Martin, Ruth, Hazel, TJ, Tom, Megan, Ben, Monty, Theo, John, Alex and Kirsty for all their hard work and effort this season.

Also, we can always do with more coaches within the club so if you're interested please do speak to me or a committee member.

Men 1s – Nick Jeffery/Elliott Mills

Start of the season, new faces, new formation and under new management.

Started a bit flakey but as the season went on we only grew as a team.

Communication, chemistry and general vibe around the team improved weekly and that started showing in our results.

After a loss being turned around to a win because of cheating of some kind.

We started creeping up the table and found ourselves within a win of promotion.

An eventful (as always) away fixture at Isle of Wight proved to be enough to secure our promotion to division 1.

South Central Men's Division 2 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Isle of Wight 1	22	16	2	4	71	42	29	50		W L D W L
Poole 1	22	12	6	4	69	47	22	42		D W D W W
Petersfield 1	22	12	4	6	55	46	9	39		L W D W L
Southampton University 2	22	10	5	7	65	66	-1	34		W W W D W
Fareham 3	22	10	3	9	68	50	18	33		W W D L W
Romsey 1	22	9	6	7	67	54	13	33		L D W W W
Bournemouth 3	22	9	4	9	55	58	-3	31		D L W L W
Havant 3	22	7	3	12	54	64	-10	24		L L W L L
United Services Portsmouth 1	22	6	7	9	43	56	-13	24		D D D W L
Trojans 3	22	4	9	9	69	79	-10	21		D L L L W
Southampton 1	22	5	3	14	35	66	-31	18		D L L L W
Winchester 3	22	4	4	14	45	68	-23	16		D D L L L

Women 1s – Hazel Fendley

After securing promotion last season we were slightly apprehensive about the teams we would encounter in south central particularly as the second game of the season was against last season's old rivals - Waterside. We needn't have worried, we secured a solid 3-0 win and finished the game without a broken wrist or jaw in sight!

We ended the first half of the season in a strong position with only one loss to league leaders Bournemouth 3.

We enjoyed some large margin victories as the season progressed after Christmas putting us in the top 3 with a chance of promotion. A 2-0 win against eventual champions and a closely contested 2-2 draw against Salisbury put us in 2nd place as the season drew to a close. A points deduction for Winchester due to fielding an illegible team back in January secured a 2nd place finish for us and promotion to south central south div 1.

I'd like to say a massive, heartfelt thank you from Katy and I, first of all to our amazing team, who thoroughly deserve our second promotion in as many years. The fact you are all so supportive of each other, accommodating and flexible makes our job very easy and a genuine pleasure. As I've said before I'm incredibly proud of us as a team and I wouldn't want to play with anyone else.

Secondly, thank you to Katy. Due to an extended holiday in Peru and another broken hand she's actually captained the team for nearly half the season! So thank you for stepping up and showing such great leadership.

Lastly a massive thank you to Casey Fudge for all his hard work coaching us this season, to all our umpires and to everyone on the exec committee who has helped our season run so smoothly.

South Central Women's Division 2 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Bournemouth 3	22	19	0	3	69	21	48	57		L W W W W
Poole 1	22	15	3	4	68	23	45	48		W L W W D
Winchester 2	22	16	2	4	56	21	35	45		W L W W W
Salisbury 2	22	12	5	5	64	35	29	41		L W W D L
Portsmouth 2	22	13	1	8	55	35	20	40		W W L L W
Basingstoke 3	22	11	1	10	68	42	26	34		W L W W W
Basingstoke 4	22	10	3	9	49	41	8	33		W L W D L
Hamble 1	22	7	3	12	40	47	-7	24		W W L W W
Chichester 2	22	5	5	12	43	80	-37	20		L W L L L
Waterside 1	22	5	3	14	36	82	-46	18		L L L L W
Alton 2	22	3	3	16	31	71	-40	12		L L L D L
Trojans 4	22	1	1	20	9	90	-81	4		L L L L L

Men 2s – Paul Fletcher

After a fantastically successful season in the 21/22 season the Men's 2xi entered South Central Div 4 following a double promotion off the back the double winning campaign. Over the summer the team had deep surgery, with the bulk of the squad split up, with many off to Uni's, the vultures of the Men's 1s swooping in the squad was unrecognisable.

Preseason underway and another blow with a broken ankle to 21/22 player of the year Chris Spencer and the season start was a week away. Starting at home with a last minute 3-3 draw against what would be a fellow strugglers Salisbury, was an early sign of the fighting spirit that would carry through the team the whole season. Then another injury struck as someone decided to stand on a ball and a bruised ankle. A trip to Bournemouth followed and then the realisation of the division we were in hit home, with a 5-0 drumming and a game which woke the guys to the level we were going to need.

Back at home and another 3-3 last 10minute draw against bitter rivals Gillingham took us into a tough run of fixtures against teams who would be battling it out at the top of the table, with consecutive losses to – Alton, Trojans, Havant and Southampton Uni, however performances in the later 2 gave glimpse of something to hold on to, as the currently unbeaten Uni team complimented us on being their toughest opponent yet.

That performance carried forward into the next home game where a first win of the season 5-3 v Southampton got us up and running and, on a roll, now as we rolled up to Hamble and swatted them aside 5-3 also. Back to back wins going into December we were on for a good Christmas run in...then it got cold.

A tough start to the new year, with 6 straight losses, but again (with perhaps the exception of Havant ((Baring super Monty)) the results were not in correlation to the performances losing just by the odd goal. Then the biggest (2nd) performance of the season, the rearranged away date in Chichester, a long journey with a bare 11, including a GK at LB and Adam Bowers making a 2nd xi return, and enthralling 3-2 win! A performance for the ages! The following week a last-minute goal

denied what would have been a more than deserved point against eventual league winners Soton Uni.

A tough loss at Soton 2-0 after having what seemed like 30 shots on goal was a tough pill to swallow, however, a stroke of fortune followed the week after, a 5-0 v Hamble and my first ever hat-trick! (yeh the game was conceded due to them have 4 players....) but this put the battle for survival in our hands. A tough 1-0 defeat away at Winchester took it to the last game of the season.

Chichester were the targets, a win and there was nothing anyone could do about it, Gillingham or Salisbury would go down depending on who won their game. Could Poole do it? All looked against us, a delayed start, poor weather, headers of balls of the line. OF COURSE WE CAN!!!! 4-2 win over our bunnies Chichester! The twos were safe! An effective promotion given we jumped to leagues last season.

I'm also claiming that we won the Hampshire cup again by default!

You're nearly done, I just wish to first of all pass on my congratulations to Nick/Elliott and the Men's 1s, and also Hazel and the Woman's 1s for their impressive promotions again this season. Congrats, looking forward to saying the same again next year!

Finally, just a couple of thank yous. Thanks Nick/Ells/Duncan and Martin for your support in getting teams together this season, it's not been easy I think is fair to say. Thanks to Casey and Nick for also taking on training this year. The final thank you though must go to every single one of those who have played with me this season. Your effort and desire to succeed even during the toughest of times are a testament to the team spirit we have. We got what we deserved in the end and that was only down to no one giving up. Thank you.

South Central Men's Division 4 South										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Southampton University 3	22	20	0	2	81	22	59	60		W W W L W
Havant 4	22	19	0	3	95	28	67	57		W W W W W
Bournemouth 4	22	15	1	6	71	40	31	46		W W W W W
Trojans 4	22	14	2	6	75	34	41	44		L L W W W
Winchester 4 Academy	22	12	4	6	55	55	0	40		W L W W L
Alton 2	22	10	3	9	52	46	6	33		L L L W L
Chichester Friars	22	9	1	12	70	68	2	28		W W L W L
Salisbury 3	22	6	1	15	35	64	-29	19		L L W L W
Southampton 2	22	6	0	16	56	93	-37	18		L L W L L
Poole 2	22	5	2	15	39	60	-21	17		L L W L W
Gillingham 2	22	5	1	16	40	78	-38	16		L L L L L
Hamble 2	22	3	1	18	28	109	-81	7		W L L L L

Men's 3s – Duncan Kirwin

Following a very successful end to the previous season and the plan to move to 4 teams for the new season it appeared that the continuation of a strong development team would bring an exciting start to the season and the prospect of an improved league position. However, this optimistic outlook soon appeared to have been through some heavily rose-tinted spectacles as playing numbers on the eve of the first game did not meet the necessary number for the 4 teams.

Unavoidably this led to the decimation of the team from the previous year and the combination of players from the proposed Vets team mixing with the remains of the development squad that had not been drafted into the 2nd team.

The season began with a tough trip to Eastleigh away with the bare 11 on the pitch. Some outrageously ridiculous umpiring mixed with people getting used to a new team structure led to a heavy 7-0 defeat that did not bode well for the long [re-organised] season ahead.

Fortunately, a core group of people seemed committed to the fight and enthusiastic to improve and make progress.

The following 2 matches led to further defeats but increasing confidence and at least a goal to cheer us along and give us hope. The fourth game of the season against Southampton University 5s finally produced our first win and a hatful of goals in a 5-0 demolition that lifted us from the bottom of the table and began to instil some belief in the squad.

November brought 3 straight defeats but these were against strong opponents and in each of the performances there were improved showings, increasing numbers of chances and crucially more goals. It felt like things were improving even if the results were not. It was also becoming evident that those players turning up at training were beginning to use what they had practiced in game situations – this is in no small measure since both Paul and Casey were keen to link training to the needs of the team. Thank you, gentlemen.

Before the Christmas break we managed to pick up two straight victories. Another defeat of Southampton Uni, albeit a much closer game, and a wonderful victory against Eastleigh [some aspect of revenge] meant that we had a much healthier points tally than seemed possible at the start of the season. It looked as though we may have turned a corner and the new year would be more profitable.....

..... However, the inability to keep selecting a consistent side came back with a vengeance as 2023 began. An unexpected defeat to a much-improved Southampton University side was followed by an insipid first half performance against Eastleigh at home that led to us being 2-0 down and the need for a slightly less than calm team talk. With the air cleared and resurgence of confidence and desire, we stormed back and gained a 3-3 draw. Had the tide turned? Despite a 6-0 drubbing against Southampton 3s another victory followed against Winchester. 2 more tough defeats were then followed by the result of the season, a 5-2 demolition of high-flying Southampton 3s. This was backed up by another 3-3 draw, this time against Southampton Otters which meant we reached the 20-point mark and safety with 3 games to go. Although these were all defeats they were close games against top of the table opposition and showed that some progress had been made.

A big thank you to all 38 different players who turned out for us this year – without you some games would've not gone ahead. Special mentions must go to the following players who all made at least 10 appearances – Terry Harding, Harry Izod, Simon Maskray, Adrian Potter, Michael Tomlinson, Samuel Tomlinson-Mynors, Dan Dickens, Rich Evetts, Colin Latham and Adam Bowers.

Thanks to all the coaches and umpires for all your help throughout the season. A huge thanks to Paul and Adrian who have kept me going this year and who I am sure will help whoever takes over from me next season.

Well done to Samuel who is our player of the season. He has shown determination and desire in each game and is always striving to improve. No doubt he will soon be moving on up through the teams and maybe beyond.

South Central Men's Division 1 Forest										
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points	Notes	Form
Wimborne Wayfarers 2	21	17	2	2	98	31	67	53		L W W W D
Southampton 3	21	13	2	6	75	53	22	41		L L W L W
Andover 3	21	11	2	8	60	55	5	35		L L L L W
Winchester Whippets	21	10	5	6	55	50	5	35		W L W W D
Southampton Otters	21	7	2	12	54	65	-11	23		D D W L L
Eastleigh	21	6	2	13	49	75	-26	20		D L W W W
Poole 3	21	6	2	13	37	70	-33	20		W D L L L
Southampton University 5	21	5	1	15	39	68	-29	16		W W W L L



Mixed Cup – Paul Fletcher

Having decided to enter a mixed team into a Tier 1 competition for the first time for some time (sorry Adrian not ever....) who knew what we were going to get, the expectations... some extra games... something new.... We'll see what we get! After all, this cup has actual Olympic athletes in it....

Round one – Gosport at home, well at least we are at home and can bow out with grace. Oops, not today! 16-0 winners, the highest scorers at that stage in the comp. Me and Theo touched it twice each fetching and taking a 16. Joyous!

Round two – Home again, this time US Portsmouth, this lot looked serious and came with an attitude of we'll see off lil old Poole. Ha! Sorry guys and girls, not at the theatre of sand you don't. A hard fought, soggy 3-2 win and on we march.

Round three – Away!!! In Plymouth... Just a short trip then! A planned expedition and night out sorted, the busy bus rolled out of Ashdown and headed for the English Riviera. Much of the arrival and ensuing hours are a haze for pretty much all of us. The Sunday soon appeared and despite the fresh faced Maidman's joining the party, the outlook appeared bleak. Whilst 13 of the 15 players led across the pitch instead of warming up, with various colours of red, purple and green faces, the extremely keen oppo warmed up with a mini marathon and a 5 a side. We managed some passing and Lucozade. But as soon as that whistle went, it was like we were woken from a hypnotic slumber, and Theo Smith had been given a new lease of life. A performance for the ages, one that made him appear Olympian, to us anyway! A monumental game, a P-Flick saved. A tough game in the states we were in ended at 1-1. Off to shuffles/shuttles we went. This is where Katy, Megan, Helena and Theo came to the fore. All 3 woman slotting home, and Mr Smith stopping all corners! We'd done it! Somehow into the round of 32!

Round of 32 – Away again and to what seemed to be Poole nemesis across all senior teams this season Winchester (Whingechester if you will) A game in which saw more stiches and broken bones than goal mouth action. Poole resulting to setting up a field hospital at one stage with resident Doctor One Hand treating more patients then a bank holiday weekend, she was certainly busier than the 2 keepers. The strike of someone's career became the difference maker, as Poole crashed out, undeservedly as we were the better hockey team, (even with 9 players at times).

Again, thanks to all those who took part in what I can honestly say has been the funniest team I've ever played in, same expectations next year, just enjoy it for what it is, and who knows, hopefully the Theatre of sand can be graced by true Olympians. Also an extended thanks to the "Fans" who journeyed down to Plymouth and up to Winchester to join in the fun!

Season 2022/23 closed. Meeting passed to Martin Wollington (current club secretary) to commence season 2023/24.

1. Election of Club President (two thirds majority required)

Martin Wollington proposed Adrian Potter for Club President. Seconded by Mike Hampton

2. Election of Honorary Members (two thirds majority required)

The current list of Life Members and Vice Presidents:

Life Members	Vice Presidents
1. Debbie Chase	9. Nick Blow
2. Andy Collyer	10. Steve Costello
3. Tom Darlington	11. Trevor Dyson
4. Gail Nutall	12. Teresa Morris
5. Adrian Potter	13. Graham Heron
6. Peter Webb	14. Victor Martin
7. Mike Hampton	15. Heather King
8. Terry Harding	16. Paul Roberts
	17. Carl Tantum
	18. Darryl Vincent
	19. George Yoxall
	20. Tanya Read
	21. Alex Warren
	22. Brian Pitman
	23. R.Wickens

Adrian proposes adding Duncan Kirwin and AJ Windsor as Vice Presidents, seconded by Rich Evetts & Sarah Badley

3. Election of Exec Committee (simple majority required)

Chairperson

Ruth Wharton proposed by Adrian Potter and seconded by Thalia Galloway, and elected unopposed.

Vice Chairperson

Paul Fletcher proposed by Dan Dickens, seconded by Casey Fudge, and elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Thalia Galloway proposed by Danni Spencer, seconded by Paul Fletcher, and elected unopposed.

Secretary

Martin Wollington proposed by Nickie Spalding, seconded by James Welsh, and elected unopposed.

4. 2023/24 Subscriptions & Match Fees

Match Fees including u16 League Games

£9 for all seniors / £6 for all others / £3 U14/12/10 / enhanced match fee+£4



Membership Fees

Senior (full time employment)	£125
Family*	£175
Student / Over 60 / Unemployed	£85
Under 16s	£75
Social	£75

*Family Membership must include at least one under 16

We believe compared to all other Hockey Clubs in the area this is still one of the best values.

Duncan Kirwin proposed and Dan Dickens seconded the motion to accept these fees.

5. Dates for your diary

- Junior summer coaching, 10-week block from 2nd May (excluding the half term break).
- Senior summer league matches.
- Weekly Wednesday senior fitness sessions.
- Tuesday 8th August (subject to summer league fixtures and weather) – senior beach BBQ social
- Saturday 2nd September – senior club day and social.
- Tuesday 5th September – first coaching session for all.
- Sunday 8th October – Run Bournemouth marshalling.
- Tuesday 24th October – half term senior quiz night (instead of coaching).
- Saturday 16th December – senior Christmas club day (indoor) and social.
- TBC once we know fixture dates – end of season celebration events.

6. Chairperson's closing statement

Thank you for voting me to remain as the Club's Chairperson, it's a real honour to take on the role and be part of a brilliant team with Paul, TJ and Martin, and supported by Adrian.

Our aim is to support more growth within the club at junior and senior level. We hope to work with the Council, Ashdown and the local schools for more pitch time.

As I said previously, I want this next season to be as good if not better and we all need to be pulling together to enable this. There are a few small things you can all do to help:

- Update Teamo with your availability a week in advance of matches.
- Pay your membership and match fees on time (anyone with outstanding debts from 2022/23 will not be invited to play any match, including summer league, until these are cleared. If this applies to you, please do speak to us so we can sort a plan together).
- Join your team for teas after matches, this is an important part of being part of the team.
- Attend coaching on a regular basis.
- Get involved and help the club where you can.
- Help promote and celebrate the club.
- Get social and join in with club and team events.
- Use the EasyFundraising app when you are buying online, the club receives a financial contribution.

Please remember this is your club and as a member of the club you can have just as much influence on the running of as anyone. So please, if you feel something is / isn't working then please do tell us and let us know if you have an idea for improvements.

Thank you to everyone who completed the senior coaching survey. We plan to do this annually so we can measure where we are and see how we can improve so please do submit a response when asked.

Looking forward there are a few areas we hope to progress in over the next season:

- Input from England Hockey to update and introduce new coaching ideas.
- Broaden the variety of hockey we offer e.g. walking hockey sessions.
- Increase junior numbers, more work in schools.
- More social events (establish a designated social person in each senior team).
- Reintroduction of Women 2s into formal leagues (already confirmed).
- O40s team (collaborating with New Forest).
- Reaccreditation of our ClubMark.
- Produce a code of conduct.
- Umpire development.
- Increase number of advanced coaches (UKCC Hockey Coach Course, old level 2 equivalent).
- Website improvements (including more and up to date photos).
- Junior county championship representation.
- Re-establishment of Playing and Management committees.
- Improving our relationship with the Canford Heath community to broaden our reach.

My last call for help will be that we need as many as you can on the 8th October to help us marshal at Run Bournemouth. This is an excellent opportunity as they will be paying £1,000 for our help which will be put back into the club to help keep membership and match fees as low as possible.

7. AOB

- With regards to coaching for 23/24 season. What is the plan. Last season we lost 3 senior coaches who were not replaced. Are you looking to replace these or talk to them again especially now the women and men are div 1 ?
We will consider over the summer and hope to source more senior coaches. Senior coaches are hard to come by and we're aware of other clubs struggling to source. It's definitely on our radar and will explore available options.
- Is there a specific plan also for the juniors and also those senior under 18/16s now coming into men's ones/twos squads
Again, something to be discussed and considered over the summer when planning next season's coaching arrangements. Progression of our young players does need some thought.
- With the success of the women is there a plan for a second team
100% yes.

Meeting closed by Ruth Wharton and meeting closed at 15:38.