

University Juniors Hockey Club

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 19 March 2016 at 4.45pm

Willows Oval, ANU

Draft minutes

1. Welcome

The President, Andrew Sutton, welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of 2015 AGM

The meeting confirmed the minutes of the last annual general meeting, held on 30 March 2015. A copy of those minutes is attached.

3. President's Report

Andrew Sutton presented the President's report, which was as follows:

2015/16 commenced with Andrew Hellyer as the Club's President, a role he had held since the Club's inception 8 years ago. Unfortunately, Andrew's health deteriorated during the course of the year and he was forced to resign. Andrew's commitment to and enthusiasm for the Club has been nothing short of amazing and our growth has been very much a reflection of his efforts. We wish him all the best as he looks to regain full health and we look forward to seeing Andrew become actively involved in the Club again in the near future.

On the field, we have had a very successful year over the outdoor season. We increased the number of girl's teams from 7 to 8 teams whilst maintaining 2 boy's teams. Our Hook into Hockey group was just over 30 players, giving us a total of just over 150 players - the second biggest Junior Club in Canberra, an incredible achievement given our relatively limited lifespan.

Whilst the focus of our Club is rightly on the children learning the skills of hockey, developing great team-work, being active, making friends and above all having lots of fun, we should also recognise the successes we have had on the field.

Of the outdoor teams, the Under 15 Division 1 Girls team finished as Minor Premiers and ultimately as Premiers, while our Under 15 Division 2 Girls (3rd and ultimately runners-up), Under 13 Division 1 Girls (3rd), Under 13 Division 2 Boys (2nd and runners up), one of the Under 13 Division 2 Girls (4th), Under 11 Boys (4th but finishing the season strongly as joint premiers) and one of the Under 11 Division 2 (3rd and ultimately runners-up, all making the semi-finals.

We also had a number of teams compete in the recent indoor competition with the Under 16 Girls finishing the season undefeated and of course as Premiers, one of our Under 14 Girls teams finishing as runner-up and our Under 11 Boys finishing as semi-finalists.

I would also like to recognise our ACT representative players:

2015

ACT Women's Under 15s:	Ashling Donnelly and Sarah Haines
ACT Women's Under 13s:	Annie Burgess, Paige Edwards and Lucy Jalland
ACT SSSA Under 16s:	Clare Bradshaw
ACT PSSA Under 13s:	Annie Burgess

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ACT Women's Under 15 Indoor: Emma Bowbrick, Ashling Donnelly, Skye Sutton
ACT Women's Under 13 Indoor: Paige Edwards, Alyssa Hancock

We also had many players (boys and girls) playing in the ACT Under 15s, 13s and 11s Regional teams.

There are many factors that are critical to the success of our Club:

Firstly, our culture. Recent studies regarding Junior Sport have indicated that the vast majority of participants in juniors sports play for fun. The remainder play for fun but also to succeed in their chosen sport. I think we have that balance right. As stated above our focus is for the children to learn the skills of hockey, develop great team-work, be active, make friends but above all, is have lots of fun. It is important that we continue to encourage that aspect. It doesn't always come naturally, but I am proud of our position in this regard.

Secondly our coaches – without them we have nothing and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your time and commitment. We do not pay our coaches, they give their time freely and enthusiastically and we are thanks to them to in a position to ensure that all our teams have appropriately qualified and experienced coaches.

Thirdly and uniquely, the support of our 3 Senior Clubs – ANU Men's and Women's Clubs and the University Hockey Club and in particular their respective Presidents Tim Banks (ANUMHC), Maddy Hastings and more recently Jen Dunstone (ANUWHC) and Jolly Moore (UC). The senior Clubs have continued to support us with coaches and umpires and without their support our growth could also not have been as strong. Conversely it is really pleasing that their long-standing support is now being rewarded with 8 of our junior girls playing seniors with these Clubs last year with many more to come in the next year or so.

Fourthly to our parents, some of whom who step up into the more formal roles of committee, coaches and managers, others who assist with umpiring, but to all of you who support your children in their pursuit of hockey. Your positive attitude whether winning or losing is critical and I am proud to say that whilst the disturbing trend of more aggressive behaviour in junior sports, our Club has had only one minor report of inappropriate behaviour reported to the Association and therefore onto me (and that involved the slight misuse of social media). That is something we can be very pleased with.

Fifthly, we have worked with a very small committee over the season with Andrew and then myself as President, Meredythe (Vice-President and Umpiring), Michael Bradshaw (Secretary and Equipment Officer) and myself (Treasurer) sitting on the Executive with Tracey Burgess (Social Activities, Communications and just about anything else she has the time to do), Pru Gordon (Registrar) with Melanie Jalland joining the Committee then to take on the role of Web Manager in September and Suzi Foley taking over the barbeque for 2016. Following my elevation to President we were extremely grateful to Paula Sheather for stepping up to take on the role of Treasurer. Speaking of the finances, as will be seen shortly our financial position is strong and this can largely be attributable to the fundraising efforts of particularly Tracey supported by the Committee and a small number of dedicated parents.

Finally, and most importantly, our playing contingent. You are a true credit to our Club and I would like to congratulate all our players on how they represent the club in the hockey community.

I have taken great delight to watching as many teams as possible in games and at training and I have been particularly pleased to see and hear your positive attitudes, and see your smiling faces whether when winning or losing. My challenge to you is to encourage your friends who don't play hockey to give it a try. We are keen to bring more children to hockey and if your enjoyment of the game is anything, there are plenty of others out there to share this.

2016 sees some exciting developments for the Club. Whilst not being terribly exciting the Committee is seeking your approval to Incorporate. Michael and I will speak more to this move shortly. We are also in the process of finalising our Strategic Plan for the next 4 years and we will circulate that for comment in the near future.

This year also sees us potentially again increasing in size with us entering two teams in Under 18s Girls (our Div 1 team combining with Dara with our Div 2 team also possibly being supplemented by Dara girls); 2-3 in Under 15 Girls and a joint team in Under 15 Boys; 2-3 Under 13 Girls and possibly 2 in Under 13 Boys, and 3 in Under 11 Girls and 2 in Under 11 Boys, not to mention our ever-growing Hookin2Hockey group.

There is no doubt whatsoever with the Club continuing to grow to, the Committee is in desperate need for additional members to join us. The time commitment on such a few is high and we are fortunate that a number of us could devote considerable time to assist in running the Club. But we are in need of someone to take responsibility for Umpiring, someone to assist with Teams and Coaching and another to assist Tracey with all her activities. If we had at least another 3 join us the time commitment would not be so great.

Thank you all for a great year and we look forward to another strong year in 2016/17.

4. Treasurer's report

Paula Sheather presented the financial statements for the year ended 2015 (copy attached) and summarised the main features of the club's finances.

She said that from a financial perspective the club had a successful year. The club finished with a surplus of \$1200. This was largely due to fees being paid in full and the proceeds from the barbeque

at Willows Oval and Bunnings, which resulted in a net surplus of about \$6000. She thanked Tracey Burgess and all the others involved in its success. The club made a small loss on the presentation night.

At the end of the year the club had \$6000 in the bank; so, the Club is in a strong financial position.

For 2016 the club has budgeted for no increase in fees.

The club is prepared to cover the cost of coaching and umpiring courses for those people prepared to coach or umpire respectively.

5. Appointment of returning officer

Rajen Amirthalingam was appointed returning officer, however, all officers were elected unopposed.

6. Elections

The following officers were elected unopposed.

President: Andrew Sutton

Vice-President: Meredythe Crane

Treasurer – Tamara Linehan

Secretary - Michael Bradshaw

General committee members - Tracey Burgess; Melanie Edwards; Andrew Hellyer; Katie Wilson; Marcha Thomas

7. Incorporation of the club

Michael Bradshaw and Andrew Sutton spoke briefly about the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation. The meeting then passed the following motions:

- I. That the University Juniors Hockey Club incorporate as an incorporated association under the Associations Incorporation Act with the name of the new incorporated association being the University Juniors Hockey Club Incorporated
- II. That the meeting adopts as the rules of the proposed University Juniors Hockey Club Incorporated the rules circulated before this meeting and approves the statement of objects in those rules
- III. That the meeting appoints the members it has elected to the committee to be the inaugural committee of the University Juniors Hockey Club Incorporated
- IV. That Michael Bradshaw of 26 Gellibrand Street, Campbell in the ACT be authorised to apply for the incorporation of the University Juniors Hockey Club and be the inaugural public officer of the University Juniors Hockey Club Incorporated

6. Other business

There was no other business.