

DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

7th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Held on 18th May 2009 at the Dolphin Inn, Bovey Tracey.

Present

DHA Officers & Officials & Reps to DHA (* ** denotes eligibility to vote)			
President	Nicky Bruce	Hon Secretary	Michelle Judge
President DHUA	Paddy Porter	Senior Women, Women U21 & Women U19	Doreen Carey**
Devon County Disciplinary administrator/Men's League Rep	Andrew Ashenhurst	Hon Treasurer	Mary Kennedy
DCSHA rep	Rose-Marie Parkin	DCSHA rep	Nicky Bruce
Men's Senior Team	James Haigh	Single System Administrator/Welfare	Sharan Eve
Other attendees who signed the attendance sheet (* denotes designated voter for club ** denotes eligibility to vote)			
Ashmoor HC	Steve Dinnie*	Dart HC	Sam Tallowin*
Dartmouth HC	Julie Pillar*	Dawlish LHC	Denise McMahon*
Dawlish MHC	Phil Wright*	Exe HC	Debbie Barrett*/Jenny Mitchell (VP)*
East Devon	G Tolcher* (VP)/Kevin Hughes/Steve Morgan	ECV Hornets	Paul Earnshaw*/Maurice Salzmann
Honiton Hornets			
ISCA	Jane Cornelius*/Michael Tucker/Sam Palfrey	Kingsbridge and Salcombe	C Jones*/H Symons
Newton Abbot LHC	Hazel Sampford*/Sara Ellis	N Devon HC	John Brett*
Mannamead		Okehampton Men	John Cross*
Okehampton	S Douglas/R Jones/J Jones*	OPM MHC	Rob Logan*
Ottery Crickets HC	Mark Moore*/Jon Dutton	Plym valley	Jane Selley*
Plymouth Marjon HC	Jackie Daw*/Andrew Haigh/Simon Fenwick/Tom Haigh	PGSOB	S Wherry*
Sidmouth HC		Tavistock	Phil Howty*/Phil Edwards
Taw Valley HC	Nick Howells*	Tiverton White Eagles LHC	
TLHC	Laura Clark*	Torbay MHC	Peter Hodge*/Mark Newell
Torbay Ladies	Doreen Carey*	United Services	David Gillespie*
University of Exeter LHC	Helen Jackson*	University of Exeter MHC	Mark Siddorn*
University of Plymouth LHC		University of Plymouth MHC	
Hon VP	Stuart Fenwick*	EH – Development Officer	Barbara Reynolds
Clubs not represented at the AGM			
Mannamead HC	University of Plymouth MHC	Sidmouth HC	Honiton Hornets
Tiverton White Eagles LHC	Honiton Hornets	University of Plymouth LHC	
Apologies			
Rosemary Anderson	Jamie Oxley	Bridport Hawks	Plymstock Panters (Gill Johnson)
Sandy Richards	Graham Skinner	Honiton Hornets	Mannamead HC

The above is based on signatories of the attendance sheet at the meeting and apologies received directly by the Hon Secretary or presented on the evening.

Item No.	Agenda Title
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE See details on Page 1
2.	MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009 The Minutes of the AGM for 2009 were circulated at the meeting and approved unanimously.
3.	MATTERS ARISING FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009 None
4.	NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS None
5.	EH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER – REPORT (Barbara Reynolds) Attached
6.	REPORTS
6.1	HON SECRETARY (Michelle Judge) Attached
6.2	WHA COUNCIL & SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (Nicky Bruce)
6.3	DEVON SENIOR MEN’S REPORT (James Haigh) Attached <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Fenwick expressed thanks for James’ exceptional hard work on hosting the tournament in Devon this year • Sam Palfey from ISCA HC – asked what would be the incentives to enter a Senior Devon side when no funding was available – Nicky Bruce responded by saying that the committee needs to discuss finances for funding all teams in the County inc Seniors and Juniors • Stuart Fenwick from ISCA HC – asked if there was any budget for Senior County teams – Response was that £500 was allocated to each team for each year
6.4	DEVON SENIOR WOMEN’S REPORT (Doreen Carey) Attached
6.5	DEVON U19 WOMEN’S REPORT (Doreen Carey) Attached
6.6	COMPETITIONS REPORT (Michelle Judge) Attached
6.7	DEVON DISCIPLINARY OFFICER’S REPORT (Andrew Ashenhurst) Attached
6.8	DEVELOPMENT GROUP REPORT (Nicky Bruce)

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6.10	MENS HOCKEY LEAGUE REPORT (Andrew Ashenhurst) Attached																																		
6.11	DEVON UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS REPORT (Paddy Porter) Attached																																		
7.	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (Mary Kennedy) No creditor information provided – account need to be submitted again and circulated to clubs for approval																																		
8.0	ADOPTION OF REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS (incl. setting of affiliation fees)																																		
8.1	Adoption of Presented Reports Reports to be provided and adopted at a later date, to use 1 st August 08 as a start date.																																		
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8.3	Setting of Affiliation Fees for Season 2009/10 No change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from OPM HC – why aren't affiliations increasing? It was felt that with the increase in other affiliations DHA would remain unchanged • John Brett N Devon HC – Why can't the West provide money to assist with tournament? West hockey will not fund any counties • After some debate it was agreed that a sum would go towards the men's senior trip to the finals in Sheffield. 																																		
8.4	Appointment of Auditor Proposed Alex Walmsley																																		
9.0	ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS & REPRESENTATIVES FOR DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION																																		
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10.0	<p>NOMINATIONS FOR WORKING MEMBERS OF WEST HOCKEY ASSOCIATION for 2009/10</p> <p>To be nominated from the committee.</p>
11.0	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (previously notified under agenda item 4)</p> <p><u>Presentation of The “Treece Rose Bowl”</u> The Committee awarded the trophy to Rose Marie Parkin for her continual hard work with the Devon School Girls.</p>
12.0	<p>PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS (Nicky Bruce)</p>

The above are an accurate summary of the Devon Hockey Association 7th Annual General Meeting held on 18 May 2009 at the Dolphin Inn, Bovey Tracey.

Name: Nicky Bruce

Position: DHA President

Signed: _____

Date: _____

[Copies of appendices and written reports, where available, are stored with original copy of these minutes]

Item 5 – EH Report**ENGLAND HOCKEY - WEST**DEVON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2009 AGM REPORT

With the introduction of the England Hockey Single System Devon saw its fair share of teething problems last season. The County whole heartedly supported the pilot phase of the implementation process, setting up Junior Development Centres and Junior Academy Centres in three age groups for both boys and girls in four different areas - a total of 26 centres. It has been a steep learning curve and my thanks must go to the committee and all the coaches for their hard work and perseverance, in what has proved to be a challenging season. I would like to especially thank Nicky Bruce and Sharan Eve for all their support and dedication in ensuring the player pathway in Devon.

Devon County Plan – Single System

There have been several meetings across the season planning the implementation of the Single System in Devon. The Devon County Development Plan was submitted to England Hockey on the 31 December 2008 following the review of the previous plan. It was agreed to set the 2009 County Plan to run until 30 September 2009, to ensure that all future plans would coincide with the current season. The key element for next season will be greater collaborative working between the associations and working groups in their delivery of the Single System and the County Plan.

Club Development

A successful year for club accreditation in Devon with 6 clubs achieving Clubs First status; Exe HC, Tiverton White Eagles LHC, Ashmoor HC, EVCH HC, Okehampton MHC and Okehampton LHC. Congratulations to all! Accredited clubs can make a formal EH Club School Link with their local School Sports Partnership – all of the above clubs went on to agree a Club School Link, making a total of 12 CSL's across Devon.

Courses

Over the last season there have been three Level 1 Coaching Courses organised across Devon at Exeter, Plymouth and Tiverton, resulting in a total of 72 newly qualified Level 1 Assistant Coaches in the County. There are 14 candidates from Devon on the 2009 West Level 2 VRQ Coach Award Courses.

There have been two Hockey Leadership Courses run across the county, organised by clubs and schools.

We have run two Coaching for Teachers courses across the County. The new primary game Quicksticks was launched in September 2008 and to date we have run 5 Introduction to Quicksticks Courses with more courses in the pipeline.

Time to Listen Workshops are in the process of being organised for Club Welfare Officers across Devon, we are planning two courses one in Plymouth (TBC) and one in Exeter (8 July at Exeter University).

If you require any further information on any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Barbara Reynolds
EH Development Officer
18 May 2009

6.1 Hon Secretary's Report

- It has been a difficult year for Devon Hockey and a very challenging one for the committee. With new initiatives for the committee to take on, we knew it was going to be a tough few months, but I believe with many lessons learnt we can only improve and make huge strides forward.
- The role of the secretary is never an easy one, but with your help my role can be made smoother. The Devon Website is constantly in use, with reports and news items being added regularly. Please check that your club information is correct and that you have listed contacts for all roles within your club.
- A few merges and name changes to bring to your attention, ISCA Dragons merging with ISCA Hockey club – and to be now known as ISCA Hockey club, Paignton Ladies Hockey Club change of name to Torbay Ladies Hockey Club, Bridport Hawks Hockey Club change of name to West Dorset Hockey Club. These name changes and merger will be brought up at the next West Council Meeting in July.
- With the forthcoming rule changes for new season, it is never been more important that your club is represented at the Devon Umpires AGM on Friday 22nd May. David Lane will be giving an overview of the new self pass rule, so please do not be in the dark in September.
- As you know part of my role is to organise the cup competitions within Devon, with 51 teams taking part and a new Mens Vets Cup Competition it was going to be eventful. There were still some clubs not arranging fixtures in time and therefore causing problems with umpires being appointed, hopefully though with the new rule of providing 21 days notice should eliminate this problem. The finals day was again a great success, with victory to ISCA Mens in the Mens Vets Competition, ECVH in the Mens Cup, Ashmoor in the Mens Trophy, for the first time in over 10 years a different name appears as winners as the Women's Cup, Teignmouth Ladies, and for Kingsbridge and Salcombe won the Women's Trophy. I only hope that this competition grows next with more clubs and teams entering.
- The Ladies Vets Competition sadly only saw 4 teams in the tournament, and perhaps it is time to rethink the rules of the county round of this competition, even though only fully paid up club members may represent teams in the regional finals, perhaps we should think how we run the Devon round to encourage more teams to enter. The tournament winners were Exe, but even though only 4 teams competed, it was still a good day of hockey enjoyed by all.
- I also took on 2 new events this year, one was the School Boys National Cup Competition and the other was the Junior League.
- The School Boys Cup had 3 age categories, U14, U16 and U18. Only 12 schools were represented in the Cup, but I have already had 2 more schools expressing an interest in entering next season. All matches prior to the finals were arranged by schools with dates and results compiled by myself and available on the Devon Website. The finals were all held on a rainy day in January at Exeter University. The U14 final was between South Dartmoor and Exeter School, with South Dartmoor winning a closely contended match 3-2, the U16 final was between South Dartmoor and Uffculme, again seeing South Dartmoor the winners 5-2, the U18 final was between Torquay Boys Grammar and South Dartmoor, this match went South Dartmoor's way with them finishing 2-1 winners. The boys were fortunate enough to have the Pendants presented by Tom Woods and Ollie Deasey of from the England U21 team. So South Dartmoor went on to represent Devon in the West Round of the School Boys Cup. I enjoyed running this competition and hope to continue next season.
- The Junior League was an experience of a different sort for me, with teams pulling out at the last minute and pitches being unavailable or locked on the day, I knew this was only going to be an uphill battle for me. I persevered and with some excellent help from the clubs taking part, we managed to continue to the end. I can safely say without the help of Steve Dinny, Colin Wood, Jackie Shute, Jackie Daw and various others, I could have easily thrown in the towel, your help has been immeasurable. Sharan Eve also helped me sort out pitches in January and for this I am very grateful. I made many mistakes with the league this year, and I am not looking for any absolution, but I truly believe that lessons have been learnt and we can move forward to what can only be a seamless league next year. Unfortunately one of my lessons was to rely on clubs for league results, but only a few ever sent them in, and with me not being able to chase them up, I can only apologise that I do not have full league winners. With this being said, I can propose that next seasons leagues, results for the U16 and U14s will be held within Fixtures Live, with this facility each club can enter the result and the scorers so we can have an up to date league at the press of a button. However the U12 and U10s will be run as festivals with the emphasis on taking part and not having an overall winner, but hopefully have medals for all taking part. Our goal is to get more children taking part and developing skills.

Michelle Judge
Devon County Hon Secretary

6.3 Men's Senior County Report

Men's County Hockey Championship 2009

Pool Five of the Men's County Hockey Championships was held at St Luke's High School on the 9th and 10th of May. From the very opening game, hosting side Devon showed they meant business. With a resounding win of 4-nil over neighbouring Cornwall, it was clear that the Devon men were at ease playing alongside one another. Sunday's games proved just as successful as Devon beat Herefordshire 6-1, and the RAF 4-2, resulting in Devon comfortably winning the tournament. The superb organisation of the side was reflected on the pitch, and Devon can confidently travel to Sheffield for the finals on the 30th May.

RESULTS

1 ST	-	DEVON
2 ND	-	RAF
3 RD	-	HEREFORDSHIRE
4 TH	-	CORNWALL

SCORES

Saturday 9th May

Devon – Cornwall 4-0

RAF – Herefordshire 2-2

Sunday 10th May

Devon – Herefordshire 6-1

RAF – Cornwall 5-4

Devon – RAF 4-2

Cornwall – Herefordshire 0-1

Devon Men's Team 2009

JONES	Edward (GK)
WAITT	Jason (GK)
BLAIR	Michael
HAIGH	Tom
FENWICK	Simon
HAIGH	James
PALFREY	Sam
MULLEN	Nick
GOULSTONE	William
NOBLE	Brendon
SIMMS	Craig
BURY	Dafydd
GRANNELL	James
ROBBINS	Martin
STRICKLAND	Mike
DEASY	Oliver
ERIKSSON	Henry

6.4 Women's Senior County and 6.5 U19 Report

Match Secretary's Report

U.19 XI Squad

The U.19 XI Squad was selected in November after one trials and training session, and travelled to St. Mary's School in Shaftesbury to play in the U.19 XI Tournament on 23 November. The Squad started well with a win against Gloucester, but then drew against Somerset and lost against Dorset. The girls all enjoyed their day even though it was extremely cold.

The members of the Squad were:-

Vicky Evans	Plymouth Marjons	Celia Hayes	Mannamead
Jo Kidner	White Eagles	Charlotte Lewis	Ottery Crickets Exe
Lauren Anning	Plymouth Marjons	Sirrocco Lewis	Exe
Giselle Ansley	Plymouth Marjons	Rosy Partridge	Teignmouth
Lucy Gilbard	Paignton	Rosy Stephens	Dart
Sophie Green	Paignton	Jane Rochelle (C)	Teignmouth
Chloe Harvey	Kingsbridge		

Senior 1st XI Squad

The 1st XI Squad was selected after a trials/training session in April, followed by a match against an Exe Men's team which the men won.

The Preliminary Round of the B Division of the County Championships was held on 9 and 10 May in Stourport in Worcestershire. The other teams were Combined Services, Northamptonshire and Worcestershire. Devon played Combined Services on the Saturday and Combined Services managed to score a goal but Devon were unable to reply despite many opportunities. On the Sunday, against Northampton, Devon played a better game and scored 5 goals with 2 being scored against us. Devon were also the stronger team against Worcester and won by 2 goals to nil. In the remaining matches, Combined Services, surprisingly, were held to a draw by Northampton and then won against Worcester.

The results of these matches meant that Combined Services topped the table with 7 points and Devon were a close second with 6 points. Both teams now progress to the B Division Finals Day on Saturday 30 May to be played at Haslemere Hockey Club in Surrey. Devon's first match is against Shropshire and the second match will be against Combined Services or Lancashire.

The members of the Squad were:

Lucy Dawkins	Exe	Kate Rochelle	Teignmouth
Hazel Tranchant	Teignmouth	Angie Slade	Exe
Sarah Williams	Exe	Mary Douglas	Exe
Amy Jones	Teignmouth	Kate Drysdale	Exe
Kirsty Cruden	Exe (C)	Emma Pike	Exe
Tammy Pascoe	Exe (VC)	Jess Webb	Dundee Wanderers
Harriet Payne	Exe	Claire Thomas	Exe
Laura Clark	Teignmouth	Celia Hayes	Mannamead

My thanks go to Mary Kennedy (our only Selector), the Umpires (mainly Sam) and to all the players for their commitment to the Teams.

6.7 County Discipline Administrators' Report

- There has been a modest reduction in the number of discipline offences during the past season, it is pleasing to see there have been none during the last two months of the league season.
- 10 offences, this season, compares with 15 offences last season and 11 for the season before. I know Devon is a one of the larger counties in the country in terms of hockey clubs but I still feel there is scope for a further reduction in the number of offences. In the ten years the EH code of discipline has been in place the number of red cards has risen from between 1 to 4 a season for the first few seasons to the present level. A large number of the offences are for inappropriate verbal comments by players towards umpires and I would urge all clubs would reiterate to all their players that umpires deserve to be treated with respect before during and after the game. Most hockey played during the season nowadays is competitive hockey and it does seem that the result of this is a less tolerant attitude towards other players and umpires by some hockey individuals. I do truly hope that the trend in the slight reduction of offences seen this season will increase further for next season.
- I am stepping down as County Discipline Administrator after 12 seasons in post. I am willing to continue in the post of Deputy CDA for a further twelve months to help with a smooth transition. I would like to place on record my thanks thank to my deputy Sam Tallowin with whom I have many conversations during the season as we deal with each offence on an individual basis. Sam willing gives of his time especially as the code now gives opportunity for clubs to give written submissions which we carefully review before a final penalty is imposed. My thanks also to all club CDOs for their help in administrating the Code of Discipline, in some cases contacting me with information about the offence before the umpire's report form has even been received.

Summary of offences for 2008-09: -

Date of offence	Gender of offender	Offence - Category	Penalty imposed
11/10/08	Male	RED – B Second offence within 12 months	60
12/10/08	Male	RED - A	16
01/11/08	Male	MMO – A	16
08/11/08	Male	RED – A	16
15/11/08	Male	RED – B	30
15/11/08	Male	RED – B	30
22/11/08	Male	RED – A	16
29/11/08	Male	RED – A	30
24/01/09	Male	RED – B	60
25/01/09	Male	RED - A	16

*Andrew Ashenhurst
Devon County Discipline Administrator*



6.8 Devon Junior Development Report

6.9 Devon School Girls Report

6.10 West of England & South Wales Men’s League Report

- The league is delighted that N4 Financial solutions is to continue with its sponsorship of the Men’s league for the coming season.
- This season has seen the full introduction of a more comprehensive league website, overseen by Andy Harvey, and it is hoped to add a financial capacity to allow subs and fines to be settled using the website.
- I have attended five Men’s league committee meetings this past season, as Devon league rep. Devon is also well served by having Andy Harvey as elected South area secretary and league results and website coordinator, and thanks are due to him for all his hard work during the season.
- Successful Devon league sides for season 2008/09 were

Premier 1	Plymouth Marjon - Promoted to EH conference West for 2009/2010
Premier 3	ECV Hornets
South 1	PGSOB
South 2	Ashmoor
South East 1	Exeter University E
South West District 1	Dart A

- Points from recent South Area meeting on April 20th.
 - Elected South league area secretary Andy Harvey and assistant Phil Morrish
 - Committee asked to re-consider the level of fines for occasional non-fulfilment of fixtures by sides in the district divisions and the arrangements regarding re-arranging these fixtures.
 - League placings for next season will be finalised once all EH play-offs have finished and new team applications have been reviewed.
- I am willing to stand for election as Devon WOESW men’s league rep for 2009/10

*Andrew Ashenhurst
Devon WOESW Men’s League Rep*

6.11 Devon Umpires Associations Report



DHA AGM
2008/2009

DHUA President's Report

Reinvigorating Devon Umpiring (RDU) has been going for 4 years and DHUA is still striving to improve umpiring at all levels within Devon.

To continue the progress made thus far and to further aid umpire development, DHUA applied for an Awards for All Lottery Grant and were awarded over £8,000. Discounts of up to 50% were offered to clubs within Devon towards Umpire Award Courses. Whilst DHUA hoped that Clubs would welcome this financial support, the take up was sporadic and disappointing. The subsidies were offered in conjunction with a new initiative entitled Club Agreements. Those clubs who signed up as 'A' Clubs would get the biggest subsidy in return for helping DHUA provide Coaching and Umpire Support. To date the only clubs who have become 'A' Clubs are Chard, Dart, Dawlish (Men), Dawlish (Women), ECV Hornets, Okehampton (Men), Okehampton Columbines (Women), Old Plymothian and Mannamedian (Men), Ottery Crickets, Plymouth Marjon, Plympton Grammar School Old Boys (Men), Torbay (Men), University of Exeter (Men).

DHUA have had continued success in the Summer Leagues in Coaching and Assessing Level 1 Candidates. In Plymouth, where DHUA appoint to all fixtures, DHUA has built on previous successes by passing more Candidates last season and this will continue this season. Last season DHUA also introduced this concept to the Exeter Leagues for the first time, but the response of some teams was lukewarm. About half the teams embraced the DHUA initiative with some appointing their own umpires. Subsequently very few Level 1 Candidates passed their Assessment. With the Exeter Summer Leagues about to start the response has improved dramatically and DHUA hope to offer free Coaching support to more Level 1 Candidates and Club Umpires and hence improve the skills and confidence of umpires and the number of Level 1 Candidate passes.

DHUA has now set up a Young Umpire Action Group (DYUAG) under Julia Gill and we are working hard to train, pass and support Young Umpires at Foundation, Level 1 and beyond. This has been a great success with some very promising young umpire talent in Devon. However, U18 events must be coordinated with DYUAG at an early stage to allow DYUAG to assist Young Umpires. DHUA will be putting a lot of effort into Young Umpire Development in the future, building on the success in our first year.

One area of major concern is female umpire development. Whilst we know there are some very good female umpires in Devon, DHUA struggle to help



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