

2017 Oxford Midnight Stars AGM Agenda
30th June 2017

1. Welcome and apologies - Lucy

Apologies from: Aly, Anna J, Harriet, Jae, Hannah

2. Minutes agreed from last year.

3. Reports:

Manager Report – Lucy

Another challenging but fun season. We've grown massively in terms of ability. Some of our players who are extremely new to the sport are just going from strength to strength – you'd never guess they've only been playing a year or two and the more established amongst us as hugely improving too. A really good base to build on for next season. As you know, I'm stepping down as manager after a number of years – I need a break from it now and a chance to get back to just playing. I'll still be around as there'll be an element of handover with whoever takes on the role and I'll still be here to answer any questions etc.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of those people who help to make the club run smoothly – in particular:

All of our match day helpers – The entire Radburn family, Adam, Teresa and Paul, TJ, Turner, all of our borrowed coaches and anyone else we've dragged along to help – we really couldn't do it without your support and we are extremely grateful.

Sally – you are my rock and I love you.

Stu – you're an absolute legend. I don't know how you put up with us week in, week out. I know sometimes we drive you crazy but I look forward to training every week because of you so thank you.

Treasurer Report – Sally

- 1) I introduced the figures for this year by presenting the predicted figures, which totalled a loss of £1350.
- 2) I then showed the actual figures that arrived at a small profit (£150).
- 3) I explained that due to our financial year finishing at the end of August, a small amount of guesswork was necessary.
- 4) I explained that I would like to change our financial year to avoid this guesswork in future. I proposed running our year from June 1st to May 31st. There was no opposition to this.
- 5) I explained that we collected money evenly throughout the year but spent it unevenly, resulting in poor cashflow throughout March-May, but an improvement in June-August.
- 6) I mentioned that there is currently a loan in the account of £150 (from myself) that does not appear in the accounts as this should be paid back by the end of the financial year.

See attached accounts breakdown.

Safeguarding Report - Tasha

No safeguarding concerns reported although a couple of things to be mindful of:

- Game photographers – we need to know who they are, where the photos will be posted and get permission from the team in particular junior aged players. If it is not possible to get permission (i.e. parents not there, then they will have to be told not to take photos of that player).
- The EIHA are suggesting that under 16's have an alternative changing location. This was discussed by those in attendance and it was decided that in reality this is tricky and could be isolating so if

anyone feels uncomfortable they should change into their sweats prior to coming into the changing room.

Coaches Report – Stu: Everyone has come on such a lot this season, especially our new players. It's good to see members who have been with us for a while now showing loyalty and sticking with us. Keep working hard next season and we'll continue to improve.

4. EIHA AGM update – Lucy

League structure: There will be no cup this year but we still have a good number of games because although Bracknell have been promoted, Invicta have re-entered a team, Swindon have created a Div 1 team and Coventry have moved from Div 1 North to Div 1 South.

You can have a manager who has been on the course and done 1st aid and safeguarding on the bench to use instead of your level 1 if your level 2 is kicked out of the game. Really not very useful or applicable to us!

The under 14 proposal was rejected.

5. Proposed monthly subs – Sally

See attached

6. Training – Lucy/Stu

Please remember to notify Stu or the manager if you are unable to attend training. Please try to do this by Wednesday if possible. Please try to attend training as much as you can – it's demoralising for Stu and all of those who are there when numbers are low and it helps us to play better and bond as a team if we are all there as much as possible.

7. Game days - Lucy

Game dates will be released by the EIHA at the end of August. Please try to make yourself available for all games. Put them in your diary early on! We could be tight on numbers next season as we've got a couple off to uni and Charlie off travelling mid-way through the season.

Please try to respond to Teamer promptly for your game availability. If you are unsure – please communicate with the manager rather than not replying – there has been a huge improvement in this – well done – keep it up.

8. Registrations for next season –

Your registrations run out at the end of July. We will begin re-registering from now onwards. The cost for your registration with the EIHA is £73. If you are not re-registering with the team, please let us know asap as we need to finalise numbers and ultimately make sure that we've got enough players to enter the league. **Laura will be taking on registrations for this season so please look out for information on registering/re-registering.**

9. Stars open day – Charlie:

We have been invited to be involved in the Stars open day on the Sunday of the August bank holiday. It is from 3-7pm. There will be a legends game and some skills competition. We can be involved in the skills part if we'd like to be. We'll have a stand there along with some of the other Oxford teams. It will be really good for promoting our team and getting potential sponsors so it would be great if as many people as possible could be there. **Charlie has agreed to take this on and will begin by speaking to the team about who is available on the day.**

10. New players and development players – Lucy.

We all need to continue to promote the club, encourage potential new players (experienced and otherwise) so that we continue to grow.

11. Nominations and voting for committee roles – Lucy

It was agreed that there would be an element of flexibility in roles and that just because you are not on the committee as listed below, it does not mean that you can't be involved. We have a lots of skills within the team and people are encouraged to get involved in any way they would like (e.g. arranging a specific event, helping with a specific area, taking on a project etc.)

The new committee was voted in as listed below:

Committee:

- Chairperson - Sally
- Manager - Sally
- Treasurer – Sally / Anna J - deputy
- Secretary (to include registrations) - Laura
- Safeguarding Officer – Heidi-Jane
- Trophy Officer – Heidi-Jane
- Social Media Officer – Emily Prachar
- Head Coach – Stu
- Players Representative (only if no members of the committee are players) – not needed
- Social Secretary – It was decided to not have a social secretary but for member to arrange events as and when throughout the season.

12. AOB

Captain and A's for next season: It was agreed that members would contact Sally with nominations for captain and A's for the up-coming season. Players can nominate themselves if this is something they would like to do. Sally will then check with individuals who have been nominated if they are happy to take this on and there will then be a vote. The aim will be for the C and A's to be announced at the BBQ.

End of season trophies: To be awarded at the BBQ. There are still people who have not voted. **Lucy to put a reminder post on facebook** – (done).

Social Media: A plea from Tasha to please like, share, re-tweet out club posts from the OMS Facebook page and the @MidnightsHockey Twitter.

Charity Rounders: Lucy has been contacted via the OMS Facebook page by an Oxford based American football team who are keen to develop links with other local women's sports team. They want to set up a friendly game of rounders with us, them and a roller derby team. Everyone would pay £1 and then the winning team would give the money to their chosen charity. This would be a good opportunity to connect with other teams and potentially get new players – especially from the roller derby team. Everyone at the AGM was keen. Since the AGM Lucy has replied saying we are keen to be involved and is awaiting a date. **Is there someone who would like to take this on?**

Oxford Brooks: Emily Prachar suggested trying to develop links with the university. Could we go to the fresher's fair? **Is there someone who would like to take this on?**

Funding: There are a number of funding streams out there. Sally will look into this. **In the meantime, have a think and contact Sally, if you think this is something you could be involved in.**

Thank you: As a close to the meeting, Lucy said it is lovely to see so many people stepping up and getting involved, please remember to say thank you. Things don't happen by magic; there is always behind the scenes work and a thank you really does mean a lot.

Close of meeting