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Minutes taken by Della Latham

- Andy welcomed everyone and then went through the meeting notes from last years AGM. Some asked why they had not seen these notes sooner or after the meeting last year. Look at sending these out after the meeting with all Statements attached.
- Andy read the outgoing Chairman's statement
- Abi read a statement as the Ladies 1s Captain
- Andy read out Ben, First Team Men's Captain statement
- Mark, as the Men's 2/ 3 Captain stated that it had been a hard season with little hockey due to COVID. But when the teams played, the youngsters had stepped up and won their games. He said it had been a privilege to be involved with these teams and also help out with Umpiring when he could.
- Julie Thornhill as Junior Coordinator stated that Summer Training had gone well and thanked all for their involvement. Losing a lot of players the previous year was frustrating but Julie is impressed with new numbers, and although no new members will be put forward for County, due to lack of game play, Sandbach will have a Beavers and Badgers team for the new season and will review progress. There is a lot of scope for raising the club's profile at the Local schools in the Sandbach/ Congleton/ Holmes Chapel Area's which Julie is keen to do.
- Andy read through the Treasurers recent report, but there was no statement from Jack ( Outgoing Treasurer).
- There was a break for Questions – nothing was posed at this time from the statements.
- As there were no nominations served for the Treasurer, we went straight to the Chair election. Julie Ullmer was the only nomination and was unanimously voted in as the new Chair for the next 2 years by all members on the call. Julie will take on this role, along with the Treasurers report at the next AGM meeting. Julie will be able to delegate this role to a delegate within her new Committee, once set up. But will be responsible for Chair and Treasurer until either the next AGM or if the new Committee feel this needs to be looked at with an EGM.
- All on the call then voted unanimously to keep the membership fees the same as the previous season.

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- Celia asked that other types of Membership are looked at, as other clubs have Parent Members, Life- time members etc. Having non- playing/ training only membership will give the club more options of accruing much needed funds.
- Liz queried the accounts and the payment of coaches and new kit scenario which is leaving the club in deficit. More transparency is required going forward.
- Mark was interested in assisting with a Working Group to help to take the Club forward/ Recruitment drive/ Fund Raising.
- Julie Ullmer stated that she is keen on moving the club forward, possible “other” social venues to be looked at with more vibrancy to be a social hub for the club and work towards Club Mark status. There is a good link with Cricket and Hockey, so this will need to be looked into with best options from all local sports clubs taken into account.
- Men are working on a Training Policy, where you have to attend at least 2 training sessions a month to be picked for the Men’s 1’s, as juniors who train regularly have been overlooked in the past for those who just assume they will play, but don’t train. There is a need for this as a Club, with a panel of Coaches/ Captains meeting to discuss the next weeks teams.
- There is a new England Hockey system which has replaced Fixtures Live. Training will be given to those who require it, when it is available on-line.
- Umpire situation is still static. With current courses easier to do on line, there is a need for anyone interested in becoming an umpire to come forward, and also go out to Parents to become more involved in the Junior set up on the days when games are taking place ( Umpiring/ managing games etc).