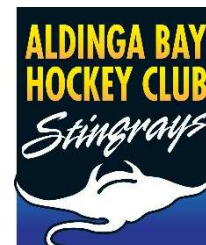


ALDINGA BAY HOCKEY CLUB INC



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Sellicks Community Hall, Saturday 23rd September 2023

Meeting opened 3.01pm

1. **PRESENT:** Jacqui Best, Kat Best, Pamela Haire, Nathan Edwards, Mimi Haines, Mark Elliott, Lee-Anne Elliott, Geoffrey Best, Wendy Huntington, Kirsty Telfer, Stuart Pope, Mel Shrive, Julie Hibbird, Wal Hibbird, Joanna Hibbird, Kym Denton, John Pitcher, Brett Summers, Tamara Summers, Katie Shiers, Charlotte Albee, Bob Curley, Mark Russell

2. **APOLOGIES:** Lizzie Sherrah, Roger McDonald, Bianca Huntington

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mel presented the minutes of the previous AGM- *see attached*

Acceptance of previous minutes moved by: Mel

Seconded by: Wal

Carried by: All

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Strategic Plan needs updating

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None pertaining to this AGM

6. REPORTS

• President

Written copy provided and presented by Jacqui- *see attached*

Acceptance of report moved by: Jacqui

Seconded by: Kym

Carried by: All

• Treasurer

Verbal report presented by Stuart including Independent Auditor's Report for 2022-2023- *see attached*. "There's a couple of different reports. One is the standard financial year auditors report showing the Club had a loss of \$1,936.46 for the financial year. Referring to the YTD report, the Club made a profit of \$406.47. The difference is from the money invested into the new canteen facilities ie pie warmer, drinks fridge, big fridge, freezer, microwave, as well as a lot of extra outgoings which have influenced one report. The Club managed to payout all the expenditure as well as maintain a small profit without touching the investment account. With careful cash flow and support from SCHA to split up the fee payment etc., the Club has managed to finish the year with \$6,413.03 in the everyday account and \$33,170.89 in the investment account. To continue to keep team fees and membership fees where they are, the Club needs to concentrate on fundraising and make as much money from those as possible to help subsidise everything else. In round figures, on GF day, \$5100.00 went through the club.

There will be some challenges potentially with the new rules from SA Health which will be implemented in December 2023 and the Club may have to look at sourcing someone for when they start”

Stuart advised of the new national food standard being enforced as of December 2023 where organisations/businesses who handles food has been split into two categories. ABHC is deemed a Category 1 due to the preparation and cooking of food on site. Not only does the Club require someone who is across safe food handling practices etc. the Club also requires a Food Supervisor available who needs to record cooking temperatures, cooking times, refrigeration temperatures etc. to comply with the new food safety regulations. This requires a paid course to be completed and preferably someone who has food and hospitality knowledge would be beneficial. ABHC may need to look outside the club to fill this role. The rules are ambiguous at this stage. There’s also an exemption for volunteer and charity organisations that do volunteer run fundraising on an ad hoc basis and Stuart is trying to find out whether the Club (as there are only 6-7 home games/year) could possibly come under that exemption but has not had an answer back from SA Health yet

Acceptance of report moved by: Stuart

Seconded by: Wal

Carried by: All

- **Senior Coordinator**

Verbal report presented by John: “Blue men’s team were relatively stable overall even though they didn’t have a lot of players on the team list and came third in the minor round which is quite impressive. Ladies team played with a full team each week and played short for only one or two games but had juniors Erin and Emily to help fill the team. The problem was with Black men as they had approx. 20 people on the team list, but some weeks could only field 7 players. This is what I’ve been trying to focus on and some of what I was doing at training was trying to get people to commit, socialise and be part of the club. Training started well at the beginning of the season with approx. 15 people training, but again, over time, the commitment faded away and there were only approx. 6-8 consistent players each week attending training. Just to mention a few there were Sam, Elani, Kym, Kirsty, Wendy, Bianca, Jake, myself and Bruce. One of my initiatives was to make training more social, open the bar up and put on a BBQ. I guess it worked, but I don’t know how to get people to commit to training”

Acceptance of report moved by: John

Seconded by: Wal

Carried by: All

- **Junior Coordinator**

Written copy provided and presented by Mel on behalf of Lizzie- *see attached*

Acceptance of report moved by: Mel

Seconded by: Kym

Carried by: All

- **Volunteer Coordinator**

Written copy provided and presented by Kym- *see attached*

Acceptance of report moved by: Kym

Seconded by: Wendy

Carried by: All

7. AGENDA ITEMS

- **Life member nominations:**

Jacqui nominated Jake Duggan for Player Life Member. Geoffrey Best seconded. None against. No abstentions. Carried

Jacqui nominated Nikki Pope for Full Life Member. Julie Hibbird seconded. None against. One abstention. Carried

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The below Executive positions declared vacant by Jacqui:

- **President: Jacqui Best**

Nominated by: Self-nominated

Seconded by: Kym Denton

Carried by: Majority vote

- **Secretary: Mel Shrive**

Nominated by: Self-nominated

Seconded by: Stuart Pope

Carried by: Majority vote

- **Junior Coordinator: Lizzie Sherrah**

Nominated by: Self-nominated

Seconded by: Wal Hibbird

Carried by: Majority vote

- **Appointed positions still declared vacant:** Umpire Coordinator, Membership Officer, Grounds Coordinator, Canteen Supervisor, Fundraising Officer, Sponsorship Officer, Media Coordinator, Website Coordinator, Patron

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- **By-laws:** Discussed the by-law regarding player numbers as it states, “every player needs a number” not “every player needs a *different* number”. This should be raised at SCHA AGM as it was noticed that there were teams that fielded players with the exact same number as other players. Having every player with a different number would be ideal and therefore adding that one word “different” would make this by-law more clear
- **Qualification requirements:** It has been noticed that there have been senior players from other clubs stepping on the field at the start of a game (in the lead up to finals) to have their name signed off by tech bench only for them to leave and play for another association. This is not in the spirit of the game and needs to be addressed at SCHA AGM. Changes need to be made by either not requiring a minimum number of games played to qualify for finals if you play for two associations or 50% of the 7 games must be played to qualify and must ticked off by tech bench once played at least 50% of the game. A proper look at that by law needs to occur before submitting this at SCHA AGM. Carry over to the new committee
- **Summer hockey:** Need volunteers to help with summer hockey

10. MEETING CLOSED: 3.57pm

Aldinga Bay Hockey Club AGM 23rd September 2023

President's Report by Jacqui Best

Welcome to all, particularly new Club members and families

Highlights for 2023 season

- New canteen facilities – toilets at last! – and new lights on the eastern field. Thanks to Federal, State and Council funding and lots of effort from current and previous committee members, especially Steve Quick
- U14 Blue Premiers! U17 Black Runners up! Blue men in the 1st round of finals
- Hosting the Grand Final! A very successful day with a great raffle. Thank you to Kirsty Telfer, Lizzie Sherrah, Debbie Quick, Kym Denton, Stuart Pope, Alan Hibbird, Nathan Edwards, Tara Anderson, John Pitcher and all those who helped with preparations and volunteered on the day. Getting the field closed to public use for a few weeks made such a difference – thank you Wal!
- SCHA awards to Sam Whittaker, Tara Anderson, Stuart Pope, Bianca Huntington, Erin Anderson, Jack Elliott, Lucy Anderson, Emma Elliott and Tilly Brennan
- Emma Elliott umpiring at the U12 Nationals in Tasmania
- Both junior and senior SCHA recruitment prizes going to ABHC members. Reflects the awesome recruitment efforts this year. Special thanks to Lizzie Sherrah and Wendy Huntington!
- A great bunch of under 10s this year; brilliant to see them playing every week!
- Valuable fundraisers: Bingo tickets and weekly meat tray raffles at Aldinga Hotel, Beach Ramp, Bunnings BBQ, canteen and BBQ – thank you all volunteers, especially those who also completed RSA training!
- Hot chips! Pumpkin soup, Chinese chicken & veg, garlic bread, sandwiches and Cupcakes

Sponsors 2023

- A huge thank you to our sponsors: Aldinga Hotel, Seaford Gourmet Meats, Balanced Habitats, Century 21, S&P graphics, Sherrah Wines, Southern Vales Bookkeeping

Outstanding ABHC members

- SCHA Committee: Stuart Pope (Website), Wendy Huntington (Junior Coordinator and Program Committee), Matt Groves (Treasurer)
- ABHC Committee: Alan Hibbird (Vice President), Mel Shrive (Secretary), Stuart Pope (Treasurer), Kym Denton (Volunteer Coordinator), John Pitcher (Senior Coordinator), Lizzie Sherrah (Junior Coordinator)
- Appointed positions: Sarah Tinker, Nathan Edwards, Lee-Anne Elliott, Frank Thyssen
- John Pitcher, Wendy Huntington, Alan Hibbird, Roger McDonald, Maddie Marchetti and Chris Pitcher (coaching juniors), Bianca Huntington, Alan Hibbird, Mark Russell (Senior Captains and umpiring), also Mitchell Tinker, Nathan & Frankie Edwards, Jake Thyssen (umpiring and grounds), Lee-Anne Elliott (awesome photography, meat tray pick-ups and lots of extra help generally), John & Bruce Pitcher training for seniors, Pamela Haire, Tara Anderson, Mark Elliott, Kirsty Telfer (generally super helpful)

Recommendations for 2023-24

- Summer hockey season 2 x 6 weeks being organised for 2023-24; still very popular and a great recruitment opportunity
- Maintain member attendance and positions at SCHA AGM
- Program for 2023 – keep lots of games in the season, avoiding split rounds if possible
- Get a new liquor licence to allow the bar to be moved into the new facilities
- Fit out the Shed for storage and continued use, ready for the containers to be removed
- Fit out the new facilities inside and out - develop a welcoming and functional outdoor area
- Focussed fundraising over summer to raise funds for the new developments - beach ramp expression of interest has been submitted
- Continue and expand awareness raising and recruiting efforts through the community
- Continue to improve ABHC umpire numbers and development – more orange shirts
- Increase sponsorship partnerships in the area

- Continue to improve Club member communication, expand the use of tools like Team App
- Enable increased social participation of members
- Support carnival opportunities, esp. SA Junior Regional Championships
- Update the Club strategic plan – get a succession plan happening again!

ABHC Juniors Report for 2023
by Lizzie Sherrah

It was another successful year for the ABHC Junior teams. A huge congratulations to U14 Blue who won their Grand Final Match against Victor, taking the trophy for 2023. U17 Black played a fabulous game but were narrowly defeated by Victor to become runners up in the Grand Final. Both the U17 Blue and U14 Black also had great seasons, showing skill, determination and team spirit. A huge thank you to all the coaches- John, Jacqui, Wendy, Wal and Roger. Thank you also to Christopher Pitcher and Maddie Marchetti for running the U10 trainings.

The club gained several U10s early in the season by hosting PE lessons at Willunga Primary. Throughout the year the teams grew with siblings, friends of players and SAPSASA participants joining the club. Many of these juniors and their families embraced the club wholeheartedly and I am positive we will see many return next year.

The main struggle throughout the year was player numbers. Even though we tried to keep the team numbers even U14 Black and U17 Blue played short for a lot of the season. The 9 per side rule helped greatly and I hope that continues next year if required. A Term 1 recruitment drive next year is a must.

The sportsmanship and team spirit showed by all the juniors this year was outstanding and they should all be proud of their efforts.

Bring on 2024!

Volunteer Coordinator's Report
by Kym Denton

Volunteering is a vital part of club building. It brings together people who are committed to achieving a shared outcome of making their club a better place for all. Engaging volunteers is an effective way of building a connected community, with members who share similar values and goals.

Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. You are doing good for others and the community, which provides a natural sense of accomplishment. Your role as a volunteer can also give you a sense of pride and identity.

Research has shown that volunteering is associated with improved health and well-being, including increased longevity, adoption of healthy lifestyles and reduction in depression and stress. The service volunteers provide also goes on to benefit the communities in which they live and serve.

We have needed volunteers this past year for the Committee, Beach Ramp, Meat tray raffle at the pub, Bunnings BBQ and the canteen/bar/BBQ for home games. The funds we have raised go towards our new facilities, sports equipment and general running expenses of the club.

Beach ramp raised a little over \$8,500.
Meat tray raffles raise an average of \$275 per week
Bunnings BBQ usually raise about \$1500

The Beach ramp roster was run by Jacqui and Mel and was very successful for our club. Please see them if you are able to volunteer some time to help with this again.

The meat tray raffles have run quite smoothly, with Leeanne Elliott picking up the meat trays from the butcher and dropping off to the pub every Friday. Thank you Leeanne! We have had a roster system of every 6 weeks for our volunteers to sell the tickets. Thank you to Wendy & Bianca, Steve Quick, Nicky Pope, Liz Pitcher, Julie Hibbird for accompanying me and especially thank you to Wal for starting the selling most weeks and helping when he can when it is not his turn. All these volunteers were given a \$50 voucher for Seaford Butchers at presentation last night as a thank you for their ongoing commitment to helping the club.

The Bunnings BBQ has gone well and is a lot of fun to do.

Getting enough volunteers for the canteen when we have home games has proved to be quite a challenge. This has not been successful this year. Thank you very much to the few who do a lot of this work. Please consider putting your hand up to help before or after your game next year.

One volunteer who does not need to be managed and does an absolutely fabulous job is our club photographer! I know the other clubs are jealous. Thank you again Leeanne.

Thank you to all committee members for donating so much time and energy.

Jacqui Best Wal Hibbird Mel Shrive Stuart Pope
John Pitcher Lizzie Sherrah Sarah Tinker Leeanne Elliott
Nathan Edwards