

**AGM MINUTES 2018 - Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance**

**President - Paul Bloomfield (Woking Pitts)**

The **AGM** was held at **Haslemere Hockey Club (GU27 1QA)**, on **Saturday 21 April 2018** starting at **1350 pm**.

An Attendance sheet was circulated. 44 individuals signed in (see attached).

The Chairman Peter Colwill welcomed everyone and thanked Haslemere for hosting the event. The Minutes of the 2017 AGM (see copy on web site) were proposed for adoption by Iain Lynch (Haslemere); seconded by Mark McCree (Amersham).

Peter then asked the Organiser to present his Report.

**Apologies** were received from

Southampton Cockburns; Simon Everett (for Windsor Vets), Simon Hall (Amersham), Les Wastie (Salisbury), Richard Wilsdon, Oxford Hawks Falcons.

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### Organiser's Report 2017 - 2018

We started the Season with 13 member teams. Mercian Wessex Masters' proposed that we participate in their Cup Competition in September 2017. During the early part of the 2017 – 2018 season we were approached by Old Merchant Taylors (OMT Demons) who wanted to play a few fixtures this season in anticipation of joining the WSFA next season.

As at 14 April 2018 the results looked like this:

WSFA Team	Games Played	Points	Success Index	Position 2017 - 2018	Position 2016 - 2017
Oxford Hawks Falcons	18	51	2.83	1	2
OMT (Demons)	7	18	2.57	2	0
Woking Pitts Elders	21	48	2.29	3	1
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	19	42	2.21	4	3
Guildford Gondoliers	22	35	1.59	5	4
Haslemere Vets	22	34	1.55	6	6
Southampton Cockburns	17	25	1.47	7	5
Epsom Vagabonds	16	22	1.38	8	9
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	23	31	1.35	9	8
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	19	23	1.21	10	10
Winchester Wanderers	20	20	1.00	11	7
Horsham Hobblers	19	13	0.68	12	12
Havant Cavaliers	22	14	0.64	13	11
South Berkshire Hornets	19	7	0.37	14	13

You may wish to compare your position now with that occupied at the end of last season.

Last season we played **306** games with **30 games (10%)** cancelled or postponed.

This season we've played **246** games with **34 (14%)** cancelled and / or postponed.

It is unfortunate that some teams have experienced more cancellations / postponements this season than usual and the following steps have been or are about to be taken to try and avert this in the future.

### **Request Facility**

There is a facility on the website for any player to post a message saying they are available for a game (s) together with their contact details. Also representatives of teams whose opposition has cancelled can use the facility to find a replacement opposition. *However, this needs anyone who is short of players or an opposition to look at the website on a regular basis to see what's been posted.*

### **Potential Spare Players**

On 4 February 2018 Paddy Tripp from Surbiton sent The Organiser a list of about 140 over 60s' players from across the South-East together with their e-mail addresses, who may be available on an ad hoc basis to make up the numbers so that as many Alliance games as possible go ahead.

The intention is to write to these 140 individuals and invite them to register their interest by allowing their contact details to be put on our website. This would then enable teams that are short to potentially find additional players for their teams. The Request facility is under review to cater for these potential spare players as is the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** coming into effect on 25 May 2018 under EU legislation.

The Organiser spoke recently with England Hockey. It is expected that they will send out guidance to affiliated Clubs in the next month or so. Meanwhile it is the Organiser's belief that, for an organisation such as the WSFA, to comply with the regulation, ***each individual must give his / her consent to the WSFA holding personal data relating to them.*** If an individual wishes to have his / her data removed then he / she should request this by writing to the Organiser.

***Otherwise the WSFA default position is if your name and / or contact details appear on the WSFA website, then you have consented to this information being there.***

***Is it the wish of the meeting that steps are taken to invite the 140 to become occasional players?***

***Proposed: David Todd (Oxted)***

***Seconded: Iain Lynch (Haslemere)***

***Agreed.***

## **Players' Czar**

Some weeks ago Jon Gane of Southampton offered to take on the role of 'Players' Czar' – to coordinate placing of spare players with teams that are short. Now that we are reviewing how the website might be better utilised for sourcing spare players which could make such a position redundant, Jon is content to stand down from the role. Before he did so he suggested we should look into the question of **Insurance**.

The Organiser's old Club, Wokingham, provided the following cover:

'Public liability – covering the legal liability of the Club, members and the committee and individual members in respect of

1. Accidental bodily injury to any Third Party (including a fatal accident)
2. Accidental loss of or damage to Third Property. Limit any one accident £5 million.

Wokingham was unable to accept any further liability. The Committee strongly recommended that individual members should provide their own personal injury insurance if they required any additional cover'.

*It is assumed that most if not all member teams in the WSFA have something similar in place.*

The Organiser forgot to mention this at the AGM - **in RED** below:

**Should any of the 140 potential spare players agree to step in at short notice to play for any WSFA team, then they should perhaps be required to pay a nominal 'temporary membership fee' to the host team / club to cover the insurance issue. It is suggested that £5.00 per game would be appropriate, payable to the host club.**

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## Reporting Results

There are still a few individuals that don't manage to send in their results or record their results on the website (for which a password is required from George Oliver). Alternatively they may be texted to the Organiser **by 6 pm on the Saturday the game takes place by both captains or their nominees**. If members don't do this it means they have to be 'chased' so that a complete (and accurate) set of results can be published.

**Subscriptions** – currently £10 per WSFA team per season which is used to pay for the Website created and maintained by George Oliver of South Berkshire Hornets.

The Organiser and Webmaster recently reviewed how your money's been spent – see below:

Season	Web-site payments to Fasthosts made by George Oliver	£ Receipts collected by Rob Kenwick	Payments refunded to George Oliver	£ Balance
2006/07	£ 32.87		£ 32.87	
2007/08				
2008/09				
2009/10				
2010/11	£ 73.41		£ 73.41	
2011/12				
2012/13	£ 74.98		£ 74.98	
2013/14				
2014/15	£ 101.20	£ 130.00	£ 101.20	
2015/16		£ 130.00		
2016/17	£ 117.35	£ 130.00	£ 134.13	
2017/18		£ 130.00		
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments 23 Nov 2017</b>	<b>£ 399.81</b>	<b>£ 520.00</b>	<b>£ 416.59</b>	<b>£ 103.41</b>

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The Organiser is holding the Balance of £103.41 less a small amount for Port purchased.

The meeting was asked to determine the subscription for the forthcoming season.

£ 20 was proposed by Iain Lynch Haslemere, and when Epsom stated that it wasn't necessary to pay that much it was withdrawn.

**Instead, £10 was proposed by Bob Middlemiss, Epsom:  
Seconded by Brian English, Havant.  
Agreed.**

**It would be appreciated if member teams would pay their subscriptions for the 2018 / 2019 season to the Organiser before the start of the 2018 / 2019 season. Sort Code 070116; Account No 29521720; MR and RJ Kenwick.**

### **Potential Applicants for membership**

In previous years Basingstoke Vets have expressed interest, most recently saying 'maybe 2018 – 2019'. The Organiser spoke to Nigel Dean and it now seems unlikely that they will join.

Chichester Deacons have been phoned and at the date of writing the Organiser has had no reply. He's also written to Kevin White.

Old Merchant Taylors (OMT Demons) have played several games against Alliance teams during the Season with the intent of joining the Alliance for the 2018 / 2019 season.

Marlow Strollers represented by Ian Barclay contacted the Organiser and they are wishing to join the Alliance for the coming season.

Salisbury Strollers also expressed interest and the Organiser has written to them too. They are unlikely joiners in the immediate future.

Teams are reminded that The Alliance is a "League" of friendly fixtures. The aim is to play enjoyable and evenly matched games between teams made up of **Over 50's** players. *No objection will be made to players under that age as long as they are of a similar ability and approach. **THEY SHALL NUMBER NO MORE THAN 2 WITH NO ONE UNDER 45, except the goalkeeper if that is unavoidable.***

### **Next Season (our 17<sup>th</sup>)**

After some discussion it was decided that next season will run from **15 September 2018** to **13 April 2019** (**28 weeks** of games). The calendar allows us to have two spare weeks for any postponed games. Easter Saturday falls on **20 April 2019**.

The Gerald Eve tournament may take place on **27 April 2019** at Haslemere with the AGM taking place the same day. This is subject to confirmation.

Some teams may wish to play pre-Alliance season friendlies and if so they should make their own arrangements.

### **Election / Re- Election of Officers**

It was reported that current Officers (with the exception of Jon Gane) are willing to stand for re-election. John Spencer (Southampton) was also willing to stand down if someone else offered himself for the position.

Nominations (including self-Nominations) for positions, were invited. None were forthcoming so the following were elected into their respective positions

**Chairman – Peter Colwill**  
**Organiser – Rob Kenwick**  
**Assistant Organiser – John Spencer**  
**Webmaster – George Oliver**  
**Assistant Webmaster – Phil Bell**

**Proposed Bob Cowlard**  
**Seconded David Todd**  
**Agreed**

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In addition each Team in the Alliance has one or more Nominated Member(s) to act as a contact point. Currently they comprise:

Club	Name	Contact (Role)	Prime phone number
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Simon Hall	Administrator	07801 716533
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	James Lane	Nominated Member	07764 618204
Epsom Vagabonds	Bob Middlemiss	Nominated Member	07788 261924
Epsom Vagabonds	Tim Tennent	Alternate Nominated Member	07887552071
Guildford Gondoliers	Andy Roberts	Administrator	07795 631206
Guildford Gondoliers	Vacant	Nominated Member	
Haslemere Vets	Iain Lynch	Administrator	07941 623944
Haslemere Vets	Peter Smith	Alternate	UK phone 01428 712272
Haslemere Vets	Peter Lindars	Nominated Member	07836 296612
Havant Cavaliers	Bruce Christie	Nominated Member	0771 194 5811
Horsham Hobblers	Bob Mitchell	Nominated Member	07714 678 770
Old Merchant Taylors (OMT Demons)	Benji Hassell	New this season 2017/8	07471 900206
Oxford Hawks Falcons	Richard Wilsdon	Administrator	07736 131365
Oxford Hawks Falcons	David Hughes	Nominated Member	07769 110258
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	David Todd	Nominated Member	07831 891750
South Berkshire Hornets	Graham Lee	Administrator	07800 708053
South Berkshire Hornets	Vacant	Nominated Member	??
Southampton Cockburns	John Spencer	Administrator	07847 713631
Southampton Cockburns	Jon Gane	Captain 2017/18 and Players' Czar until 4 March 2018	07880 625012
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Paul Bloomfield	Founder Member (Woking)	077100 61189 betty
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Peter Colwill	Chairman	07730 469678
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Rob Kenwick	Organiser	07770 823026
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	John Spencer	Assistant Organiser & Nominated Member (Southampton Cockburns)	07847 713631
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	George Oliver	Web Master	07504341829
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Phil Bell	Assistant Web Master	07880782583
Winchester Wanderers	Roger Bridport	Administrator	07709 543972
Winchester Wanderers	James Larcombe	Nominated Member	07986 708741

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Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Simon Everett	Administrator	07989 642806
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Gurinder Sumra	Alternate	07976 318125
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Stuart Wright	Alternate	07843 470804
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Vacant	Nominated Member	
Woking Pitts Elders	Joe Dunne	Nominated Member	07740 374477

Please confirm the names of your Nominated Members to the Webmaster as soon as possible. When the fixture card is issued it would be appreciated if you would confirm the addresses and post codes of your home games to the Organiser and Webmaster, and the times of the games to your opposition team ASAP, confirming these two weeks before the relevant playing date with the opposition. Also confirm your team colours. If there is a colour clash the 'Away' team should play in white unless this conflicts with the Home Team's colours.

32 teams have participated at one time or another over the last 16 years. A table showing their results in descending order of success is available from the Organiser.

### **Paul Bloomfield – President WSFA**

Earlier in the day Paul Bloomfield was invited to take up the position of President which he happily accepted. The Organiser told the story about a game in which Paul played against an un-named team. At half-time, the Pitts were losing 0 – 7 and Paul heard the opposition say 'let's stick another 7 past them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half'. He thought that was no fun for the winners or losers so came up with the idea of The WSFA.

A vote of thanks was recorded for him as was one for our Umpires, without whom we wouldn't be playing.

One wrote to the Organiser recently and whilst he didn't ask to share his comments, here they are:

'I always can hand on heart say that I do not believe an umpire ever intentionally favours their teammates, but it seems to get lost in translation that an umpire's PRIMARY responsibility is player safety.

I've always judged my umpiring on:

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- did I protect the players?
- Was I consistent?
- Did I ensure players did not manipulate the game?  
(hit the ball away, not back off 5 yards, intentionally foul etc).

I love the of hockey game, I enjoy the competitive nature of the league (long may it continue) and will always stay for a beer as the social side of the Alliance is so very special'.

### **Any Other Business**

#### **Knees and Hips**

On 29 January 2018 John Peirce a member of the Woking Pitts team proposed a special match which hopefully may become an annual fixture.

Last time he was in Australia, staying with a hockey friend in Perth, he was one day too late to watch what is now an annual match there, where those with artificial knees play those with artificial hips. It's sponsored, amongst others, by the Australian health service as a way of getting the message out that you can still participate in active sport after this kind of operation.

Woking HC would be more than willing to host the match and do the organisation. He has the support of John Hughes, Woking club chairman. Both he and John have artificial knees, so that's a good start.

The match would be restricted to those over 50 (most with artificial joints are any way). John has already raised this thought with several opposition teams in recent weeks, and have found there are at least 6 playing in the WSFA with artificial hips, and all are keen to take part in a match like this.

Whilst it is hoped that the WSFA will be the sole source of the requisite numbers, John is also getting in touch with the Higgins London League to see if they too might be interested in participating. Whilst no date is as yet proposed for the inaugural match, I would be grateful if you would ask your respective squads to let John know if they are interested. Once he has the information we can see about getting this show on the road.

He will need from each eligible individual;

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Name; Knee or Hip; DoB; E-mail address; Mobile; Land Line;

The potential for sponsorship is being explored but if anyone has any bright ideas in this regard please let us know.

I'm sure we must be able to come up with some sponsorship for a match such as this, and as well as covering costs, probably we could make a donation to a suitable charity.

## **Addendum to the Agenda**

### **Proposal to examine the feasibility of merging the Wessex Masters ' with the WSFA**

On 15 April 2018 the Organiser received this e-mail from Paul Marks of Havant. 'As the season draws to an end, my players have asked me to get in touch regarding arrangements for next season.

I write as a member of a club with teams in both the Wessex Masters and the Wessex SuperVets Alliance. I should also add I have played for both of our Vets teams this season and so have had the opportunity to experience the playing standards of both leagues.

Basically, our view is that the two leagues should examine the feasibility of merging.

With over thirty teams, this would provide the opportunity of three divisions, with a better chance of more evenly matched teams and competitive matches each week.

With such a geographical spread of teams, players often have to commit to significant journey times to play a match. In our view, there would be fewer conceded games each season (something I know happens across both leagues) if players knew they were travelling for a competitive match.

I have already been in contact with Gerry Conran (Chairman - Wessex Masters) and have copied him in above.

Please let me have your thoughts and I'd be happy to meet up ahead of your league's AGM next Saturday. Our representative there will be Brian English, who I've also copied in on this correspondence.

Regards  
Paul Marks  
Men's Section Captain  
Havant Hockey Club  
07429 133256 (M)  
01962 869049 (H)'.

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The Organiser replied on 16 April 2018 as follows

'Thanks for your email. This isn't something that could be tackled without a *clear mandate from the WSFA to explore the options*. All that I can offer is that I will raise it as an addendum to the AGM Agenda which is being held this coming Saturday (21 April) at Haslemere HC. I note that Brian English will be present. If you too wanted to come you would be very welcome and should you wish to participate there could be the opportunity of playing some hockey too. In this case please contact Iain Lynch 07941 623944 [icslynch@hotmail.com](mailto:icslynch@hotmail.com). Cost per head is £10.

You will doubtless be aware that there already exists the opportunity of free transfer between the Wessex Masters' and the WSFA. Also our rules are that all players should be over 50 years of age with just 2 between 45 and 50. The goalie can be any age.

At the date of writing there are plans in place to field 15 teams next season in the WSFA and playing competitive hockey over 28 weeks'.

***Is it the wish of the meeting that the feasibility of a merger between the WSFA and the Wessex Masters' be explored?***

***Votes were collected from those present at the AGM and the Organiser was asked to obtain responses from the teams that weren't represented at the AGM.***

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*The votes are shown in the table below:*

TEAM	For	Against
Oxford Hawks Falcons	1	
OMT (Demons)	1	
Haslemere Vets	1	
Southampton Cockburns	1	
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	1	
Horsham Hobblers	1	
Havant Cavaliers	1	
Marlow Strollers	1	
Woking Pitts Elders		1
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		1
Guildford Gondoliers		1
Epsom Vagabonds		1
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		1
Winchester Wanderers		1
South Berkshire Hornets		1
A N Other		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b> <b>(53%)</b>	<b>7</b> <b>(47%)</b>

***With 53% in favour of discussions and 47% against, there is no clear mandate from the WSFA to enter into discussions with the Wessex Masters'.***

### **Charges for Cancelled games**

It was proposed by John Spencer of Southampton that costs incurred due to late cancellations by the opposition be shared with the opposition, with retrospective application. This was discussed and those present felt this was something that could only be resolved at the time of cancellation and an amicable resolution sought. Some Sports Centres charge for pitches not used unless 48 hours' notice is given of the cancellation. Therefore it is **RECOMMENDED** that if a game is to be cancelled the decision is taken by **WEDNESDAY** evening prior to the game scheduled for Saturday.

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The meeting closed at 1422 hrs.

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**Draw for the 1st week of the 17th Season 2018 – 2019**

The draw was made by members of Amersham and Chalfont Vintage in the Bar after the AGM. The first week's fixtures for the 2018/19 Season are below:

Date	Ref	HOME	v	Ref	AWAY
15-Sep-18	16	AN Other	v	9	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage
15-Sep-18	5	Guildford Gondoliers	v	11	Winchester Wanderers
15-Sep-18	6	Haslemere Vets	v	14	South Berkshire Hornets
15-Sep-18	12	Horsham Hobblers	v	13	Havant Cavaliers
15-Sep-18	2	OMT (Demons)	v	3	Woking Pitts Elders
15-Sep-18	1	Oxford Hawks Falcons	v	15	Marlow Strollers
15-Sep-18	4	Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	v	7	Southampton Cockburns
15-Sep-18	10	Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	v	8	Epsom Vagabonds

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