



Reading Hockey Club

AGM 26th June 2007

Minutes

Present: S. Davis, J. Newman, S. Newman, K. Hunt, C. Lowe, K. Hunt, A. Pircell, S. Reed, E. Thomas, A. Pope, B. Newman, S. Rooke, C. Clack, Sarah Rooke, E. France, G. Notman, L. Say, H. Ritchie, J. Sweeney, R. Joyce, G. Ash, A. Simmons, N. West, J. Bogg, T. Lewington, K. Reeman, K. Pike, D. Guthrie, T. Codling, S. Howells

1. Apologies for Absence, T. Walden, R. Mann, S. Harris, N. Hooper, T. Hunt, M. Williams, J. Downer, D. van Beeston, D. Williams, L. Medlycott

2. Minutes of last AGM

There were no questions from the minutes and they were accepted as an accurate account.

3. Chairman's Report – Jo Newman

Welcome to all of you present – and thank you for showing your interest and support for the dreaded Club AGM tonight.

Having been given grief last year for talking in too much detail about what we thought then was a terrific season and stealing the thunder of Club Captains and Colts Manager, I shall say little about the “Playing” season and leave those parties to report in detail.

However, as the Reading Evening Post confirmed, we really have had a fantastic season on the pitch – at all levels, far surpassing the achievements of last year. Perhaps that, in itself, is a further “thank you” and a fitting epitaph to Peter Williams who sadly left us late in 2006 and is much missed. As you are all aware, we now have “the Peter Williams Stand” in his honour and memory.

Specifically, and risking further grief, I must congratulate the Men's and Ladies 1's and the Boys U18 and U15 Squads and Management who are all National Champions this year as well as all other Champions and Winners. Further, and as our best “nearly”, big pats on the back to all involved with the U11 Girls who took us to the National Minis finals for the first time ever – coming a more than creditable 4th.

But the whole Club has been a success story – and I even see that one of the sadder stories – the relegation of the Rascals- has been not allowed to happen by the London League Committee, - and the thanks for that success goes across the board to the Membership of the Section as a whole.

I am delighted also to be able to report that, for the very most part last season, we got properly organised and set up to provide coaching throughout the Club. I appreciate that things can always improve, and we will be attempting this coming year to do just that, thankfully off a much sounder base than at this time in previous years.

The Men's and Ladies 1st XI structures worked well and Mani K and Mike Williamson and their teams both properly did the business; Tom Bugg did a great job for the Men, and Sumo (and latterly Susie Newman) kept the Ladies on track.

Regrettably we still have one major role to fill for next year – the Ladies 1's coach, with Mani returning to the playing field, ears ringing with our thanks. But despite a couple of false starts, we are hopeful of getting a new Coach for them in place in the next couple of weeks.

As far as I am aware, the Men's 1's Management team remains in place – although it is not beyond possibility that the Men's Assistant Coach might be seen wearing the pads again next

year – if England Hockey confirm their early indication that we may be without England/GB Internationals for all of next season.

Unfortunately “sod is law” in that just when there might be real opportunities for the product of our Colts Coaching Scheme to step into gaps in the 1st XI Squad – many of them are off to Universities – potentially to play National League hockey for other Clubs or their Universities!

This last season, the performance of the Academy was instrumental in the success of both U18 and U15 boys, and, with a fair wind on the day, the U18 Girls might also have reached the Finals of their Age Group – succumbing unluckily on the dreaded penalties at the last hurdle. Pat Land, who got formally involved last season as “Director” of the Academies (U18 and U16) has confirmed his involvement for this coming season.

We can also expect to see some products from our involvement in Reading University's Scholarship scheme – we are aware of 3 potential hockey scholars coming to join us and, once places are all confirmed, there may well be others.

Having done a great job of hosting the Cup finals and the European Cup Winners Cup Finals at the end of last Season, we were given a bit of a push by England Hockey and ended up again running a very successful National Cup Finals Weekend at the end of March. Thanks to everyone involved in that – although not a bonanza, we estimate that it contributed over £3,000 to the Clubs finances.

Regrettably, owing to a change in the calendar for next season, all “hostable”EH events have been pushed into May (which obviously gives us certain conflicts with the Cricket Section – car parking and pavilion usage) and, in most cases, events have been combined requiring two pitches- thereby ruling us out as we cannot absolutely guarantee to have access to an onsite second pitch next season. But this is being looked at as a “possible” in discussion with both Cricket and Sonning H.C.

Our own Flag Ship Fund Raiser also once again provided great success – RAAJ producing huge contributions to the Club's coffers. Thanks go again to Hugh Wilcock and his hard working Committee and all the volunteers – who are, of course, already in line to deliver their next production. Let's hope that the rain stops – coz we can do without our own version of Glastonbury!

Social events were again handled pretty successfully by Barry and Rachel – although the traditional events (Club dinner, Awards Night, Burns Night) were brilliantly supported, several other good ideas – Race Night, Quiz night to name but two needed the membership to come forwarded and be counted. So please next season try and support all the hard work put in by the Social reps for all their events.

Off the pitch, the season has been punctuated by requests from England Hockey to provide, in most cases, second round consultation on various issues, largely affecting their implementation of parts of the revolutionary “Single System for Hockey”. In one area the “cries of the Nation have been listened to – and their desires to remove Colts from Adult Hockey up to the age of 16 have been put on the back burner – with a lower age limit of 13 being brought in.

On another issue, regrettably EH have remained unmoved against opposition from large parts of the Country– the South and East to name but 2 regions.. Despite not being able to offer one benefit of the change of selection date for Clubs National Events EH intends to enforce Clubs Competitions 9but not those involving Schools) to move from Sept 1st to Jan 1st. This creates massive inconsistency for clubs – but none for schools and Elite selection processes - but we will just have to put up with it. However, all Colts Leagues in the south will remain as Sept 1st.

With regards to our own hopes of access to a second pitch on site, I am aware that there is a “big” meeting of Sonning H.C., Football Foundation (Funders) and Wokingham Borough Council people later this week which will hopefully blow away any “situations” still existing that might hold up these developments. I thus cannot give any absolute confirmation as to when we might get the club fully playing at home. With a fair wind it could be as early as January,

but we will make provision to cover ourselves with outside pitches for the full season to avoid embarrassment.

With this in mind, and in the knowledge that in all probability the pitch at Sonning will provide only a temporary solution (3-4 years) as Football becomes more playable on approved astro surfaces and Sonning continue to expand – we have opened dialogues with, in particular, Reading University, who plan to build a second astro on their site. This is very much in part of putting together a general development plan for the Section as a whole.

In addition, and with them as partners (along with Oxford University, Oxford Brookes University and 2 or 3 Senior Oxford Clubs) we are part of a Consortium that hopes to create a National Performance Centre for England Hockey – one of only 4 or 5 to be set up in UK. We have reached the final stages of selection – and if successful, at absolutely minimal cost, it will give us access to a few additional quality young players plus we hope access to Coaches and Coach mentoring.

From the Financial standpoint, Keith Hunt will give you some more detail, but suffice it to say through his efforts no individuals were left untouched in the search for subs and no captains missed in his quest for a 100% of match fee collection. Keith plans to step down this year – and Becky Witt will take over as the Section Treasurer. So please give her as much help and respect as you have done to Keith. A big “thank you” to Keith for doing a great job over the last 2 years or so, in this area – along with many other contributions.

The section did well financially last year – and as a result we are proposing only a minimal increase of £5.00 to subs across the board (excluding U6's); this will largely be required to cover the increased pitch rentals of Sonning that we have budgeted to incur after Christmas. In addition we plan to create a “non-playing” membership at £25.00 which will be necessary for those not actually playing (taking time out, coaching, umpiring or long term injured) to still be members of the Club. This will facilitate any movements back to being predominantly a Club for its membership – rather than trying to be a business aiming at the outside world.

Although not as high a transfer as truly warranted, I can report that some £25,000 was placed in the Asset Replacement Account last year; further, the General Committee have agreed that the full proceeds of RAAJ will effectively be ring-fenced into that fund in this, and in future years – with the result that the budgetary process for the next (now current) financial year has been a difficult one, albeit now completed.

Further, given the imbalance in the two Sections' revenues and costs, ways at allocating the operating costs of the Club as a whole are being explored, with a view to Sections becoming directly responsible for their own cost budgets. I hope that something will be implemented in the very near future, which ought to underpin the Committee's statement on RAAJ funds but also allow any hockey surpluses to go into Section Development and/or Asset replacement.

The issues of Security improvement and upgrading of the plumbing have not been forgotten – regrettably just delayed a bit. We are imminently expecting proposals on how to upgrade security, particularly in the Car Park areas; and a study of the plumbing system is in process with a view to deciding the way forward.

The one area that needs attacking remains the Club sponsorship programme; with Audi's sponsorship of the 1st XI eventually not being renewed last August no major thrust was made to sell even or just the Men's XI given certain other initiatives that were being considered at that time. However, as our own plans and certain other issues get resolved in the next couple of months we feel that we now need to attack the Sponsorship issue on several different levels.

- 1) Mens and Ladies Programme and Fixture Card sponsorship
- 2) Pitchside advertising
- 3) General Club Sponsorship - .i.e branding the whole Section.

If there are any of you that have this kind of expertise and would be willing to get involved – I'd love to hear from you; further if you have Companies or contacts that you feel might open doors for contributions in section 1 and 2 – again please contact me. Finally, if you feel that

you are involved with an entity that might be prepared to Sponsor the whole club, please do not hold back!

From my point of view, although some difficult issues have emerged and are being faced for the future, it has been a great season for the Hockey Club that I have fully enjoyed. Reading H.C. is clearly one of the biggest – and currently arguably the best Hockey Club in this country. Hopefully we can keep it at that level for the foreseeable future and, dare I say it, make it better still!

When we come to the later bit – I am happy to be nominated for a third year – but equally should anyone else want a go as Chairman – then feel free.

Thank you

Ladies Club Captain Report – Sue Newman

What an amazing season the Ladies Section has had. After the disappointments of last season I am thrilled to report that of our 7 sides we have 2 champions in the 1's and the 2a's, 2 further promotions with the 3's and 4's both coming second in their divisions and, more importantly, no relegations.

Ladies 1's –DJ led this dynamic side who lost no games this season and won their league so conclusively to be promoted to National League Div 1 with a clear margin of 11 points over 2nd placed St Albans. In this fantastic achievement they conceded only 17 goals. This was a superbly gelled unit excellently coached and led by Mani Kochar and Emma Gibbings – to whom we owe great thanks.

Ladies 1a's – despite struggling for much of the season, the passion, loyalty and determination of this team shone through in the end to avoid relegation with the last game of the season to hold their place in South Division 1 next season. Thanks to Nikki West, who is sadly standing down as Captain and Suzie Harris for her management and coaching role.

Ladies 2's – with the exception of the Rebels, this team had the youngest profile of all the teams. Sarah Rooke was a tower of strength throughout, turning up at all matches despite not playing for much of it due to her pregnancy. This team ended up in a well deserved 3rd place in Trysports Prem 1 division.

Ladies 2a's – despite having a varying team most weeks Gemma Notman led this team to being crowned Champions of Trysports Div 2 fighting off some very tough opposition along the way. Goal scoring became something of a trademark for the 2a's who notched up an incredible 106 league goals this season. Lucy Scott won a prize from Trysports as the League top goalscorer for Division 2.

Ladies 3's – this team was assembled halfway through the season and proved to be a gem of a side that always enjoyed their hockey experiences every week. Half of this team comprised of our 'middle-aged' colts, who more than contributed to the success of the side. The team, which was brilliantly managed by Lisa Medlycott and was undoubtedly one of our happiest teams, is really looking forward to life in a higher division next season.

Ladies 3a's – aka The Rogues, this team - led again by Lauren Kilsby - has been a fantastic stepping stone team for the continued development of our youngsters who are led by a group of highly skilled ladies who have all been at the top some time in their past hockey careers. The team finished a creditable 6th in Trysports Div 4 – which is amazing considering how often the line up of this team has to change in order to accommodate the large number of players in the pool.

Ladies 4's – Leading this team of a cast of thousands of youngsters (ranging in age from 11-15) must try the patience of Saint Rachel Mann. This team were in the running for being Champions of Trysports Div 5 until the penultimate game of the season. Rachel has something in the region of 40 names on her team list and took the full 16 to most matches in order to give as many people as possible games. In some games there were as many as 10 under 15's on the pitch at one time. Thank you so much Rachel and your assisting group of adults for your continued hard work to ensure our Colts have the best start to their careers playing in senior sides.

Whilst on the subject of young players, I recently completed a survey for EH, which confirmed that we have approx 47 U18 girls playing in our senior sides; of those girls 30 are U16 or younger.

It never ceases to amaze me how we manage to put out 7 full sides every week – made all the harder by crippling registration requirements for all our sides. This is in no small part due

to the diligence, canny planning and continued hard work of the captains and managers who have been fantastic and fair to all our players all season – thank you all of you. It is even more impressive that we manage to play all our games given that we have such stringent requirements for umpires for all the ladies games. There are so many who nobly or reluctantly help us through this nightmare, but I would particularly like to mention Penny, Alan Wade and Keith Hunt who have fulfilled more than their fair share of duties this season.

So lastly I also have to thank Gemma in her role as fixtures secretary, Sumo and Taff for helping with weekly training, the Monday girls (Nikki, Katherine, and Louisa) for running Mondays fitness sessions, Keith Hunt for constantly badgering us to pay our subs and match fees – you did an amazing job - and Nora and her staff for their patience in dealing with us all and for the delicious teas every week.

Finally, just to say that it has been an honour to lead such a fantastic group of people this season and I hope that success follows us through next season. Trials for next season will be held on Saturday 1st September from 9.30am – 2pm. Spread the word!

Ladies Section Awards for the season 2006-7:

Young Player – trophy donated by Phil Sanders

Nominations: – Abi Harper, Dawn McGregor, Lucy Scott, Nat Bowskill, Alys Richards, Erin Ruxton, Helen Marsden.

Winner Kath Hofmeyr – Ladies 2's

Most Improved Player

Nominations – Dawn McGregor, Helen Marsden, Becky Witt, Becky Hyatt, Helen Lacey, Claire Cattermole

Winner: Jacqui Herries – Ladies 3's

Club Person

Nominations – Fi Holmes, Emma Gibbings,

Winner: Sarah Gowers

Team of the Season – The Hunt Trophy

Ladies 2a's

The Holt Cup

Lauren Kilsby – Ladies 3a's

Men's Club Captain – Johnny Downer

Mens Rustlers – Champions (and cup winners?)

Mens Rovers – Champions and cup winners

Mens 2As - Champions

Mens 2s - Champions and Cup winners

Mens 1s - Champions & Euro semi-finalists

London League Club of the Year – second year running

Boys U15 and U18 National Cup winners

Mens 4s – 3rd

Rascals – not relegated

Retros – relegated

Refills and 3s - 8th and 7th respectively

It's been a stonking season, who would have thought it could have been better than last season?

Thanks to all my captains, who at times made things hard for me, but for the majority made things easy.

Massive thanks to Rob Farrow for stepping in as Umpire Co-ordinator, he executed the job almost flawlessly. We are all very grateful.

Colts Report - Terry Walden

This year has seen yet further development and improvement from last year. I feel like an old record as I say the same thing each year.

The highlights for this season have been

- Qualified coaches run each age group and in many we now have 2 or 3 qualified coaches involved. We are approaching the point where there is a ratio of 1 qualified coach to 12/14 players. A massive achievement due to the dedication of the coaches and exceeding the Club Mark requirements of ratios.
- Appointment of managers at each age group to handle admin of each squad
- Entered 10 sides in leagues, winning 4 of the leagues and reached at 1 quarterfinals, 1 semi's, 2 finals and winning the Mercian BU18 and finals day and the Mercian U16 Premier league
- Retaining the Mercian Home Counties boys Colts club of the year by a record margin (16 points) and the first club to secure 50 points
- Entered 4 sides in the HA cups for our best ever year. The girls U18 lost narrowly in the QF and both boys teams recorded the double!
- 12 Junior Internationals
- A total of 320 members aged from 4 to 18
- Hosting the Berkshire U11 championship for boys and girls.
- Winning all for Mini Berkshire Championships for the first time
- We again hosted our annual U8 and U10 with 120 children playing, and several other mini events as well. We are at the kernel of making the Berks colt set up wider and deeper.
- We ran another Summer coaching camp that raised £3000 to funds and this will be repeated this summer, the last week of August. With already £4000 raised, great thanks to Emma Hooper for all her hard work in registrations and Steve Hardy for organizing the coaching team and programme. We ran a hockey leadership course within the week and will repeat this again this year

**The playing records were impressive and extensive
A summary of the year**

COLTS

Boys

U18 National Cup	Winners
U18 Mercian League (West)	Champions
U18 Mercian South League (P/O)	Winners
Mercian Fair Play Cup	Winners (U18's)
U16 Mercian U16 Premier League	Champions
U16 Mercian South League (P/O)	Runners Up
U15 National Cup	Winners
U14 Mercian League (SW)	Winners
Mercian Club of the Season	
U13 Berkshire Minis	Champions
U11 Berkshire Minis	Champions
U11B Berkshire Minis	3rd

Girls

U18 National Cup

U16 Home Counties League
Girls U13 Berkshire Minis
Girls U13B Berkshire Minis
Girls U11 Berkshire Minis
Girls U11B Berkshire Minis
U11 South Regional Minis

U11 National Minis

U10 Mixed Havant Tournament Winners
U10 Slough Mixed Tournament Winners
U14 Mixed Havant Tournament Runners Up

Quarter Finalists

Winners
Champions
3rd Place
Champions
3rd Place
Champions

4th Place

The U6 under Nick Hooper's leadership and coaching is thriving and the largest it has ever been. We have several assistant coaches and the future looks bright.

The U8 and U10 have played in several tournaments winning more than we lost comfortably

In the U11 and U13 championships we won all 4 of the Berkshire titles. We also won our first 2 South Championship with the Girls U11 who went on to represent the south in the National finals where we came fourth.

We run both a girls and boys U14 squads that play in a friendly league to develop.

At U14 the girls had a challenging year but steadily improved. The boys retained their league title (5 years in a row) but lost in the semi on strokes.

In the U15 we entered a side into each of the boys and girls cup. The girls this year reached the last 16 of the trophy. The boys U15 were crowned English Champions and simply outclassed the 3 other clubs in style and tempo

In the U16 leagues we again performed well. The girls won their league but lost in the QF. The boys won the premier league for the first time and lost on golden goal on finals day. The 2nd U16 squad came second in the regional league against other clubs only sides, a great achievement.

We were undefeated in the BU18 league and won it for the fourth year in a row. They went on to win the Mercian league finals day where we beat Canterbury again and despite getting 2 players sent off won the fair play trophy. We retained the Mercian Colts Club of the year, a reward for all round performance.

The girls U18 lost in the quarter final to a Trojan team they could and perhaps should have beaten which would have given the club a unique position of having 3 sides at the final weekend.

The boys U18 were crowned English Champions and simply outclassed the 3 other clubs in style and tempo (sound familiar!)

Thanks to helpers

All the coaches who give up virtually all their Sunday's throughout the winter, several of which who do not have offspring involved. Especially the lead coaches at each age group Nick Hooper, Charlie Lowe, Bev Aston, Neil Boddington, Don Williams, Rachel Mann, Ian Ashby, Tim and Paul Westacott, Becky and DJ,

All the assistant coaches who support each lead coach and make the coaching ratios viable. As an example of how this continues to grow and improve is that we have a further 5 people wanting to qualify to level 1 coach this summer.

All the managers who do the donkey work of getting the teams out and finally Siobhan for co-ordinating registrations and money and manning our registration desk on Sunday's.

Grounds – Steve Reed

Communications – Ali Pope

- This has been a good year for consolidating communications.
- We have good media links through newspaper, TV and radio.
- Fixtures Live has been tidied up and will be used as the main communication tool.
- The website is now settled. Team pages have been created and are available for content to be added. Thanks to all who have contributed but match reports have been disappointing – this needs to be improved as it is an important link to the outside community who look at the website to find out how the club is getting on. This is shown by the fact that the majority of hits are on a Monday. The colts section, especially the Minis, provide very good content and use the website as a main communication tool.
- Each team needs to appoint a Match reporter who will provide a brief report for each match. This should be sent to the drop box and it will be added to the site.
- We are about to go through 200,000 visits in 18 months of operation.
- The social side and Bandits have been adding increasing content.
- RAAJ links are established and work well.

This will be the last season that I will be Communications Secretary therefore a new person will be needed to step in. If anyone would like to take this on then they should contact Ali about liaising throughout the season.

Treasurer's Report – Keith Hunt

There are three tasks for the Hockey Treasurer:

1. Ensuring that the Section keeps within a budget agreed by the General Committee of the whole club.
2. Collection of all subscriptions
3. Chasing and checking that all Match fees are collected and paid in.

I have been very fortunate that our Chairman has looked after the Budget and Siobhan Davis has ensured that all Colts have paid their subscriptions.

What's left has been simple, but it's great to report that with Siobhan's help we collected just over £49,000 in subscriptions and nearly £25,000 in match fees. Quite a sizeable amount in all!

I would like to thank all Team Captains for all their help and assistance in the collection of subscriptions and match fees, and being so nice to me when I have chased them and pestered them throughout the season.

The good news is that the Hockey Section is recommending that for the coming season match fees remain the same as 2006/07, namely £8.50 for an adult and £6 for a student/colt. It has been proposed however that subscriptions are increased by £5.00 for each category apart from the U6's. This means the subscriptions will be as follows:-

Full subs	£175
Under 25	£145
Under 21	£105
Under 18	£80
Under 6	£40

A non-playing membership of £25 will be introduced

Keith Hunt is standing down as Treasurer and will be replaced by Becky Witt. Many thanks to Keith for his fine work.

5. Election of Officers

Position	Name	Nominated	Seconded
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Chairman	Jo Newman	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Secretary	Siobhan Davis	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Treasurer	Becky Witt	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Social Secretary	Spag	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Communications Sec.	Alison Pope	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Grounds	Steve Reed (+Gemma)	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Ladies club captain	Sue Newman	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Men's club captain	Johnny Downer	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Ladies Fixture Secretary	Gemma Notman	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Colts Manager	Terry Walden	Charlie Lowe	Keith Hunt
Ladies 1's captain.	Alice Margerison	Kirsty Reeman	Helen Ritchie
Ladies 1A's captain			
Ladies 2's captain			
Ladies 2A's captain	Gemma Notman	Kirsty Reeman	Helen Ritchie
Ladies 3's captain	Lisa Medlycott	Kirsty Reeman	Helen Ritchie
Rogues	Lauren Kilsby	Kirsty Reeman	Helen Ritchie
Rebels			
Men's 1's captain	Rhys Joyce	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Men's 2's captain			
Men's 2A's captain			
Refills	Nick Hooper	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Men's 3's captain			
Men's 4's captain	Mark Lazarri		
Rovers			
Rascals	Ronan Daffey	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Retros	Angus Purcell	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Rustlers	Nick Barton	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Rejects	Steve Howells & Tony Cooke	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Men's Vets	Keith Hunt & David van Beeston	Sue Newman	Steve Reed
Bandits			
Umpire Co-ordinator	Rob Farrow	Rachael Marriott	Dave Guthrie
EHA Liaison Officer	Jo Newman	Sue Newman	Steve Reed

9. Proposals for Vice-Presidents

The following names were proposed:- James Strang, Ron Benson, Nigel Edmondson, Nick Barton

10. Any other business

All umpires who completed the course and passed the test need to get games to fill in their card and get some practice. They then need to be assessed to obtain Level 1. If you need games or to be assessed contact Sue Newman or Johnny Downer who will make arrangements for this.

The Bandits went to Holland and the Ladies won their tournament. In Chester the Ladies won the 6-a-side, Men were in semis. They also won Sonning. They will be going to Purley and East Grinstead in August. The Bandits will be entered for the national mixed tournament.

The Mens 1st XI would like to thank Chris and Jackie Davey for all their help and support throughout the season.

Two club members are required to appear at General Committee meetings if required. Charlie Lowe and Nick Hooper are happy to take this on.

Proposed – Jo Newman

Seconded – Keith Hunt

We MUST go through the procedures of obtaining Club Mark this season – this is essential if we require Lottery funding in the future. Coaches will need to be CRB checked. David Barr has completed this for the cricket section, therefore it may be worth tapping into his knowledge.

At least 100 people are required every evening at RAAJ to ensure all runs smoothly. Please pass your name on to Mitchy or Posh. Posters are available to be put up in workplaces to advertise the event.

We need to encourage more people to attend the AGM – a turn out of 27 out of 350 adult members is very poor. We will look into the possibility of combining it with another event to improve attendance.

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