

Hawthorn Hockey Club Inc.

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Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Date:	Thursday 2 nd November 2023
Time:	7:00pm
Place:	Clubhouse, Hawthorn-Malvern Hockey Centre 482 Auburn Rd, Hawthorn

Attendees:	Quorum achieved: Proposed: Jeremy Harris Seconded Carole Shanks
Apologies:	Diana Brown-Greaves, Jeremy Brown-Greaves, Hannah Gravenall, Andrew Smith, Tony Melville
Proxies:	One

Item	Description
1	Welcome and introductions
2	Apologies
3	Acceptance of minutes of previous annual general meeting Proposed resolution: That the minutes of the 2022 annual general meeting be accepted. Moved: Jeremy Harris Seconded: Andrew Rook Passed
4	President's report
5	Juniors report
6	Masters report
7	Men's report
8	Women's report
9	Treasurer's report (including an overview of the distributed documents: <i>Detailed Profit and Loss Statement</i> and <i>Detailed Balance Sheet</i> , both as at 30 September 2023.) These reports were accepted: Moved: Jeremy Harris Seconded: Carole Shanks Passed.
10	HMHC report

11	Election of Life Members: No Life Members were proposed
12	Results of the general election: Twelve (12) nominations have been received for twelve committee positions. Proposed Resolution: That these eleven nominations be accepted as one motion. Moved: Andrew Rook Passed unanimously
	Position
	Person
	President
	Secretary
	Treasurer
	President of Juniors
	President of Women's
President of Men's	
General Committee members	
13	General Business There were no items of general business
14	Meeting close 8:00pm

Meeting Details:	Chairperson: Jeremy Harris (President). Minutes taken by: Andrew Rook (Secretary)
Attachments:	Men's, Women's, Juniors, Men's Monday, Women's Masters, attendees, team analysis

Signed:	
Name:	Andrew Rook (Secretary)
Date:	21 November 2023



Mens Masters 2023 Winter Season

In 2023, the Mens HHC Masters fielded its first Over 50's teams in competition based on H-2 each week. It also saw the 50-1 Team lead by Andrew Smith being successful in winning the first Premiership in this competition, which was a great effort against Camberwell and Southern over the season. The 50-2 team had rather mixed results, finishing at the bottom of the ladder and needing to find fewer players less prone to injury. Many of our 45B stalwarts left to play 50's and were replaced by a major contingent of our old Over 35 Masters team and the Mid-Week Open team. The 45B did well coming up against the usual very competitive teams like TEM and finished in 4th place. Our 45D had a tough year with only two wins but congratulations go out to Joan Cunningham who stepped up to take on the tough task of being goalie for most of the year rather than the on field position that she enjoys. Once again the 45D's valued the input from our Women's Masters players without which we would not be able to field a team each week.

We had one new player this and hope to recruit more from our HMHC Summer hockey competition.



2023 Women's Division Report

- fielded 6 teams, up from 5 in 2022
- 35 new registrations
- PL, PLR, PA, PB, PD, PE
- PL & PA into finals (PA r/u)

Things that worked well in season 2023

- More settled selections for teams due to increase in player numbers across the club
- Encouraging more junior girls to play seniors and to maintain the selection policy of juniors mixed with "older" players to development confidence and skill-set
- Having PL squad players volunteering to help at Pennant training, encouraged sharing of experience and meeting players across the grades.
- Utilising the experience of specialised goalkeeper coaches at Pennant training also, thanks to Digby, Corey & Emma

Ideas or areas for improvement

- Have 1-2 teams dedicated to volunteer for home rounds eg BBQ/kiosk, which would reduce the "stress" of organising and looking for volunteers
- Find coaches for each Pennant grade to ensure development of teams
- Utilise the clubrooms more for casual social gatherings
- Contemplate building into club fees a levy for Presentation Night, to encourage a larger and more inclusive event
- Focus on all teams achieving higher results, now that player numbers are higher

Thank-you

- To all the coaches, who dedicated countless hours each week, Jeremy Edwards, Nicole Jones, Mick Shipton, Pat Moore & Carole Shanks
- All the team managers/captains, who completed team sheets, paid the umpers, provided snacks etc
Digby Laurance, Clare Travis, Edwina Oostergetel, Lou Hutton, Hannah Butterfield, Jen Thompson, Libby Moore
- HHC committee
- Families, friends and supporters of the club

Lizzie Laird
Women's President



The 2023 year saw the Men's section grow, with the addition of a Men's Metro 1 team, fielding 6 teams in total for the year. Although we did not make finals in any of the grades, all of our teams were competitive, showing the improvement our players have made from last year.

Although our premier league narrowly avoided relegation, we have lots to be optimistic about. Our PL squad as a whole is still so young and we have a group of very talented under 18-21 players coming through that will form the core of the PL team in the coming years. As we start to get more of our players into the state system, we believe our development can make a significant step in a short amount of time.

We welcomed several new players to the club, and had a whopping 30 junior players (18 years and under) take to the field each week. It is fantastic to see so many young players having the confidence to take to the pitch in the senior competitions, it does show however, we are missing a key demographic of 24 - 30 year olds to help stabilise the teams. As we look to encourage more players to join for the 2024 season, our target will be this age group, so if you know anyone, send them our way!

It is not our intention for our teams to languish near the bottom of the ladders and to become an irrelevant club. We will strive to make finals as a minimum in all grades, and continue to develop our juniors so they can have a successful career at Hawthorn.

Thank you to all those who helped off pitch in the 2023 season -Coaches, PL leaders, team managers, social event organisers, bbqers, barpeople and our key donators, who without them, we would not have the opportunities to play the levels we do.

Final Standings

PL - 12th
PLR - 13th
MPA - 6th
MPD - 6th
MPE - 9th
MM1 - 6th



Juniors Report 2023

2023 was a good year for HHC juniors. We had 157 juniors playing in 11 winter teams. It was particularly satisfying to be able to enter a team in the U16 girls Shield B competition after they missed out in 2022. We also had around 15 junior players participating in the mens and womens seniors winter competition each week.

The teams entered were:

- U8s Gala (Coach Toni Fleming)
- U10 Blue (Coach Tom Rinder, Age-Group Coordinator Andrew St Ledger)
- U10 Red (Coaches Alice Batt, Milla Xuereb, Isobel Xuereb)
- U12 Girls Pennant (Coach Peter Major, Team-Manager Jason Seymour) - Premiers!
- U12 Boys Pennant (Coaches Chris Lienert & Sam Lidstone, Team-Managers Ann French & Claire Coghlan)
- U12 Boys Shield B (Coach Tony Darby, Age Group Co-ordinator Steve Tulloch)
- U14 Girls Shield B (Coaches Caitlin Bishop & Ella Blake, Team-Manager Jacki Tulloch)
- U14 Boys Pennant (Coach Zac Pathak & Adam Giannellis, Team-Manager Martha Meyer)
- U14 Boys Shield A (Coach Steve Eager, Team-Manager Chris Hoyling)
- U16 Girls Shield B (Coach Pippa Lock, Team-Manager Daniel Xuereb)
- U16 Boys Shield A (Coach Luke Mobley, Team-Manager Richard Haigh)

Three of our juniors teams made finals: U14 Boys pennant, U14 Boys Shield and U12 Girls Pennant SE. The U12 girls won their grand final against TEM in a shoot-out!

Hook-into-Hockey

Toni Fleming ran our Hin2H program on Monday afternoons in terms 1,2 & 3. We entered one team in the U8s gala. The team included: Alice Trott, Daisy Fernie, Zoe Fernie, Julian French.

Term 4 Indoor 2022

Last year we had 4 junior indoor teams: U12 Mixed Pennant, U14 Mixed Pennant, U14 Mixed Shield, U16 Mixed Shield.

ICC and JIC 2023

HHC juniors entered 5 teams: U14 Boys ICC, U12 Mixed JIC, U14 Mixed JIC, 2 x U16 Mixed JIC.

Participation in JSC: Flames

26 HHC juniors represented Flames in all of the JSC competitions. Gold medals were achieved by U14 Boys, U18 Boys and U18 Girls.

Summer 6 2023

We have 100 players in this Friday night competition, playing in 14 teams. This is significantly more than last year and more than the other clubs in this competition.

Outlook for 2024

I am optimistic we can grow player numbers at all ages groups. LEC requires that we have 2 x U8s teams and 2 x U10 teams so we will need to work on recruitment for this age group. I feel there is potential to enter a team in the U18 mixed social comp if there is sufficient interest.



It has been another successful season for the womens masters group.

Our summer season in 2022 (Term 4) saw us field 3 outdoor teams, with one team winning the summer masters competition with a mighty victory over Waverley in the final, while the other two teams played each other in a fun and friendly 5th/6th playoff game.

We also fielded our first ever womens masters indoor team, which saw 9 very keen, and mostly new to indoor, masters players have fun coming to grips with new rules and new skills, finishing a very creditable 4th.

In the 2023 winter season, we fielded 3 teams in the 35A, 35B and 45+ competitions. With 12 new players joining us, and the return of 4 more players from injury and pregnancy, we successfully fielded 3 full teams throughout the season, and prior to the final game of the regular season we were on the verge of all 3 teams reaching finals. We also benefited greatly from having the opportunity to attend womens training on Tuesday nights, and many masters took up and thoroughly enjoyed training. Indeed, the phrase 'this is a really good way to learn new stuff' was heard more than once!!

Our 45+ team unfortunately drew their final game of the season and missed out on finals. Too many draws across the season proved to be the team's downfall, and a couple of long term injuries to a few players didn't help, but they will be back next season raring to go and get back into finals contention.

Our 35Bs had a magnificent season, with a few new players joining last year's ranks, strengthening the team across all lines. We finished 4th, and enjoyed our first finals game against Doncaster, who finished top of the ladder and unfortunately proved too strong for us on the night. The team was thrilled to make finals, and is excitedly looking ahead to next season.

Our 35A's also had an outstanding season, finishing 2nd on the ladder and reaching the Grand Final against an unbeaten Greensborough team. We lost a couple of players through the season to injury and pregnancy, but the team came out in the GF on fire! We should have taken the lead, but a disallowed goal seemed to galvanise the Greensborough team and we came away as runners-up following a 4-2 defeat.

Overall, the womens masters season has been fun and very successful. It was great to have so many younger masters playing, and we're always happy to welcome new players (regardless of age!)

Over summer 2023 (Term 4) we are fielding 2 outdoor teams and one indoor team again. Both our outdoor and indoor summer teams are again attracting new players, and we're looking forward to next winter season.

Best and Fairest results for 2023:



35A - Caroline King
35B - Nicola Marshall
45+ - Kathy Henderson

Membership

	2023	2022	change
Registered	473	466	+ 13
Players	449	426	+ 23
Supporters	24	40	- 16
Junior (U10-U16)	152		
Friday	80	83	-3
Saturday AM	72	75	-3
Senior & Masters (U18 & older)	272	253	+ 19
Men	148	145	+ 3
Women	124	106	+ 18
Men MM45-AP +	63	63	0
Women WM35-AP +	73	66	+ 7

Teams

	2023	2022	change
Junior (U10 - U16)	10	11	- 1
Friday	4	4	0
Saturday AM	6	7	- 1
Seniors (Weekend)	12	10	+ 2
Men's	6	5	+ 1
Women's	6	5	+ 1
Monday Open Men's	1	1	0
Men MM45-AP +	4	3	0
Women WM35-AP +	3	3	0

Name	Signature
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Clare Travis	
Rochelle Shipton	
EMMA SHARD	
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Harry Wolton	
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Catherine Butler	
Pat Marshall	