

CHELMSFORD HOCKEY CLUB AGM – THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2019

Report on the Chelmsford Sports Club (CSC)

1. The CSC is the parent body comprising the Chelmsford Hockey and Chelmsford Cricket Clubs. It is responsible for the provision and maintenance of the pavilion and is funded largely from the profits of the bar and a levy on the clubs' members.
2. The CSC committee comprises members from both clubs. Regular attendees from CHC were myself, Robert Nourse (CHC bar sec), Jenny Stonebank (CSC secretary) and Gill Hickman (CSC Chairman)

Finances

3. For 2018/19 there was an excess (£2050) of expenditure over income mainly because the planned replacement of the roof did not take place. A further survey of the roof is being undertaken and it still remains likely that this will be a major cost during 2019/20. The bar gross income for the year was £34673 to which the hockey season contributed £12712. The overall profit margin was 39.05% - in line with last year. Some of the sales in the cricket season are attributable to hockey events falling in that period.
4. Overall, the CSC has assets of £23219. Cash reserves are £18000, £8000 of which is held for CSC in our higher yielding account. The levy remains at £10 for adults, £5 for over 18s in FTE, and £1 for colts and under 18s in FTE

Activities

5. The legal structure of the SC requires there to be 3 trustees. I am very pleased that Nick Kitchiner joined Ken Carr and me as a trustee. A review of the CSC rules and constitution continued during the year and draft, revised rules drawn up. The CSC wants to take further advice before the rules are finalised. There is also a dependency on the following paragraph.
6. Last year's report indicated that CSC has agreed that the lease with the Council in respect of the pavilion should be re-negotiated for a new 30 year period at the same time as CHC's lease of the changing rooms and pitch. This has taken an inordinately long time and it has been extremely difficult to get the council to prioritise this work. We will continue to press them on this. CSC is very open to the clubhouse being available for wider, community use which is precluded by the current lease.
7. The cricket club secured a donation of £1000 from an English Cricket Board initiative for the improvement of IT infrastructure in the clubhouse. This work has now been completed and, coupled with the move to Talk Talk last year, we now have Wi Fi speeds in excess of 35/15mbps (download/upload). This will improve members' use of Wi Fi and open up the use of other devices in the clubhouse.

Other points

8. It is pleasing to see how many juniors from both clubs use the pavilion. Their numbers seem to be growing faster than adult membership. The cricket club are seeing more girls wanting to play and a ladies team (the Willows) has entered the Beaumont Seymour league.
9. Increasingly, there are hockey events which take place in the cricket season. It's important when this happens that advance notice is given to the CC so that appropriate arrangements are put in place to ensure that they are able to entertain their visitors as we would wish to in our own season. I am pleased to say that on the whole this works pretty well.
10. It was noticeable during the year that a lot of kitchen equipment – mugs, cutlery etc – disappeared during the year and have had to be replaced. CSC would be grateful if all members take care of the club's property.
11. Finally, many thanks to your representatives on the SC committee, but I would like especially to mention Robert Nourse for all his continued efforts as bar secretary.

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