



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024			
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 9 July 2024		
<b>Time:</b>	19:00		
<b>Location:</b>	Virtual		
<b>Chair:</b>	David Chard		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p><b>West Hockey &amp; Counties</b>  David Chard (West Chair)  Liz Powell (West Vice Chair &amp; Avon HA)  Keith Dingle (West Operations)  Bridgette Jones (West Finance)  Caroline Baynes (West Governance &amp; Wiltshire HA)  Jan Bowen (West Director Co-opted &amp; Adult Competitions &amp; Old Bristolians HC)  Anne Baker (West Junior Competitions &amp; Devon HA)  Lesley Love (Discipline)  Charles Hallows (EHO West)  Barbara Reynolds (England Hockey)  Keith Carder (England Hockey)  Val Shipsey (Avon HA)  Alison Cook (Herefordshire HA)  Fiona Cox (Wiltshire HA)  David Lilywhite (EHO West)</p> <p><b>Member Clubs</b>  BAC HC (Maz Wilson)  Bretforton HC (Blanche Surman)  Bridgwater HC (Sapphy Reed-Yang)  Bristol Bluebirds HC (Hayley Hodges)  Caradon HC (Abbie Fulford)  Chard HC (Hannah McGown)  Cheddar HC (Sarah Dowden)  Chippenham HC (Jane Lloyd)  Cirencester HC (Steve Foster)  Colwall &amp; Malvern HC (Melinda Bennett)  Corsham HC (Sheila Stansfield)  Dart HC (Cath Causey)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top; width: 50%;"> <p>Dave Chatterjee  Devizes HC (Lorna Giddings)  Devonport Services HC (Dizzy Gillespie)  Firebrands HC (Paul Langford)  Frome HC (Bethan Riddick)  Isca HC (Chris Booker)  Mendip HC (Will Holmes)  Newton Abbot HC (Harriet Ellis)  North Somerset HC (Ash James)  Old Bristolians HC (David McGinty)  Plymouth Lions HC (Evan Cox)  Redland HC (Chris Chan)  Royal Wootton Bassett HC (Suzanne Coles)  Shepton Mallet (Bev Squire)  St Austell HC (Claire Tregunna)  Taunton Civil Service HC (Malcolm Pressly-Smith)  Tavistock HC (Jo Gaspar)  Team Bath Buccs HC (Nick Kendall)  Tiverton White Eagles HC (Brienne White)  Torbay HC (Malcolm Woodward)  University of Plymouth HC (Nicola Meredith)  Westberries HC (Sarah Watts)  Westbury &amp; Utd Banks HC (Alan Sparks)  Wick HC (Jen Clark)  Yate HC (Jonathan Edwards)  Yeovil &amp; Sherborne HC (Barrie Iazard)</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>West Hockey &amp; Counties</b>  David Chard (West Chair)  Liz Powell (West Vice Chair &amp; Avon HA)  Keith Dingle (West Operations)  Bridgette Jones (West Finance)  Caroline Baynes (West Governance &amp; Wiltshire HA)  Jan Bowen (West Director Co-opted &amp; Adult Competitions &amp; Old Bristolians HC)  Anne Baker (West Junior Competitions &amp; Devon HA)  Lesley Love (Discipline)  Charles Hallows (EHO West)  Barbara Reynolds (England Hockey)  Keith Carder (England Hockey)  Val Shipsey (Avon HA)  Alison Cook (Herefordshire HA)  Fiona Cox (Wiltshire HA)  David Lilywhite (EHO West)</p> <p><b>Member Clubs</b>  BAC HC (Maz Wilson)  Bretforton HC (Blanche Surman)  Bridgwater HC (Sapphy Reed-Yang)  Bristol Bluebirds HC (Hayley Hodges)  Caradon HC (Abbie Fulford)  Chard HC (Hannah McGown)  Cheddar HC (Sarah Dowden)  Chippenham HC (Jane Lloyd)  Cirencester HC (Steve Foster)  Colwall &amp; Malvern HC (Melinda Bennett)  Corsham HC (Sheila Stansfield)  Dart HC (Cath Causey)</p>	<p>Dave Chatterjee  Devizes HC (Lorna Giddings)  Devonport Services HC (Dizzy Gillespie)  Firebrands HC (Paul Langford)  Frome HC (Bethan Riddick)  Isca HC (Chris Booker)  Mendip HC (Will Holmes)  Newton Abbot HC (Harriet Ellis)  North Somerset HC (Ash James)  Old Bristolians HC (David McGinty)  Plymouth Lions HC (Evan Cox)  Redland HC (Chris Chan)  Royal Wootton Bassett HC (Suzanne Coles)  Shepton Mallet (Bev Squire)  St Austell HC (Claire Tregunna)  Taunton Civil Service HC (Malcolm Pressly-Smith)  Tavistock HC (Jo Gaspar)  Team Bath Buccs HC (Nick Kendall)  Tiverton White Eagles HC (Brienne White)  Torbay HC (Malcolm Woodward)  University of Plymouth HC (Nicola Meredith)  Westberries HC (Sarah Watts)  Westbury &amp; Utd Banks HC (Alan Sparks)  Wick HC (Jen Clark)  Yate HC (Jonathan Edwards)  Yeovil &amp; Sherborne HC (Barrie Iazard)</p>
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<b>Apologies:</b>	Debs Gemmell (West Masters), Hanham HC, Sidmouth & Ottery HC & Terry Cook (Herefordshire HA).
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<b>AGM MINUTES</b>
<b>1. Introduction &amp; Welcome (DC)</b>
Welcomed all to the AGM and outlined the agenda.
<b>2. Approval of Minutes of last AGM held on 17 July 2023</b>
The minutes had been circulated and taken as read. DC confirmed the minutes of the West Hockey AGM held on 17 July 2023 would be confirmed as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting unless any objections to this were forthcoming. No objections were forthcoming.
<b>3. Director Report</b>
David Chard Chair of West Hockey read the Director Report at the meeting. Report is available on the West Hockey website along with all Lead Committee Reports. <a href="https://west.englishockey.co.uk/about-west-hockey/documents-policies/agm-documents">https://west.englishockey.co.uk/about-west-hockey/documents-policies/agm-documents</a>
<b>4. Announcement of results of the election of Directors &amp; Lead Committee Chairs</b>
Following the members electronic ballot, the following Directors and Chairs of Lead Committees have been elected. <u>Directors</u> West Chair – David Chard (re-elected) West Vice Chair – Liz Powell (re-elected) West Finance – Bridgette Jones (re-elected) West Governance – Caroline Baynes (re-elected) West Operations – Keith Dingle (re-elected) <u>Lead Committee Chairs</u> Adult Competitions – Jan Bowen (re-elected) Junior Competitions – Anne Baker (re-elected) Masters – Debs Gemmell (re-elected) Officiating – Charles Hallows



Discipline – Lesley Love (re-appointed by Board)

All role descriptions and an Expression of Interest form are available on the West website, for people who are interested in any West Hockey position including roles in the Lead Committees;

<https://west.englishockey.co.uk/about-west-hockey/vacancies>

## 5. Finance Director's Presentation of the Financial Report and Accounts

Bridgette Jones, Finance Director read the Finance Report and gave an overview of the West Hockey Ltd accounts. It was confirmed that where surpluses exist or are generated it is planned that these are used to deliver the strategic plan across all areas of the games. The full report is available on the West Hockey website.

West Hockey Ltd is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Co. Act 2006. Copies are available publicly at <https://www.gov.uk/get-information-about-a-company>

## 6. The Independent Scrutineer's report on the Company

The Statutory Accounts to 30 April 2023 were filed at Companies House on 15 January 2024 after examination by Peter Hodge.

## 7. The Proposal for Membership Fees

West Membership Fees have been set at £20.00 per team with a 50% reduction in the sum for the 2024/25 season, giving a sum payable of £10.00 per team

## 8. The Proposal for entry fees for Competitions and Leagues

All competition fees to be set by appropriate league and competition committees in consultation with the Company Directors. West Adult League fees have been set at £25 per team.

## 9. AOB

No matters were raised prior to the meeting. AOB raised at the meeting;

- Dave Chatterjee – Progress with Umpire and Officials database  
*Working with EH there has been progress, unfortunately data is held on 3 different systems which has to be collated and merged into one so still needs work.*
- Paul Langford – Will we play quarters and not half's?  
*National Game Panel reviewing and looking at the impact, survey by EH taking place but not for this season but possibly in the future.*
- Nick Kendell – Do the West have any potential sponsors?  
*JB & DC meeting with Verde to discuss sponsorship.*



- Chris Booker – Is it a West policy to use Teamo? West Masters database moved to Teamo,  
*Not a West Policy but DC will raise at first Board Meeting.*
- Steve Foster – Young umpires at junior tournaments would be good to offer incentives like kit (shirts, whistles etc.)  
*To be discussed at the next Officiating meeting.*

**Meeting closed at 19:28**