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Annual Report 2013



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2013 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A big thankyou to all members who have helped us get through another season. The Committee worked hard and we have achieved a number of the goals we set at the start of the season. These included tighter fiscal control, better lines of communication, social activities, grants and finding. As usual, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done, volunteers are always needed to assist the Committee to achieve their goals.

Our main focus in the near future needs to be on junior development. Setting up internal competitions to attract more young players to the club, through networking with families, friends and local schools. We need to work hard to attract some more high quality senior men and women to help lift the playing standard at the top level of the club. We are now moving in the forward direction but there will always be hurdles to jump before we can get to the top.

With the opening of the second pitch at the pines comes further challenges, a reduction in games at the club will see our revenue drop slightly. To overcome this, we must lift our membership and increase our team nominations. We must work on reducing our debt to the bank significantly over the next few years, whether this is done by donations or sponsorship, it is vital to our future to reduce or remove it. Sponsorship is very important part of our future, we must utilise the network of our membership to increase the amount of sponsors, no matter how big or small the contribution is.

Congratulations to all players, coaches and managers, special recognition to state representatives, both indoor and field hockey.

As I will not be nominating for the committee for the upcoming season, I urge all players to work hard for the next season to help the incoming Committee forge this club into what we once were and will once again be, the most successful club in Adelaide.

Yours Sincerely,

Gary Boseley

2013 SECRETARY'S REPORT

2013 has seen many mixed results but throughout all the adversity this year, it has been an absolute pleasure to see our great club continue to take steps in the right direction. With departures out shadowed by the new arrivals and external influences, out of our control, also taking effect, the club spirit and culture that is developing is heartening to see.

The Management Committee was left largely unchanged this year with all but two members stepping down. Having this continuation within the roles is a major part of helping to maintain stability and the current development of our club. In saying this, it still did not come without it's headaches as two Committee Members were forced to step down due to personal circumstances.

Although all Committee Members deserve our utmost gratitude for their time and efforts, I believe the following have done outstanding jobs this year and in previous years. Gary Boseley's efforts in "steering the ship" and commitment to the club has continued to be an inspiration to the Committee and general membership. Paul Smyth has once again ensured the club's financial wellbeing with countless hours maintaining the books and quite often unwillingly having to be the "bad guy" to safeguard our financial situation. Danielle Brown and Tara Nicholson have continued their personal development and maintained a strong level of contribution to not only their own portfolios but also in assisting other management members. The effort put in by Michelle Dikih to not only plan social events individually but also oversee the organisation of larger events like the Quiz Night this year and the 60th in 2012 has been outstanding.

Unfortunately, with the successful management of most roles, we also saw some areas of management which needs improving. As a committee we need to be more proactive on finding sustainable and simple management solutions to better maintain all areas of club management. Grounds and maintenance was one these roles which was not managed correctly, although I would like to thank Bronte Woodward in his efforts at maintaining the grounds throughout the season on top of his role as Junior Coordinator. Another role was Facility Management, and I have said before that this role to an extent runs itself but without a Committee Member overseeing it, it can become a problem. It does make it difficult to run a strong successful committee without everyone's commitment and willingness to perform to their own individual role, causing other Committee members to "take up the slack".

Over last summer, Hockey Australia and in turn Hockey SA and all its affiliate clubs underwent a change in web supplier, as many of you would have noticed with the online fixtures changing. This also meant a change in our own website, I would like to congratulate John McCulloch who put in a mammoth effort getting all this set up and his continued efforts in maintaining, updating and improving the site throughout the season. On top of this he has also released several newsletters throughout the year.

On the social side of the club, several events this year once again showed the outstanding efforts of Michelle Dikih and her troupe of helpers. With the Family Fun Day being envied by other clubs and the success of the Quiz night, these events have helped to reignite some club culture which will still need to be developed over the next couple of years. However, one thing that was lacking this year were the lack of support for Home Days, both PL and Lower Grade, these events are crucial for the club to generate income and build moral, more must be done by our Committee and in turn the membership to ensure these days are better supported in the future. Well done to Char Stone, who has once again spent countless hours done the club running the canteen and opening and closing. She has done a great job over the year in filled a hole in helping to maintain and run the facility. She has also worked tirelessly in preparing food for our teams on Tuesday nights, it is regretful that these Tuesday night meals were not better supported by our membership base and we will need more work promoting these in the future.

Efforts have been put into place this year to free up space within our facilities to try to allow room for our own club to grow and develop by asking West Torrens Lacrosse Club to vacate. It has become increasing evident that we do not have the capacity to allow both clubs to grow and develop. Unfortunately, this process is going to be a long drawn out one as we work with the Council and W.T.L.C. Our agreement with Lacrosse SA has now completed its sixth year and we have finally seen the completion of the Grandstand. Firstly, Congratulations to Noona Thompson on the naming of the grandstand, it was definitely a well-deserved reward for her outstanding lifetime contribution to the Woodville Hockey Club. With the grandstand now completed, I am of the opinion we must work more closely with Lacrosse SA to try and secure big events here and generate more income from our current agreement.

Although we disappointingly didn't bring home any premierships within our junior ranks this year, we have seen a vast improvement of skill level and more importantly numbers across the board. The monstrous effort put in by Fern Breuer at the beginning of the year to ensure we held onto our U15 girls side from last year has also seen her build and grow the team, thanks to her efforts we will most likely be able to nominate an U15 and U18 Girls side next year. Our numbers on the boys side do still have some work to do, however, efforts by Bronte Woodward and Mile Angus has seen the U13 boys team grow this year. The U18 Boys side went through undefeated throughout the minor season but could not capitalise on their dominance in the Grand Final with goals, I would put this down bad coaching myself. In saying that, we as a club must do everything we can to help in the transition from juniors to seniors for these players, to inject some much needed life into our senior ranks. Even with the Current growth in numbers, we must continue to grow and develop strategies to increase our junior membership. The Committee have been looking into ways to develop more local numbers to compliment the growing number of Barossa memberships and work to have a team in all junior grades. Thank you to Noona Thompson and Jenny Cowan for their efforts in running Saturday morning clinics which I am sure we will see generate memberships of the next couple of years.

Last year I stated that our Men's senior grades were an utter disappointment, I would like to firstly congratulate all the coaches and managers for their efforts in turning this around this year. We have seen the numbers grow dramatically over summer in our Metro 5 and Metro 2 side thanks to John Duka and Dave Allan. I would also like to thank Bob Haigh for his efforts in assisting in recruiting a great number of players which has helped our Metro 5 team secure a Premiership after coming from third in the finals series. First time senior coach, Jesper Leong has also done a great job in rebuilding the Premier League and Metro 1 side's structure and discipline thanks to the assistance of Bob Haigh and Mark Hutchins. I would also like to commend the captains Daniel Wall and John Gibson, through their own commitment and efforts in raising our fitness standards, we have seen a change in the culture of the side which was so desperately needed. Although the results were not quite as we hoped this year in the higher grades, this renewed life within the sides will bring about improvement over the next few years.

On the Women's side of the club, we did see many mixed results but as a whole great signs are emerging for the future. Well done the Metro 4 Women's side in once again playing in a Grand Final after being promoted from the Metro 5 Competition last year, not only has the side been great on the field but the volunteering and morale the team have generated off the field is commendable. Unfortunately our Metro 2 side is still lacking in numbers and commitment, this must be turned around in the future to ensure all grades can grow. Our Metro 1 side, as young as they were did a great job in being competitive and the improvement shown was outstanding, and this side will be one to watch in the coming years as more players grow, it was unfortunate to not see the side work more closely with our Premier League team. I must commend our Premier League Women's coaches and team this year, after numerous departures for one reason or another, the fight and morale shown by the side to still remain not only competitive but fighting for finals was outstanding. With the growth of some juniors from the Metro 1 side and the return of more key players, this side shall once again push for finals next year.

Lastly I would like to thank all players, coaches, managers, volunteers and committee members for their efforts this year, however great or small and will see you all again in 2013 for what will be an even better year. And also, thank you for actually reading this far and I apologise if I have missed anyone out.

Joshua Kennewell
Honourary Club Secretary

2013 Treasurer's Report & 2014 Budget

Balance Sheet

The club has had a good year with \$ ***** held in cash as at 30/9/2013 (this amount has been further decreased with the payment of accounts which were applicable to the 2012- 2013 year, however the accounts for payment were not received until after the closing of the financial year, current cash position \$*****.) with a further \$***** in total owed by debtors. This represents player fees outstanding as at the end of the financial year. Whilst this is not a great position the executive have been reluctant to write off any outstanding amount during the last financial year. As last year we have continued to make headway in to the collection of past debts however the time is upon us where we will need to consider to ongoing viability of carrying some of these debtors moving forward as some will prove to be non-collectable. The committee will need to address this in the coming term.

As at the end of the financial year there is no reason to believe the club will be unable to meet its commitments in the future. Continued collection of overdue fees will contribute over the off season.

Profit & Loss

The club traded at a profit of \$ ***** an increase of \$***** from \$***** for the full year, representing an uplift of just under 25%.

I attribute this to 2 main areas

1. The increased social and fundraising activities under taken by the club, (thanks to the efforts lead by Michelle, Danielle & Tara) our thanks to all that helped, organised & participated. From a financial stand point a great result, but also a fantastic atmosphere around the club that we must continue to encourage.
2. Additional hire of the pitch to other clubs for training. (This area represents an increase on last year of just over 60%)

Whilst we saw a slight increase in turn over through the bar, with a minimal reduction in cost. The Canteen turnover & profit were slightly down on the previous year. I do not believe this to represent any cause for concern as the bar & canteen cost centres are a very fine line. Overall together the results are consistent with the previous year.

The club has paid all accounts due & retained a surplus in the bank. There is an ongoing need to continue actively pursuing Sponsorship & grants moving forward.

Fee Structure

After much discussion between the executive for budgeting purposes with the support of the outgoing committee we wish to propose for consideration and approval the following fee structure for the 2014 season.

This proposal continues the vein of last year and maintains the structure approved at the previous AGM. This represents the WHC's continued commitment to our sport. We consider this structure to be workable; however it is reliant on all paying their commitment to the club in a timely fashion. The executive will continue to pursue past due debt.

These recommendations have been made with the assumption Hockey SA will have minimal increases in nomination fees. Should this not be the case the propose structure may be adjusted.

Non-Financial players will not be eligible for selection during the summer / Indoor season. Family discounts will be reviewed and further advice will be made available closer to the commencement of the 2014 winter season.

Seniors

Player Life Member	\$280
Senior "Early Bird" (Fees paid in Full by May 31 st 2013)	\$380
Senior Standard	\$425
Tertiary Student / Indentured apprentice	\$250 *
Senior Goalkeeper (with own gear)	\$280
Metro Grass / Veterans	\$170
Metro Grass / Veterans + Metro Grade	\$450
Social Member	\$ 20

*Proof of status will need to be provided to & noted by the WHC's dedicated Membership co-ordinator

Juniors

U18	\$125
U15	\$110
U13	\$ 80
U11	\$ 50
U9	No Charge
U18 Goalkeeper with own gear	\$100

U13

Best & Fairest
Harley Woodward

Best Team Man
Ethan Woodward

U15 Girl's

Best & Fairest
Georga Harrison

Most Consistent
Natasha Hearne

U18 Boys

Best & Fairest
Alec Hutchins

Coaches Award
Owen Mill

Brian Barber Memorial Trophy

Most Improved Junior Female
Tenille Richards

Zachery Smythe Trophy

Most Improved Junior Male
Nathaniel Woodward

Gavin Heritage Memorial Trophy

Most Promising Junior Female
Amy Hammond

Gavin Heritage Memorial Trophy

Most Promising Junior Male

Andrew Cowan Trophy

Most Outstanding Junior Coach
Fern Breuer

Bob Heffron Trophy

2013 Most Consistent Player
Master's Men
John Dell

Brian Barber Trophy

2013 Best and Fairest
Masters Men
Terry Hearne

Best Team Player

2013 Metro 5 Women
Danielle Brown

Best & Fairest

2013 Metro 5 Women
Natasha Hearne

Most Outstanding

2013 Metro 4 Women
Linda Lacey

Best Player

2013 Metro 5 Men
Sukhwinder Grewel

Coaches Award

2013 Metro 5 Men
Harpreet (Happy) Singh

Jenny Cowan Trophy

Best and Fairest
2013 Metro 2 Women
Jacqueline Chappell

Coaches Award

2013 Metro 2 Women
Elizabeth Mader

Mel Snelling Trophy
Best and Fairest
2013 Metro 2 Men
Mitchell Nelson

Best Team Player
2013 Metro 2 Men
Sam Talbot

Barbara Fredrick Trophy
Best and Fairest
2013 Metro 1 Women
Lauren Rae

Most Promising
2013 Metro 1 Women
Amy Hammond

Gerry Phillips Trophy
Best Team Player
2013 Metro 1 Men
William Stapleton

Most Promising
2013 Metro 1 Men
Robert Dixon

Noona Thompson Trophy
Best and Fairest
2013 Premier League Women
Rachel Hampton

Most Improved
2013 Premier League Women
Michelle Dikih

Ray Rankin Trophy
Most Outstanding Player
2013 Premier League Men
John Gibson

Best Squad Player
2013 Premier League Men
Joseph Haigh

Harry “Cheesey” Fildes Memorial Shield
2013 Top Votes in Association Medal
Male: Jesper Leong
Female: DeAnne Gilbert

Robert “Herbie” Haigh Trophy
2013 Most Outstanding Club
Contribution
Dave Allan

Andrew Cowan Trophy
2013 Most Outstanding Senior Coach
Shannon Heffernan

Terry McLoughlin Trophy
2013 Highest Positive Goal Difference
2013 Under 18 Boys's

Life Membership
Gary Boseley

Woodville Hockey Club
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on Sunday 3rd of November, 2013
At the Gerry Phillips Clubrooms, Robert Haigh Reserve, Woodville North

1. WELCOME 10:10am

Joshua Kennewell, Paul Smyth, Gary Boseley, Amy Hirst, Rachel Abbott, George Kokar, Christian Underwood, Jenny Cowan, Joseph Haigh, Noona Thompson, John McCulloch, Gayle Dixon, Tara Nicholson, Danielle Brown, Andrew Cowan, Peter Redding, Miles Angus, Mary White, Luke Adcock, Michelle Dikih, Jayne Barber, Fern Breuer, Shannon Heffernan, Fiona Goldsworthy, Kym Richards, Kym Walters.

2. APOLOGIES

Peter White, Marg Baker, Michael Palmer, Melanie Niscioli, Mel Inglis, Ian & Lyn Johnson, Bronte Woodward, Kelly Rowntree and Lynne Carle

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The members present confirmed that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held 28th of October, 2012 at the Gerry Phillips Clubrooms to be a true and accurate account of the meeting.

Moved: John McCulloch

Seconded: Joseph Haigh

Motion Carried

4. 4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gary Boseley distributed his 2013 President's Report for perusal by members present.

4.2 SECRETARY'S REPORT

Joshua Kennewell distributed the 2013 Secretary's Report for Perusal by members present.

4.3 TREASURER'S REPORT

Paul Smyth distributed the 2013 Treasurer's Report for perusal by the members present.

4.3.1 Adoption of Financial Statements for the year ending 30th of September, 2013.

Luke Adcock enquired about the overdue \$25k in registration fees, Paul advised that although it is still not ideal it is a marked improvement on previous years. Paul further explained that this season we focused on recovering overdue debts from the worst cases, in which we recovered the majority of those cases. Because of this we were probably a bit relaxed on following up with the majority of the club. The new committee will review and chase out current outstanding debts throughout summer and look at writing off uncollectable amounts from over 3 years old.

Fern Breuer enquired about the current financial position and how summer is going to drain our funds. Paul explained the general costs over summer and that he would expect there to be around \$5k or less in the trading account come the beginning of the season. Paul further explained our position.

4.3.2 Adoption of the 2014 Budget.

Paul presented the 2014 Registration Fee Structure for perusal by the members present. Paul explained that we will not be raising the fee structure this year.

Peter Redding asked if we can sustain having our fees so low, Paul answered that at the moment we can providing all members do pay their fees in a timely fashion. Jenny Cowan also queried if the Committee took into account the fact that we are going to receive less matches due to the fact that the pines has finished their new pitch. Paul and Gary explained that we are hoping to overcome this by recruiting more players and entering more sides which is why we plan to keep the fees lower to assist in achieving this.

The members present moved that accept all reports and the budget for 2014.

Moved: Danielle Brown

Seconded: Noona Thompson

Motion Carried

4.3.3 Election of the 2014 Auditor

Paul advised that we have not yet had the financials audited but will in coming weeks as he has not had the time. He had the members present to accept Lindsay McCulloch as the official club auditor for the books this year and for 2014.

Moved: Jenny Cowan

Seconded: Andy Cowan

Motion Carried

5. Election of Patrons/Vice Patrons and Office Bearers for 2014

Patron: Mayor Kirsten Alexander

Vice Patrons: Margaret Baker AM, Mary White, Noona Thompson, Robert Haigh, Goerge Kokar, Frank Errington, Peter Smythe, Terree Barber, Jay Weatherill MP, Cr Robert Grant, Jan Ucinck, Helen Kappler, Cr Oanh Nguyen.

The members present accept the Committee's motion to continue with the same Patron and Vice Patrons for 2014.

Moved: Fern Breuer

Seconded: Tara Nicholson

Motion Carried

Gary advised that we currently have 6 people nominated for committee positions. No one nominated from the floor. The nominations are as follows:

Committee Member: Jenny Thompson

Committee member: Tara Nicholson

Committee member: Emma Warren

Committee member: Miles Angus

Committee member: John McCulloch

Committee Member: Fern Breuer

Gary Boseley informed members present that we have only had 1 nomination for each of the Executive positions;

President: Joshua Kennewell

Secretary: Paul Smyth

Treasurer: Danielle Brown

As there were no further nominations from the floor, all positions were accepted.

Gary Boseley stepped down as Chair of the Annual General Meeting and Joshua Kennewell took over.

Joshua stated that obviously the Committee Positions are not all full and the new Committee will discuss and fill these roles in due course.

6. Election of Life Members

Joshua Kennewell advised the members present that the Committee would like to nominate Gary Boseley for Life Membership. Josh further explained the achievements and contribution of Gary over the years and asked the members present to vote on awarding Life Membership.

Moved: Shannon Heffernan

Seconded: Michelle Dikih

Motion Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forward.

Joshua Kennewell thanked all members present for attending the 2013 Annual General Meeting and announced the meeting closed.

MEETING CLOSED: 10:35am