



**Avoca Hockey Club  
Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May  
The Wishing Well  
Chaired By Aifric O'Malley**

**1. Presidents Welcome**

**2. Attendance/Apologies**

See attached list

**3. Minutes of AGM 2015**

Approved by Mark Meir

Seconded By Richard Couse

**4. Honorary Treasurer's Report**

See attached report of accounts

Key points from 2015.16

- Loss of €13,000 at the end of the year
- Increase in Pitch rental Income.
- Aim going forward is to bring the spending in-line with the income. Fundraising has been taken out of budget and any monies raised will go in to a sinking fund.  
€15k from Development was spent on Camera, Laptop and software, kit, Players and physio.  
The Camera, Laptop and software are club property.

**5. Men's Section Report**

See attached

**6. Ladies Section Report**

See attached

- Discussion rose over how to encourage and maintain the U 18's. It was agreed that this would be taken offline by a number of members from junior and senior section to come up with the best possible outcome.
- Training times – this will be decided with the coaches, captains and pitch management. It is always open for discussion and suggestions

**7. Junior Boys Section Report**

See attached

- Pitch capacity may need to be looked at as numbers are rising in the U14 section

- Carl Breadan and Clíodhna Bourke have worked really hard together to build the section back up.
- Time now needs to be spent going in to schools to grab boys who are interested but have no starting point.

#### 8. Junior Girls Section Report

See attached

#### 9. Director of Hockey

See attached

#### 10. Development and Fundraising Report

See attached

- It was expressed that storage is needed in Sion Hill, these will be put in place over the summer

#### 11. Election of Officers

Position	Name	Proposed	Seconded	All in favour
Treasurer	No one appointed			
Secretary	No one appointed			
Mens Captain	Marcus Pearson	Richard Couse	Mark Meir	Yes
Ladies Captain	Niamh Gaughan	Cara Kelehan	Emma Meir	Yes
Girls Chair	Hilary Murray	Dennis O'Connor	Marcus Pearson	Yes
Boys Chair	Clíodhna Bourke	Marcus Pearson	Richard Couse	Yes

#### 12. Election of New Members and Pavilion Members

Every player who played for the 2015.16 season is accepted as a new member.

Proposed by Richard Couse and Seconded by Ronan Hickey

#### 13. A.O.B

- Gemma Donohoe spoke emailed in her absence the matter of Garda Vetting. There is a new system in place and a big push will be put on all volunteers, coaches, and committee members etc to ensure everyone has been vetted. All help and cooperation will be greatly appreciated.
- The clubhouse- this is proving to be a Health and Safety issue and will have to be removed, the committee are exploring options to get a new one in place before the start of the season. It was stressed that we keep the sports centre up to date with our decisions this time. It was also suggested that there should be one liaison between the Club and the Sport's Centre to avoid any confusion and information falling through the cracks.
- A thank you will be sent to the Sports Centre for all of their help and support over the last number of years.
- Emma Meir stated that Friday nights will be available for use as the ladies vets will be moving training to Wed nights with the Men's Vets.

- It was asked about the complaints procedure that was in place for the club. This is on the website, however after some discussion, there will be an information email sent to all members highlighting the numerous policies and procedures we have in place, and also the insurance policy and steps that must be taken to make a claim should an injury take place.
- Aifric expressed a vote of thanks to:
  - Carl Breadan and Clodhna Bourke for all their help in building up the boys section, also to Carl for being instrumental for a lot of pitch maintenance and for helping build up the relationship with the Sports Centre.
  - Caroline Daly for being on the Sion Hill pitch management committee.
  - Cara Kelehan who is stepping down as match secretary for the Senior section.
  - Andrea Maccauley who has agreed to stay on as Match Secretary for the Junior section, while someone else learns the ropes.
  - Dennis O' Connor, Jonathan Cole and Tanya Chapple who are stepping off the committee this year.
  - Ronan hickey – for keeping up the position of Treasurer and sorting out the finances and accounts for previous years. Club Member of the year 2015.16 is well and truly deserved.
  - And finally to the Committee and Club Members for their participation, work and support for making Avoca the club it is today.

Tanya Chapple  
Club Secretary