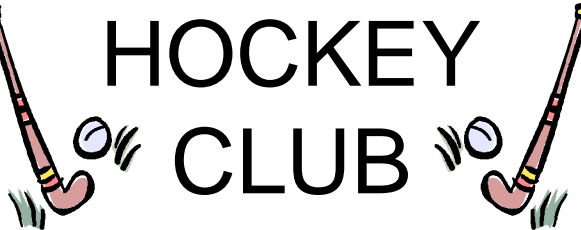


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NEWSLETTER

STOCKPORT HOCKEY CLUB



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A Few Good (Wo)men!

On 25th April, 2007 we held a meeting looking at what we had to do to move the Stockport Hockey Club forward. There may have only been a few of us at the meeting but the good thing was representatives from most clubs and a good spread of ages were present so many different views were taken on board.

First of all, we agreed key to the future of our new club is communication. Our newsletter, F.R.E.S.H. has received a positive reception from a number of players and thank you to those of you who took the time to send an email letting us know what you thought – please keep the emails coming info@stockporthockey.co.uk

We reviewed the website and agreed a new format which the talented Helen Elcock will design and set up and a few of us will help populate. The current website content at www.sdwhl.co.uk will be archived on our new website as part of our history.

A Few Formalities....

Going forward we have a proposal for a new structure and it is pleasing that we have volunteers to take on roles initially in the new club – some old and some new faces:-

Club President (Chair) -	Hilary Clamp
Club Secretary -	Wendy Van Tonder
Fixture Secretary -	Louise Preston
Club Treasurer -	Josie Moore
Umpire Secretary -	Jan Devey
Junior Development -	Andrea Getcheffsky
Communications -	Helen Elcock Andrea Getcheffsky
Welfare Officer -	Edna Brown
Minutes Secretary -	Sally Fort

We are still looking for a social secretary and obviously team captains will be chosen in due course. We will be inviting a number of people to be Life Members of Stockport Hockey Club in recognition of their hard work and contribution to the sport in Stockport.

How Many Teams?

Stockport Hockey Club will enter 4 teams in the Greater Manchester Hockey Association (Womens) GMHAW. To be able to play in the league players must be aged 13 or over as at 1st January, 2008. For those players who are not old enough to play we will also have a junior section and teams entered into the Greater Manchester Junior League.

3 Teams will commence the season in the 4th Division and our 1st team will be in the 2nd Division – our mission is to be 2007/08 Champions in both of these Divisions!

Selection for the 1st and 2nd team will take place over 2 Thursday's – 28th June and 5th July, 2007. We have independent coaches Rik Stewart and Kelvin Briggs to take the sessions and make recommendations for the teams. Although there won't be a formal selection process for the 3rd and 4th teams we need as many players to come down to Werneth on these dates so we can see how many players we potentially have. If you can't make any of these dates please let your current team captain know or email us at info@stockporthockey.co.uk If you can't make it we still need to know you intend playing for us.

Stockport Hockey Club – Frequently Asked Questions?

What Will Stockport Hockey Club Be About?

We have reviewed all the feedback from the session run in February by Hockey Development Officers from GreaterSport – Penny Moorfield and Vicky Hirst and the feedback we received in the questionnaires in March direct from our players. This has enabled us to start to pull together our Constitution with the following governing objectives:-

- To foster, promote and encourage the development and organisation of field hockey within Stockport
- To provide the opportunity to learn and play field hockey from the recreational level of participation through to excellence
- To provide a competitive team atmosphere as well as supportive environment for all players
- To develop, promote and administer programs that encourage the development of field hockey for players, coaches, umpires and volunteers within Stockport Hockey Club.

We strive for players and officials of all abilities, ages and ambition to feel there is a place for them in Stockport Hockey Club.

Where Will Our Home Pitch Be?

We reviewed the various facilities in Stockport and with this being our first season as a larger club we have to be focussed on cost. Therefore we have agreed to have Werneth as our home pitch. Some concerns have been raised about the pitch at Werneth and we have sent them a letter informing them if improvements are not seen in the toilet/changing facilities, debris on the pitch and rubbish left around the facility then we will move to another venue next season.

How Much Will It Cost To Join Stockport Hockey Club?

We have added up the various costs associated with running 4 teams in the GMHA(W) this includes affiliation fees to England Hockey Association; North & League affiliation fees; Cup Competition/Tournament entrance fees; player signing on fees; pitch hire; coaching; insurance and so on. Although we haven't finalised the cost of joining, we have agreed that there will be a loyalty discount for players currently registered in the Stockport League and discounts will be available for Leisure Key Holders and where junior sibling groups exist. Whatever, you will find Stockport Hockey Club's fees very competitive as we will be a non-profit making organisation.

We will be submitting applications for funding, in particular to establish a junior section to our Club and the development Young Leaders, officials and volunteers

Can Players Move Teams?

In the GMHA(W) league we have to name 10 players and 1 goalkeeper per team prior to playing our first match. These players are expected to be the 'core squad' and known as starred players, which means they are limited to only two being able to play for one of our other teams at any one time. This does give us a little bit of flexibility as we are sure there will be some settling in issues and players wanting the opportunity to play for our 1st and 2nd teams. Based on the number of players we have, we should have a squad of players per team and everything to play for regardless what team you are on.

Red and Yellow and Pink and Green, Orange and Purple and Blue – I Can Sing A Kit Colour!

Put 12 women in a room and bring up the subject of colours for team kit and 2 hours later we are no closer to confirming what colour it's going to be, but boy did we have fun discussing it! So you will have to wait for the next newsletter to find out what has been decided – or come to our next meeting! If you have any question or want to make any comment regarding Stockport Hockey Club email us on info@stockporthockey.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary...

- 20/6/07 – Last Stockport League AGM
- 28/6/07 – Team Selection at Werneth 7pm
- 30/6/07 – Youth Games at Belle Vue all day
- 5/7/07 – Team Selection at Werneth 7pm