

**Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance – AGM Minutes 2019
President and Founder Member – Paul Bloomfield (Woking)**

The AGM was held at **Haslemere Hockey Club (GU27 1QA)**, on **Saturday 27 April 2019** starting at 1301 hours.

Attendees list: appended.

Chairman, Peter Colwill welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Haslemere for their hospitality.

Apologies: Southampton Cockburns; James Larcombe, Winchester Wanderers; Simon Everett, Windsor Vets (Polytechnic), Bruce Christie, Havant Cavaliers. Oxford Hawks Falcons.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM (on web site)

Proposer: Mark McCree, ACV

Seconder: James Lane , ACV

Matters Arising

Hon President, Paul Bloomfield was invited to say a few words.

He said that the league was formed for Over 50s and whilst he didn't get a vote he would like to see it stay that way. He went on to thank the umpires for their participation.

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Organiser's Report 2018 - 2019

After several team withdrawals last year the Season began and finished with 12 Member Teams. A special thank you to John Spencer who took over as Organiser for a few weeks earlier this year whilst the Organiser was abroad. The 'league' final results' table as at 13 April 2019 is below:

WSFA Team	Games Played	Points	Success Index	Position 2018 - 2019	Position 2017 - 2018
Woking Pitts Elders	21	52	2.48	1	3
Oxford Hawks Falcons	19	44	2.32	2	1
Epsom Vagabonds	20	43	2.15	3	8
Guildford Gondoliers	22	36	1.64	4	5
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	19	30	1.58	5	9
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	19	29	1.53	6	7
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	20	27	1.35	7	10
Haslemere Vets	22	28	1.27	8	4
Southampton Cockburns	22	26	1.18	9	6
South Berkshire Hornets	19	18	0.95	10	14
Winchester Wanderers	22	14	0.64	11	11
Havant Cavaliers	21	8	0.38	12	13
Total Games Played	246				
Games postponed / cancelled	48				

Last season we also played **246** games; 34 were cancelled.

Members present congratulated Woking Pitts Elders in topping the table with 52 points.

The organiser drew attention to highlighted teams Epsom Vagabonds, Oxted Vintage Moonshiners, Amersham & Chalfont Vintage and South Berkshire Hornets who have improved their positions in the 'pecking order' by three or more places relative to last year. All teams are congratulated too for living up to our aim of '**Playing Regular Friendly Hockey**'.

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Finances

Sadly, Roy Furness of Windsor Vets (Polytechnic) died on September 28 2018 and with the agreement of the Chairman, £100 was donated to Thames Valley Hospice in Roy's memory. This leaves us with a negative balance of **£3.23** - see table below:

Date		£ Receipts collected by Organiser	Web-site payments to Fasthosts made by Webmaster	Payments refunded to Webmaster	Other Payments	Balance held by Organiser
23-Nov-17	Total Receipts & Payments to date	£ 520.00	£ 399.81	£ 416.59		£ 103.41
15-Aug-18	GS & MA Oliver		£ 124.55	£ 124.55		-£ 21.14
15-Sep-18	Receipts from 12 teams	£ 120.00				£ 98.86
29-Sep-18	Bereavement card (Roy Furness) sent to Family				£ 2.09	£ 96.77
19-Oct-18	Thames Valley Hospice (Roy Furness deceased - ex Windsor (Polytechnic))				£100.00	-£ 3.23

Subscriptions – currently £10 per WSFA team per season which is normally used to pay for the Website created and maintained by George Oliver of South Berkshire Hornets.

We need a proposer and seconder for the subscription that should apply for 2019/2020.

How Much? £15 has been proposed (also happy with £20)

Proposer: Richard Wilsdon, Oxford Hawks Falcons

Secunder: Colin Burrell, Oxford Hawks Falcons

£15 per team per season was agreed unanimously for the 2019/2020 season.

The Organiser holds the funds in his personal bank account. Member teams may pay their subscriptions for the 2019 / 2020 season to the Organiser at the AGM. Otherwise they should be paid to him by 1 October 2019. The Account details are: Nationwide BS; MR & RJ Kenwick; Sort Code: 070116; Account No 29521720.

Guildford Gondoliers paid £15 to the Organiser following the meeting.

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Reducing the amount of travel to away games by playing teams in your **Votes recorded on the following matters:**

1. WSFA 2019/2020 Season's fixtures to be arranged on the basis of a North / South Split ; North - Amersham & Chalfont Vintage, Epsom Vagabonds , Oxford Hawks Falcons, South Berkshire Hornets, Windsor Vets, Woking Pitts Elders. South - Guildford Gondoliers, Haslemere Vets, Havant Cavaliers, Oxted Vintage Moonshiners, Southampton Cockburns, Winchester Wanderers.	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		x
Epsom Vagabonds		x
Guildford Gondoliers		x
Haslemere Vets		x
Havant Cavaliers		x
Oxford Hawks Falcons		x
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		x
South Berkshire Hornets		x
Southampton Cockburns		x
Winchester Wanderers		x
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	x	
Woking Pitts Elders		x

rejected by 11 : 1

2. WSFA 2019/2020 Season's fixtures to be arranged on the basis of an East / West Split ; East - Amersham & Chalfont Vintage, Epsom Vagabonds, Guildford Gondoliers, Oxted Vintage Moonshiners, Windsor Vets, Woking Pitts Elders. West - Haslemere Vets, Havant Cavaliers, Oxford Hawks Falcons, South Berkshire Hornets, Southampton Cockburns, Winchester Wanderers.	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		x
Epsom Vagabonds		x
Guildford Gondoliers		x
Haslemere Vets		x
Havant Cavaliers		x
Oxford Hawks Falcons		x
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		x
South Berkshire Hornets		x
Southampton Cockburns		x
Winchester Wanderers		x

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Windsor Vets	x	
Woking Pitts Elders		X

rejected by 11 : 1

3. WSFA 2019/2020 Season's fixtures to be arranged on the basis of a Top Half / Bottom Half Split according to the Results Table issued at the end of the Season; As at 30 March 2019 Top Half - Woking Pitts Elders, Oxford Hawks Falcons, Epsom Vagabonds, Oxted Vintage Moonshiners, Guildford Gondoliers, Windsor Vets (Polytechnic). Bottom Half - Haslemere Vets, Amersham & Chalfont Vintage, Southampton Cockburns, South Berkshire Hornets, Winchester Wanderers, Havant Cavaliers.	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	x	
Epsom Vagabonds		X
Guildford Gondoliers		X
Haslemere Vets		X
Havant Cavaliers		X
Oxford Hawks Falcons		X
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		x
South Berkshire Hornets		X
Southampton Cockburns		X
Winchester Wanderers	x	
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)		X
Woking Pitts Elders		X

rejected by 10 : 2

4. WSFA 2019/2020 season's fixtures to be arranged so that each team plays every other team home and away in line with the 2018/2019 season.	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		X
Epsom Vagabonds	X	
Guildford Gondoliers	X	
Haslemere Vets	X	
Havant Cavaliers	X	
Oxford Hawks Falcons	X	
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	x	
South Berkshire Hornets	X	
Southampton Cockburns	X	

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Winchester Wanderers		Least favourite
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)		X
Woking Pitts Elders	X	

Accepted by 9 : 3

i.e.9 teams preferred Option 4

James Lane (Amersham & Chalfont Vintage) said that travelling to away games was a problem and he may struggle to raise a team next season.

The Organiser pointed out that whilst all teams were encouraged to fulfil all fixtures, there were no penalties for cancelling fixtures. If short of players, it is possible that the opposition may be able to help, or other teams who have already cancelled games may help.

Johnny Roberts of Haslemere is planning for an additional Haslemere team next season, which will mean we have thirteen teams, assuming all 12 existing teams remain. This will mean a team each week getting a bye, in which case we could revisit the practice from a couple of seasons ago whereby we liaised with Southern Counties Fixtures Conference for odd games.

Graham Lee suggested we could do the same with the Wessex Masters'.

5. Is your Club 'in favour of' or 'against' the WSFA entering into discussions with the Wessex Masters' League with a view to consolidating our resources to produce a competition aligned with the main age groups for Masters' hockey - O40s, O50s and O60s?	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	X	
Epsom Vagabonds	x	
Guildford Gondoliers		Maintain status quo
Haslemere Vets	X	
Havant Cavaliers	X	
Oxford Hawks Falcons	X	
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		x
South Berkshire Hornets		

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Southampton Cockburns	X	
Winchester Wanderers	x	Subject to approval
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	x	
Woking Pitts Elders		x*

Approved 8 : 4

John Spencer (Southampton) has volunteered to lead these discussions; Andy Crawford (Woking) is approaching John McKimmie to see if he will assist and the Organiser has also asked Graham Lee of South Berkshire.

1. Average Age of Teams: Each club is asked to make a declaration at the AGM as to the average age of their playing squad as at 31 December 2019 in respect of the 2018/2019 season and to confirm whether or not they plan to compete the following season.	Average Age	Competing in 2019/2020
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	58	yes
Epsom Vagabonds	58	yes
Guildford Gondoliers	58	yes
Haslemere Vets	62	yes
Havant Cavaliers	60	yes
Oxford Hawks Falcons	57	yes
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	60	yes
South Berkshire Hornets	60	yes
Southampton Cockburns	63	yes
Winchester Wanderers		yes
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	57	yes
Woking Pitts Elders	61	yes

1. Rule clarification regarding the use of under-age players v age-eligible players.	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
<p style="color: red;">‘If, in order to field the requisite number of players, a Team Captain needs to select under-age players, then agreement of the opposition should be obtained BEFORE the game proceeds. And if under-age players are selected to play in preference to age-eligible players who are on the subs’ bench, then the under-age players should only play for half the game, allowing the age-eligible players to also play for half the game’.</p>		
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		x
Epsom Vagabonds		Maintain status quo

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Guildford Gondoliers		Maintain status quo
Haslemere Vets	X	
Havant Cavaliers	X	
Oxford Hawks Falcons	X	
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	X	
South Berkshire Hornets	X	
Southampton Cockburns	X	
Winchester Wanderers		We think the spirit is understood
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)		X
Woking Pitts Elders	X	

Accepted by 7 : 5

Currently the Rule reads:

‘The Alliance is a “League” of friendly fixtures. The aim is to play enjoyable and evenly matched games between teams made up of Over 50’s players. No objection will be made to players under that age as long as they are of a similar ability and approach. THEY SHALL NUMBER NO MORE THAN 2 WITH NO ONE UNDER 45, except the goalkeeper if that is unavoidable’.

The NEW Rule regarding under-age players wef season 2019/2020 adds to the above as follows:

‘If, in order to field the requisite number of players, a Team Captain needs to select under-age players, then AGREEMENT of the opposition should be obtained BEFORE the game proceeds. And if under-age players are selected to play in preference to age-eligible players who are on the subs’ bench, then the under-age players should only play for half the game, allowing the age-eligible players to also play for half the game’.

1. Rule on Age	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST
‘It is proposed that we move into line with the London league (i.e. date cut-off 31 December; under-age players defined as over-47’.		
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage		X
Epsom Vagabonds		Maintain status quo
Guildford Gondoliers		Maintain

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		status quo
Haslemere Vets	x	
Havant Cavaliers	x	
Oxford Hawks Falcons	x	
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners		Say 40+
South Berkshire Hornets	x	
Southampton Cockburns	x	
Winchester Wanderers	x	
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)		abstain
Woking Pitts Elders	x	

Whilst the vote was in favour 7 : 5, the meeting agreed **unanimously** to **maintain the status quo of '45-50'**.

The meeting closed at 1325 hrs without reference to the following agenda items so they are listed as an ADDENDUM:

ADDENDUM

Election of Officers'

As far as is known all current Officers (with the exception of John Spencer and James Larcombe) are willing to stand for re-election. James Larcombe (Winchester Wanderers) has tendered his resignation. This does not prevent Teams from nominating others to stand for any position, in which case there will be a vote by member teams with the Chairman having a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Nominations (including self-Nominations) for positions, may be e-mailed to the Organiser.

Current Officers are:

Peter Colwill (Chairman) colersp@highdorn.co.uk 07730 469 678

Rob Kenwick (Organiser) rob@bryherpartners.co.uk 0118 979 1002 or 07770 823026

Vacant (Assistant Organiser) (John Spencer has stood down).

David Todd (Nominated Member) 07831 891750

James Larcombe (Nominated Member) jarcombe@psc.ac.uk 01962 622069 or 07986 708741 (**retired 2019**)

Bob Middlemiss (Nominated Member) rmiddlemiss@btinternet.com; 0788 261924

George Oliver (Webmaster) george.oliver@ntlworld.com; 07504341829; 01252 668777

Phil Bell (Assistant Webmaster) phil.bell@oracle.com; 07880782583

Recently, the Chairman and Organiser had some discussions around whether or not there is a need for an Executive Committee. Some years ago when we used to hold these meetings at the Cricketers' in Bagshot, the above list of names has 'fronted' the 'Contacts' on the website, effectively forming a 'de facto' Executive Committee.

Please can each team let the Organiser know your views? Are you for or against the above-named individuals forming an Executive Committee?

FOR:

AGAINST:

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Nominated members

The current list of nominated members is below: please check your details and if there are any inaccuracies please notify the Organiser and Webmaster so that these can be rectified.

TEAM	Name	Contact (Role)	Prime phone number
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Simon Hall	Administrator	07801 716533
Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	James Lane	Nominated Member	07764 618204
Epsom Vagabonds	Bob Middlemiss	Nominated Member	07788 261924
Epsom Vagabonds	Tim Tennent	Alternate Nominated Member	07887552071
Guildford Gondoliers	Andy Roberts	Administrator	07795 631206
Guildford Gondoliers	Tom Carney	Nominated Member	07768591910
Haslemere Vets	Iain Lynch	Administrator	07941 623944
Haslemere Vets	Peter Smith	Alternate	UK phone 01428 712272
Haslemere Vets	Peter Lindars	Nominated Member	07836 296612
Havant Cavaliers	Bruce Christie	Nominated Member	0771 194 5811
Horsham Hobblers	Bob Mitchell	Nominated Member	07714 678 770
Oxford Hawks Falcons	Richard Wilsdon	Administrator	07736 131365
Oxford Hawks Falcons	Colin Burrell	Nominated Member	07775 542888
Oxted Vintage Moonshiners	David Todd	Nominated Member	07831 891750
South Berkshire Hornets	Graham Lee	Administrator	07800 708053
South Berkshire Hornets	Vacant	Nominated Member	??
Southampton Cockburns	John Spencer	Administrator	07847 713631
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Paul Bloomfield	President and Founder Member (Woking)	077100 61189 betty
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Peter Colwill	Chairman	07730 469678
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Rob Kenwick	Organiser	07770 823026
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	George Oliver	Web Master	07504341829
Wessex SuperVets Fixtures Alliance	Phil Bell	Assistant Web Master	07880782583
Winchester Wanderers	Roger Bridport	Administrator	07709 543972
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Simon Everett	Administrator	07989 642806
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Gurinder Sumra	Alternate	07976 318125
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Stuart Wright	Alternate	07843 470804
Windsor Vets (Polytechnic)	Vacant	Nominated Member	

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Woking Pitts Elders	Joe Dunne	Nominated Member	07740 374477
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Please confirm the names of your Nominated Members to the Organiser and the Webmaster as soon as possible.

18th Season 2019 – 2020

Starting Alliance 'league' games in September last year wasn't a success. Assuming all 12 teams play all games, home and away as last season, the season will start on Saturday 5 October 2019, and end on Saturday 21 March 2020. Each half - season contains one spare date for postponed games. By mutual agreement between the teams, fixtures at half term may be played on alternative dates.

Saturdays in September 2019 are reserved for 'friendlies'. Teams are to make their own arrangements for any fixtures during this period.

Saturday 28 March 2020 or Saturday 4 April 2020 are reserved for the Gerald Eve Tournament at Haslemere (actual date to be agreed with Iain Lynch).

Easter Saturday is on 11 April 2020.

If we have an extra team then we will be planning FOR 24 WEEKS OF GAMES with a variation to the above dates. **Haslemere (Johnny Roberts) to advise the Organiser one way or the other by 15 June 2019.**

The fixture card for the new season should be issued by the end of June 2019. When the fixture card is issued it would be appreciated if you would confirm the addresses and post codes of your home games to the Organiser and Webmaster, and the times of the games to your opposition team asap, confirming these two weeks before the relevant playing date with the opposition. ***NB When assigning playing times to your home games please have regard for the distance the opposition is travelling.***

Any Other Business

Knees and Hips

On 29 January 2018 John Peirce, a member of the Woking Pitts team, proposed a special match which hopefully would become an annual fixture.

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As far as is known we haven't discovered enough players with these special talents. If you have replacement knees and / or hips please let John Peirce know: jrpeirce@btinternet.com

Summer games

Haslemere are keen to play friendlies on Thursday or Friday evening, starting in the 3rd week of May 2019. Anyone interested please contact Peter Smith - petervillagestore@gmail.com

UK phone 01428 712272

South Africa phone - landline 044 384 0768, cell 072 282 5574.

Rewards for turning up

The one unanimous thought from Oxted was a suggestion to reward teams for actually turning up for away games by giving them a point for turning up. Oxted thought that this incentivised all squads and especially those who religiously turn up for little reward in terms of points.

Organiser's comment:

I like the idea of rewards for turning up! How about a bottle of port or a goal advantage to the visiting team? Unfortunately points rather than a goal advantage or port would screw our calculations of the success index.

Previous Winners Gerald Eve Tournament

2015 Epsom Vagabonds

2016 Haslemere Vets

2017 Oxted Vintage Moonshiners

2018 Oxted Vintage Moonshiners

2019 Woking Pitts Elders

Successes from the last 17 years

32 teams have participated at one time or another over the last 17 years.

Arrangements are in hand to post your results on the website.

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Meanwhile an Appendix is attached charting teams' individual successes in the WSFA covering the period that you have been in membership.

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Appendix – Successes from the last 17 years

Attendees at AGM

Colwill	Peter	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Sturgess	Nigel	Guildford Gondoliers
Dutton	Nick	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Taylor	J	Guildford Gondoliers
Franek	Joe	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Tonks		Guildford Gondoliers
Gerson	Ron	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Harvey	Richard	Haslemere
Gorbert	Ross	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Kirkham	Paul	Haslemere
Horry	Peter	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Larkham	Ian	Haslemere
Lane	James	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Lawrence	Peter	Haslemere
McCree	Mark	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Lindars	Peter	Haslemere
Nicnous	Adam	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	McGhee	Mike	Haslemere
Wood	Trevor	Amersham & Chalfont Vintage	Milne- Home		Haslemere
Allcock	Chris	Epsom Vagabonds	Nicholas		Haslemere
Aston	Graeme	Epsom Vagabonds	Prichard	Simon	Haslemere
Bussy	Iain	Epsom Vagabonds	Roberts	Johnny	Haslemere
Ellington	David	Epsom Vagabonds	Ruben	Peter	Haslemere
Grierson	Clive	Epsom Vagabonds	Sewell	Janis	Haslemere
Guest	Simon	Epsom Vagabonds	Shedden	Alistair	Haslemere

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Michelsen	Carlos	Epsom Vagabonds	Wright	Philip	Haslemere
Middlemiss	Bob	Epsom Vagabonds	Kenwick	Rob	South Berkshire Hornets
Smith	G	Epsom Vagabonds	Lee	Graham	South Berkshire Hornets
Turner	Mark	Epsom Vagabonds	Bloomfield	Mark	Woking Pitts Elders
Woods	R	Epsom Vagabonds	Candey	R	Woking Pitts Elders
Barnard	Mark	Guildford Gondoliers	Cockerham	Paul Andre	Woking Pitts Elders
Fales	Craig	Guildford Gondoliers	Crawford	w	Woking Pitts Elders
Fitter	Mike	Guildford Gondoliers	Hopkins	G	Woking Pitts Elders
Gould	C	Guildford Gondoliers	Hubbard	S	Woking Pitts Elders
Manning	Robert	Guildford Gondoliers	Macdonald	S	Woking Pitts Elders
Odell	J	Guildford Gondoliers	Rietveld	W	Woking Pitts Elders
Penney		Guildford Gondoliers	Robinson	M	Woking Pitts Elders
Shelbourne	J	Guildford Gondoliers			