

# Maidstone Lacrosse Club Annual General Meeting 2014

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*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2014*

Thank you to all those who attended the 2014 Maidstone Lacrosse club AGM. Below details the decisions the attendees made for the upcoming season (2014/15).

Attendees: Joey Burnett, Sava Grkinic, Ryan Johnson, Thomas Thwaites, Hugh Mitchison, Dennison Packer, Tom Robertson, Matthew Spence, Alister Wilson,

Apologies: Adie Blackman, Giles Clark, Jacob Farr, Si Johns, Paddy Peacock, Eliot Pugh, Andy Rapp, Edward Solly, Rob Telfer

## Committee

Thank you to the previous committee for running the club so well, and a big thank you to those who stepped into roles they were not voted in for. It was noted that a number of people did not do the roles they were voted in for, for various reasons, and all those new committee members are expected to be committed to the roles they have accepted for the entirety of their elected year.

Below lists the new committee members, their responsibilities and the outgoing committee members. The outgoing committee members are those who are recognised as performing the role last and will therefore be expected as their last job to hand over responsibility to their successors.

## Club Chair

Outgoing: Alister Wilson

New: Alister Wilson

Responsibilities:

- Training pitch bookings
- Match fixture pitch bookings
- Main SEMLA point of contact
- Sign-off of club finances
- Organisation of club run tournaments
- Development of the club (fund raising and club expansion)

## Treasurer

Outgoing: Joey Burnett

New: Sava Grkinic

Responsibilities:

- Club finances
- Making all payments
- Collecting subs
- Collecting training subs
- Main access and point of contact to club bank account

### Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain

Outgoing: Hugh Mitchison (co-captain)  
Aaron Hatherill-Smith (co-captain)

New: Hugh Mitchison (Captain)  
Joey Burnett (Vice-captain)

Responsibilities:

- Organise weekly team
- Liaise with opposing team
- Organise pitch set-up for home games
- Organise referees for home games
- Team tactics
- Feeding development needs to coaches
- Entering teams into tournaments
- Recruitment

### Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain

Outgoing: Jacob Farr (co-captain)  
Andy Rapp (co-captain)

New: Jacob Farr (Captain)  
Matthew Spence (Vice-captain)

Responsibilities:

- Organise weekly team
- Liaise with opposing team
- Organise pitch set-up for home games
- Organise referees for home games
- Team tactics
- Feeding development needs to coaches
- Entering teams into tournaments
- Recruitment

### Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain (*see minutes below*)

Outgoing: n/a

New: Thomas Thwaties (Captain)  
*Open* (Vice-captain)

Responsibilities:

- Organise weekly team
- Liaise with opposing team
- Organise pitch set-up for home games
- Organise referees for home games
- Team tactics
- Feeding development needs to coaches
- Entering teams into tournaments
- Recruitment

## Coach

Outgoing: Hugh Mitchison  
Eliot Pugh  
Joey Burnett

New: Joey Burnett

Responsibilities:

- Organise weekly training routine
- Organise equipment for training
- Develop team/players in areas of weakness
- Special training sessions (i.e. a women's specific training session)

## Social Secretary

Outgoing: Matthew Spence  
Jacob Farr

New: Ryan Johnson  
Thomas Thwaites

Responsibilities:

- Sorting food for after home games
- All club socials
- End of season dinner

## Media Secretary

Outgoing: Andy Rapp  
New: Dennison Packer

Responsibilities:

- Website management and design
- Facebook page
- Twitter account
- Press coverage
- Club advertising

## Child Protection Officer

Outgoing: Giles Clark

New: *TBC*

Responsibilities:

- Protection of minors
- Protection of the club through ensuring the club is not at risk of not meeting any legal requirements

## Kit Secretary

Outgoing: Joey Burnett  
Alister Wilson  
New: Sava Grkinic  
Responsibilities:

- Ordering of Maidstone playing kit
- Maidstone club stash

## Club Development Officer

It was decided this role would be abolished and the responsibilities spread across the committee member roles. Any club development ideas can be brought to the committee's attention by any individual in the club who shall (if in the club's interest) support the individual in execution of the idea.

## Meeting Minutes

### Training

1. Attendance has been better this year than previous.
2. Proposal of a mandatory session once a month. This is to accommodate all those players who do not attend training sessions due to lack of numbers by mandating one training session within each month as mandatory, and thereby ensuring good numbers. Weekly training sessions will continue. It is understood Maidstone lacrosse club has a wide catchment area which can make weekly training sessions difficult for some, however, a monthly training session has been agreed as feasible by all. All those who miss the mandatory training session will have their club commitment put into question if a valid excuse is not provided prior to the training session.
3. Location of training. Due to the large catchment area of Maidstone lacrosse club occasional satellite training sessions was proposed. This was rejected in favour of the mandatory monthly training session.
4. Last year's weekend day long pre-season training session was well received. This will be expanded for next season. Weekend pre-season training will either start mid-August or early September. Format will be decided upon at a later date.

### SEMLA

1. It was agreed to work out the feasibility of Maidstone Lacrosse club entering a 3<sup>rd</sup> team into East 3. This is subject to finding a suitable home ground arrangement. It is understood that fielding a weekly 3<sup>rd</sup> team may not be possible; however, the club and player development was decided to outweigh the possible financial loss of entering a 3<sup>rd</sup> team. Thomas Thwaites has been voted in as 3<sup>rd</sup> team captain; vice-captain role for the 3<sup>rd</sup> team will be opened to the rest of the club.
2. It was agreed that all teams should be capped to taking a maximum of 16 players to any game. This is to both help the share of players between all teams and to give committed players (i.e. those who attend training) suitable game time.

## Home ground

1. It was decided that we will stay at Sutton Valence.
2. With the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> team, on those days with a 2 or 3 way home game clash the 1<sup>st</sup> team will look to use an alternative pitch (potentially 3G). Finding a suitable alternative pitch will be a deciding factor in the creation of a 3<sup>rd</sup> team.

## Subs

1. With the club looking to expand subs will rise for the 2014/2015 season to the following rates:
  - a. Full player membership will rise from £120 to £150 per year
  - b. Student player membership will rise from £60 to £75 per year
  - c. Minor player membership (under 18s) will stay at £30
  - d. Development players (i.e. only play at training sessions) will remain free and only pay for the training sessions they attend

Club Chair will agreed UKC student bulk membership with new UKC committee.

## Equipment/Kit

1. With the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> team new goals will be required to accommodate clashing home games. Joey Burnett has agreed to look into possible grants for the new goals.
2. Club owned numbered bibs will be brought. 2 sets will be brought to help the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams meet kit requirements. All 1<sup>st</sup> team players are expected to purchase their own Maidstone playing kit.
3. Maidstone playing kit orders will be sorted out for end of December/early January to allow new players ½ a season to decide if they wish to play for Maidstone in the future and therefore purchase playing kit.

## Tournaments

1. Baggataway will go ahead again for this year. The format has been agreed to change from a paid tournament to a free social event. Social secretaries have been tasked with creating fund raising ideas for during the tournament (e.g. selling BBQ food)
2. Chumash tournament will change date to the 5<sup>th</sup> July (TBC). Extra goals will be brought for the tournament. Volunteers on the day will be required to run all aspects of the tournament.
3. It was agreed that Maidstone lacrosse club will continue to enter a team(s) into the SEMLA Sixes tournament.

## Socials

1. Outgoing social secretaries will look for a suitable date for the end of season dinner during the month of June.

## School involvement

1. A point was raised to see if students are willing to give free taster sessions to Maidstone schools as a way of boosting local recruitment. Club Chair will contact new UKC committee to understand their outreach program.

## Tour

1. It was agreed that the club is interested on going on a lacrosse tour. Details of suitable tours will be researched and decided upon.

## Referees

1. Payment of non-panel referees will be decided upon based on the clubs financial situation. It was agreed that all players with suitable experience should be available to referee at least one game per season free of charge.
2. It was noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> team will have difficulty in securing suitably experienced players to referee their home games.