

# Derbyshire Hockey Association

Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at  
County Offices, Matlock on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010

A list of those present is attached to these minutes. Peter thanked everyone for attending.

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1.0	<b>Apologies:</b> John Litchfield; Stephen Wood (Trent College); Martin Jones (Repton); Simon Clague (Repton) Tony Gerrard, EMHUA; Heath Roberts (Derwent HC); Paul Doran (Ashbourne HC); Andy Ball (Burton HC)	
2.0	The <b>Minutes</b> of the 7 <sup>th</sup> AGM held on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2009 had been circulated. These were accepted as a fair record of events. Proposed: Jamie Fleet.; Seconded: Mark Fonseca. <b>Unanimous approval.</b>	
3.0	<b>Matters arising</b> – None not covered in the Agenda 4.6 Mini-Hockey (boys) U10 and U12 were arranged by Mark and Helen Minion of Belper.	
4.0	<b>Proposed Amendments to Constitution</b> Proposed and seconded by Ann Lindsay and Ann Bradley. <b>Unanimous approval.</b>	
4.0	<b>Chairman's Report</b> – see copy attached. An updated version of the report will be issued with the minutes of the meeting (including corrections to the Hockey Results and Successes section. A short discussion / additional report from Dan ensued on the development and use of 3G pitches. Much funding comes from Rugby and Football. Dawn reported that there may be some concerns also from the football fraternity and that the "cheapest" option is not entirely appropriate and they are participating in discussions with the Hockey fraternity. There are also concerns amongst schools that the longer pile 3G surfaces are unsuitable for a number of sports, not just hockey, for example rounders, etc., and their introduction inhibits a more general and wider use. There was further concern that where local facilities to be replaced with 3G surfaces, it may effectively "kill" the sport of Hockey for the Clubs in that area. EH policy on 3G is being published on the EH website and is regularly updated.	
5	<b>Treasurer</b>	
5.0	<b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Summary Audited Accounts for 08/09 attached (Ann). Excess of income over expenditure of £42,538 (includes grant monies not yet spent) Notes: The single system is now in place and we receive money from England Hockey towards its operation. We don't know for how long this will continue so we are building a reserve. We have invested substantially on Kit, Grant monies received in 08/09 but spent in 09/10. Clubs are reminded to send in their monitoring forms in order to qualify for second instalments. The form is available on the website. Reminder – Clubs need to work with there Area Groups and to seek funding from multiple available sources. There is, at present, no further source of grant income direct into Derbyshire Hockey. Affiliations income includes the AGM bond fees. The bond has to be paid again next year, even if a Club does not receive it back for non AGM attendance this year. When coaches are putting in claim forms, please separate coaching hours and travel – and show travel detail.	
5.1	<b>Affiliation Fees 2010/11:</b> <b>No changes are proposed to the Derbyshire Fees</b> (£25 per team Senior, £12.50 Club Junior) <b>Midlands fees</b> (£30 per Club) have not yet been confirmed <b>We cannot set fees at present for Schools</b> (last year £15.25 per School single sex, £23.25 per school for both sexes) – as we have not yet been formally advised of Midlands proposals. <b>Previously Midlands:</b> (£15 per School). <b>EHB</b> – No change (£180 per team) – notified directly to Clubs	Comm- ittee
5.2	<b>Hon Auditor:</b> Re-elect	
7	<b>Section Reports -</b>	
7.1	<b>Women's Section:</b> Gill Howarth report attached. Derbyshire League Matlock Div 1, Asterdale Div 2, Matlock 5 Div 3 etc.	
7.2	<b>Men's Section:</b> No Report	
7.3	<b>Discipline:</b> (see separate report attached)	
7.4	<b>Mini – Hockey</b> See section of report from Judy. Few entries this year. Some difficulties are attributed to the change of age groupings (from U-11 and U-13 down to U-10 and U-12) and some to conflict with Single System.	
7.5	<b>Umpires:</b> One L1 course for 16 at the start of the season and a Foundation Course for 14. The Foundation Course is being changed to cover 11-a-side. Ann encourages 16-17 year olds to go straight into L1. Ann is looking to do another L1 course later this year. <b>Rep to EMHUA:</b> No report	
7.6	<b>Midlands Rep.:</b> Nothing additional to report	
7.9	<b>Midlands League:</b> No report.	
7.10	<b>Single System Report:</b> (see separate report attached). Jamie – some meetings across Midlands. Lots of dissatisfaction with some elements. These are being taken on board. There are more discussion session(s) planned. EH are also looking at working with Clubs etc. to see how the volunteer base can be increased and not simply with	

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	coaches etc., but also administrators (who need not be current or ex "hockey" players). Some concern was also expressed that the costs of running sessions are difficult to cover without disadvantaging some children.	
7.11	<b>Derbyshire Schools Report:</b> (see separate report attached). Only Girls tournaments this year. Hoping for Boys tournaments next year. Meeting next week.	Schools Group
8.0	<b>HDO Report:</b> See attached documents (Jamie) Jamie thanked all volunteers on behalf of England Hockey for the excellent work. We are moving forward to JRPC stage and children involved should have been invited by now. The new centralised calendar is now on the website, in Excel format. Feedback is welcomed. The programme for JDCs has been changed so that all training is done September, games in October & November, December rest month. Clubs are progressing with Clubs First (either new or renewal). Quickstix is being rolled out through the county with several festivals already having been run / planned. Hoping to introduce in Burton, Buxton and Chesterfield. Joe Duff has moved on from her post and Simon Dowdy has joined us from Rowing. Hoping to visit ALL clubs in the country over the next couple of years. Rebranded as EHB (England Hockey Board). Safeguarding is a priority and courses are planned. A new EHB document "Respect" (covering Ethics). Capital Investment Programme ... no Derbyshire Clubs have made it through to the next stage.	
9.0	<b>Derbyshire Sport (Dan Newton):</b> Over the last 12 months, the main focus has been working with DHA on the development of the new structure. Derbyshire sport has wide expertise in a number of key areas for many sports, but in particular hockey, available to offer guidance to DHA and its members. Derbyshire Sport is keen to continue to support DHA.	
10.0	<b>Election of Officers:</b> See below.	
11	<b>AOB:</b>	
11.1	Ann Lindsay to take over website maintenance from Nick Roberts. Nick will first establish a "proper" host and tidy the current website	

### Officers for 2009/10

	<u>Officer (proposer and seconder)</u>	<u>Action:</u>
a. President	Ann Morgan (Kath Clay and Nick Roberts) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
b. Vice President	John Barry (Heath Roberts and Nick Roberts) <i>A proposal had been received from Heath Roberts for John Barry as President of DHA. When the Election of Officers took place, John had left the meeting and we could not ascertain whether or not he would be prepared to fulfil the role of Vice President. John will be contacted and if he is willing, Committee will discuss the possibility of co-opting John with a view to the next AGM confirming him as Vice President.</i>	<b>Committee</b>
c. Secretary	- defer to next committee meeting - consider employing an administrator - in the interim, committee members to take it in turns - Jamie to contact all Clubs - In the interim, Ann Morgan will be the contact point	<b>Committee</b>  <b>Jamie Fleet</b>
d. Treasurer	Re-elect Ann Lindsay (Nick, Kath) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
e. Schools and Youth Group Lead	Dawn Moore (Laura, Liz) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
f. Player Pathway Group Lead (Single System)	Liz English (Kath, Gill) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
g. Coaching Group Lead	Helen Greer (Liz, Laura) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
h. Area Groups' Reps	- defer to next committee meeting -	<b>Committee</b>
i. Rep. to MRHA	Ann Morgan - <b>ELECTED</b>	
j. Reps. to EMHUA	Ann Bradley, Tony Gerrard - <b>ELECTED</b>	
k. Men's Hockey and Midlands League Rep	- defer to next committee meeting -	<b>Committee</b>
l. Women's Hockey and Derbyshire/Midlands Leagues Rep	Gill Howarth and Sue Waterall (Nick, Peter)- <b>ELECTED</b>	
m. Disciplinary Administrator	Mark Fonseca (Nick, Ann) - <b>ELECTED</b>	
n. Honorary Auditor	Omitted, Committee to confirm Phil Palfreyman	<b>Committee</b>

### Attendance List

Name (please print)	Office / Representing Club	Name (please print)	Office / Representing Club
Nick Roberts	DHA Discipline / Chesterfield	Liz English	Belper Ladies
Peter Danson	DHA President / Buxton	Jamie Fleet	England Hockey
Ann Lindsay	DHA Treasurer	Sally Cozens	Belper H.C.
Dan Newton	Derbyshire Sport	Judy Hooker	Belper H.C. (Boys)

Ann Bradley	Matlock Baileans & Umpires	Dawn Moore	DHA County Schoolgirls
Laura Loeber	Matlock / DHA Single System Admin.	Anne Morgan	DHA County Schoolgirls
Mark Fonseca	Chesterfield	Patsy Ramsbottom	Ashbourne H.C.
Helen Greer	Matlock	Roy Peach	Ashbourne
Kath Clay	Matlock Baileans	Elaine Coldicott	Ilkeston
Emma Waring	Amber Valley BC	Gail Kitchen	Phoenix
Rachel Kitchen	Phoenix	Paul Wilson	Barton
Jackie Wildhaber	Rolls Royce	Jill Holling	Woodlands
Gill Howarth	Derby Asterdale	Helen Nash	Findern
Sue Waterall	Belper Ladies	John Barry	Derwent HC

## President's report

### AGM May 2009

There were no nominations for a new President or Secretary, so it was decided to liaise with Dan Newton (Derbyshire Sport) and Jamie Fleet (Hockey Development Officer) to devise a strategy for recruiting more volunteers. In the meantime, I was to carry on as acting President and acting Secretary.

### Proposed Change in Structure for the Derbyshire Hockey

Following meetings in November (all clubs invited) and December, and after much discussion, a final version of the Proposed Change of Structure was produced (mainly due to sterling work by Nick Roberts and Dan) in February. Finally, at an EGM in March, there was an opportunity for all clubs present to discuss the proposals, prior to adoption at the AGM tonight.

### Business as Usual

We have had two Derbyshire Committee Meetings, one in October and one in February, and continued to fulfil all our obligations except to find someone to run the new Schools' Mini-Hockey competitions at U11 and U13 levels.

### Hockey Development Officer

Jamie Fleet, who has been with us just over a year, has done a tremendous amount of work for hockey in Derbyshire and we are very fortunate to have him as our HDO, even though he is shared between three other counties.

### ClubsFirst

Belper Men, Belper Women, Chesterfield Men and Matlock Baileans Women have renewed their ClubsFirst and Burton (Men & Women) and Buxton Men have gained their ClubsFirst for the first time.

### Active Sports Grant

The £44000 of Active Sports Grant for the development of Junior Hockey, has now been allocated to the various regions in Derbyshire and most of it has been spent.

### Website

Nick Roberts continues to look after the Derbyshire Hockey Association website [www.derbyshire-hockey.org.uk](http://www.derbyshire-hockey.org.uk) and contributions in electronic form are welcome. Please use the website. There is lots of hockey stuff on there, including much on Junior hockey.

### Courses

There have been two Level 1 Player Coaching Courses in our area, one at Shobnall Fields in March and one in Mansfield in May. There will be a Level 2 course in Derbyshire as well.

Ann Bradley ran a Level 1 Umpire Course as well as a Foundation Course during the season.

### Single System for Hockey (LTAD)

This season has been the first year proper, using three Junior Development Centres (JDCs) (north, central and south) which have fed into one Junior Academy Centre (JAC). The Single System is the development pathway for players (U13 to U17), coaches and officials and is being funded through England Hockey.

Anne Morgan, Laura Loeber, Sally Cozens, Judy Hooker, Liz English and all the coaches have done a marvellous job in carrying on from the dry-run last year and a report will be given to the meeting tonight.

### Capital Investment Programme of £5 million (England Hockey Board)

Burton HC, Buxton HC and Matlock Baileans HC put in bids for new facilities; only Burton HC made it to the second round and now they have been turned down.

### Quicksticks

More courses have been arranged for teachers so that primary school children are able to play Quicksticks and more club/school links are being set up.

### Red Cards and MMOs

A few more problems this year – see Nick's report.

### New Experimental Rules

Everyone has got used to the new self-pass rule, introduced in September, which has speeded up the game. The Mini-Hockey rules were also amended to incorporate the new rule.

### 3G Pitches

This is still a big issue with many new astro turfs being laid. I went to a Midlands Council meeting in November to give information on the 3G pitches in Derbyshire. No-one likes them for hockey, but the England Hockey Board, at the moment are forced to accept some usage. Watch this space.

### Hockey Results and Successes

Derbyshire, once again, have won regional and national titles. Well done to all the competitors and to all the COVs involved. See below for more details.

#### Men

- Burton 1, third in Mid 1
- Derby Asterdale 1, third in E Mid 2
- Chesterfield 2, second in E Mid Prem
- Derby Asterdale 2, second in E Mid 2
- Belper 3, third in E Mid Prem
- Chesterfield 3, second in E Mid 1
- Derby Asterdale 4, first in Central NE 1

#### Women

- Belper 1, third in Nat League Conference North
- Matlock Baileans 1, third in Mid Prem
- Burton 1, first in Mid 2
- Belper Badgers, first in Derbys Div 1
- Burton 2, second in Derbys Div 1
- Derby Asterdale 2, first in Derbys Div 2
- Matlock 4, second in Derbys Div 2
- Matlock 5, first in Derbys Div 3
- Ashbourne 4, second in Derbys Div 3

#### Boys (EH Club competitions)

- Belper U12 Mini, Derbys Winners
- Burton U10 Mini, Derbys Winners

#### Girls (EH Club competitions)

- Belper U18 National Winners for the 4<sup>th</sup> successive year
- Belper U12 Mini, Derbys Winners
- Burton U10 Mini, Derbys Winners

#### Indoor Hockey

- Belper U18 Girls, National Winners for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year

#### Derbyshire JAC

- Derbyshire U17 JAC, second in National JAC

#### Schoolboys

- Repton U18 Midlands, National Winners
- Trent U18 Derbys Winners
- Repton U18 Indoors, National Semi-Finalists
- Trent U16 Derbys, Midlands Winners, National Runners-Up
- Ecclesbourne U16 Derbys Runners-Up, National quarter-finalists
- Trent U14 Derbys Winners
- Repton U14 Derbys Runners-Up
- Mini U13 - not done
- Mini U11 - not done

#### Schoolgirls

- Repton U18 Derbys, Midlands, National Winners (6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year)
- Repton U18 Indoors Midlands, National Winners
- Trent U18 Derbys Runners-Up
- Trent U16 Derbys, Midlands, National Winners
- Repton U16 Indoors, Midlands Winners
- Highfields U16 Derbys Runners-Up
- Trent U14 Derbys Winners
- Repton U14 Derbys Runners-Up
- Mini U13 - not done
- Mini U11 - not done

#### Hockey in Derbyshire

In Derbyshire, there are 10 Men's clubs making up 39 teams and 13 Women's clubs making up 33 teams (a total of 72 teams). That means over 792 people are playing league hockey every week; in addition there are all the junior hockey players both at clubs and at schools.

#### Future of Derbyshire Hockey

I stated this in my first report three years ago and it is still true today.

'The critical path for the future development of hockey in Derbyshire will depend ultimately on the number and quality of COVs (Coaches, Officials and Volunteers) in clubs and schools. We get funding through Derbyshire Sport (plus lots of help and advice), we rely a lot on the RDM and HDO, and PDMs, SDOs, CSDOs, SSCOs and PLTs can and are doing great work as facilitators, but without COVs there will be no development. We have a lot of COVs but we need more. There are still some Derbyshire Clubs not doing Junior Hockey.'

## Treasurer's Report A.G.M. 17 May 2010

It has been another busy year. The financial structure for the Single System is now in place and working well. The main priority here is to build up funds through training and match fees to make the system self sustaining when the funding from England Hockey ceases. The single System grant for 2009/10 was received in the 2008/09 financial year, hence the large balance in the 2008/09 accounts. This money will be spent in 09/10. All Junior Representative Teams will have new kit for 2009/10 season funded from training fees initially.

We continue to hold development grant monies which were allocated to Area Groups. The first installment of that money was paid out in 2008/09 but most areas have still to produce their Monitoring and Evaluation Form to trigger payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment. Areas are reminded that this form is available for download on the website. It is an appropriate time to remind clubs that they need to work within their area group to seek funding from all possible sources to continue and sustain their current coaching programmes. Clubs are urged to maintain a dialogue with their SDOs and PDMs re funding and development. At the current time there are no further grant monies available from the DHA. If any does become available then clubs/areas will be notified.

The accounts presented are those for 2008/09 as our financial year ends on 31 August and have been audited and found correct by P Palfreyman our auditor. As previously mentioned income significantly outweighs expenditure due to the advance payment of the Single System Grant and the second installments of the Development Grant which are yet to be paid.

My thanks to all those who have sent in monies, claim forms and invoices promptly. Reminder that Single System Claim forms should give details of coaching hours, mileage details and whether the coach is Level 1 or Level 2.

### Affiliation Fees 2010/11

England Hockey Affiliation Fees are £180 per team. Clubs will be invoiced directly. Forms are also available on the EH website. MRHA fees have not yet been decided and will be notified later. Affiliations to Derbyshire for Clubs will remain the same. Changes to Schools Affiliations at EH level and Midlands level will mean we have to review our School Affiliation fee once the situation becomes clearer.

Ann Lindsay, DHA Treasurer

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## Derbyshire JDC Report 2009/10

Junior Development Centres took place from September to December in the South at Foremarke School, in the middle at Wirksworth and in the North at Chesterfield for boys and girls up to the age of 17. Coaching followed the curriculum set down by England Hockey. Information on these was sent to every school within the County and places on the Derbyshire hockey website.

All sessions were led by a Level Two coach, with support from other coaches and assistants, which did stretch our resources. Foremark was led by Tony Collier and Sarah Abel, Wirksworth by Helen Greer and Chesterfield by Mark Fonseca. Many thanks for all those coaches and volunteers who did such a wonderful job.

Numbers attending the three centre centres were 69 at Foremark, 98 at Wirksworth and 57 at Chesterfield, making 224 in total. All players were assessed at the centres and also had the opportunity to play in games with those in the same age groups. Following this players were selected to attend the Junior Academy Centres for their age group.

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## County Boys Report 2009/10

Another busy season for the Boys!

Not quite sure when one season ends and another begins!

8 – 10 boys at each age group were invited to attend the JRPC over last summer. Those that attended found the coaching variable in quality with some very good feedback and unfortunately some was very poor. Only two boys were invited to attend HiPac – Jacob Bullock and Tom Lush from Belper HC. Joe Sharp played in the Futures Cup and has again been selected for the England U16 team.

Dougie Campbell has made the Scotland U18 squad.

Congratulations to them all

The Hockey Development group followed straight on from last season with the plans for JDCs for 2009/10 season lead again by Laura Loeber. A sub group was established to compile the booklet with all details of the Single System within the County ready to be distributed to all schools and clubs before the end of the summer term.

Sponsorship was not forthcoming for much needed new kit and it was, therefore, agreed that DHA would provide funds.

JDCs were run successfully again in three centres covering the County and in spite of tremendous efforts in establishing these dates and fantastic work from all the coaches involved numbers, particularly for the boys, was disappointing.

After Christmas, for personal reasons, Laura had to step down as lead for the Single System group. Thanks to her organisation everything was in place for us to continue although we have all missed her very much.

Three JACs were run for the boys

U13s lead by Simon Clague

U14s/15s –lead by Tony Collier and managed by Judy Hooker

U16s/17s – lead by Tom Williams and managed by Sally Cozens

Unfortunately the weather in January caused some sessions to be cancelled but the sessions were all well received and there has been some very positive feedback from players and parents. Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

Sadly, at each age group, and in spite of very close games all three teams ended up in Tier 2 for the classification competition but the U13s and U15s finished top of their group and U17s second.

Assessments have been completed for all players and sent to MRHA. We are hoping that many will be asked to go to the JRPC again this year.

The Single System has been a huge amount of work for all those involved and we wish to thank everyone in the group for their tremendous effort. It is a serious concern for next season that we will not have enough people volunteering to take this commitment on and sadly this is the only path our players have to the next level for their hockey.

It has also been mentioned that the Single System in its present form does take players away from Club activity over many weekends -we have been unable to arrange coaching mid-week due to lack of pitch and coach availability.

### Club competitions

- U10s – Belper and Burton made it to the Regional round Where Burton lost to Beeston in the semi finals on penalties and Belper came third
- U12s – Belper beat Burton in the County round and lost in the quarter finals of the regional round  
It is a shame that only Belper and Burton clubs in the County entered teams in the Minis.  
No School Mini competition was held as no-one volunteered to organise it
- U14s – Belper came top of their group in the qualifying round in November progressing to the regional championships in April .  
This age group competed in the new format and although the idea of a league is good in principle in the East Midlands area there are just not enough clubs who can field 11 a side at club level at under 14 age groups. This made arranging training matches difficult
- U16s – Cup competition –Belper were beaten in round three by Sheffield  
Plate competition – Burton beaten in round three by Coventry and N. Warks
- U18s – Cup competition – Belper beaten in Round four by Doncaster  
Plate competition – Derwent beaten in Round two by S. Notts

### National Schools Competition

- U14s – Repton and Trent qualified in the County round but lost at the Regional round
- U16s – Trent and Ecclesbourne qualified at the County round and went on to come first and second at the Regional round so qualifying for the National finals. Ecclesbourne were knocked out in the group stage but Trent made it to the Final where they were sadly beaten on penalty flicks by Cranleigh school. An amazing achievement for Ecclesbourne school which still has very limited sports facilities.
- U18s – Repton were the winners at the National Finals  
Congratulations to everyone involved – the County was extremely well represented which is a credit to them all

### Club Indoor Hockey

Belper U16s and U18s were the only Derbyshire teams to enter this competition and had close fought games but didn't make it through the Regional Tournament

That concludes another busy and enjoyable year of boys hockey in Derbyshire.

Apologies if we have missed anyone out of this report

Thank you to everyone for their continued support

**Sally Cozens and Judy Hooker (May 2010)**

## County Girls Report

This is the first year for full implementation of the England Hockey Board single system. The 'County' system is now covered by the Junior Academies or JACs. Players at the JACs are there either through recommendation from the Junior Development Centres or are dropping back one level from the Junior Regional Performance Centres or JRPCs.

Numbers for girls attending the Junior Academies have remained reasonably healthy and teams have competed at U13, U14, U15 and U17 age groups. All training for the Girls took place at Wirksworth Leisure Centre. The number of training sessions this year was limited by poor weather conditions in January and February with frozen pitches making training impossible. Most of the age groups only trained together twice before selection for matches had to take place. The U13 squad only managed one training session, which makes team selection difficult. As the JACs don't start until after Christmas it is inevitable that this is a situation that will occur each year.

The development matches for the Derbyshire JACs took place in March and the results for all the age groups were very good with Derbyshire Girls winning the majority of their matches. The development matches are very important opportunities to field players who will benefit from the match experience rather than just playing the strongest team available. It is unfortunate that with only two development fixtures in the calendar some players weren't able to play as much competitive hockey as would have been desired. In previous years there have been more 'friendly' fixtures that allowed players to gain experience and develop confidence before the serious job of selecting a team for the Midlands Tournament. It is felt that the current format with fewer friendly fixtures is favouring the stronger players and limits the opportunities to bring on the less experienced members of the squad.

Up until this year Counties have turned up to play in a Midlands Tournament to compete for the title of Midlands Champions. This year the competition was split over two days and different weekends. The results of matches at the first event, the Qualification Tournament, determined whether counties were competing at the second event, the Classification Tournament for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place or 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. Fortunately for Derbyshire Girls all the JAC age groups qualified to compete for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. The results of the Classification Tournaments were excellent with the U13 and U14 girls finishing in first place as Midlands Champions. The U15 girls were runners up and the U17 girls won their competition by beating local rivals Nottingham in an excellent final match that went to penalty flicks! In winning the Midlands Title the U17 girls qualified for the JAC National finals held at Cannock on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. At the Nationals the U17 Girls played some superb hockey and were unlucky not to take the National Title just losing out to Somerset on goal difference. It was particularly encouraging to see that the Derbyshire U17 Girls team was made up of players that had been with the squad from the beginning of the year and the team spirit was fantastic.

Some of the Derbyshire JAC Girls have been successful in other competitions playing either for school or club. Belper Ladies won both the U18 Indoor and EH Cup club competitions, Repton won the School's U18 Indoor Title and the U18 National Schools Competition and two U17 players represented Trent College when they won the U16 National Schools Title. In addition to this one player was selected as a young umpire to represent the Midlands at the National Mini Hockey Finals.

Junior hockey in Derbyshire is very strong, as clearly demonstrated by competition success. However, the new system has not been without its challenges. Five years ago County hockey could be run with information written on two sheets of A4 paper and a list of contact telephone numbers. This year the volume of paperwork has increased exponentially and the workload for the coaches and managers has been enormous. Almost everyone involved in running the JDCs and JACs is a volunteer and the majority have work and family commitments. The system would definitely be easier to run if there were a few more volunteers to spread the workload but as everyone knows attracting new volunteers can be very hard.

Despite the frustrations caused by the new single system it has been a very rewarding year for Derbyshire Girls hockey and thanks must go to all the players, coaches, managers and parents who have made this season such a huge success.

Liz English  
Manager U17 Girls JAC

#### **Coach – Helen Greer and Manager – Liz English**

##### **Results from U17 Girls**

2 training sessions  
2 hours per session  
2 coaches per session  
Average attendance 22

##### **Team training session prior to Qualification Tournament**

**11/04/10**

2 hours session  
2 coaches at session  
13 attended

##### **Development fixture 14/03/10**

Derbys vs Northants – Won 5-3  
Derbys vs Leics – Drew 1-1

##### **Development fixture 21/03/10**

Derbys vs Notts – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Shrops – Won 2-0

#### **Coaches – Alison Sutherland & Anne Morgan**

##### **Results from U15 Girls**

3 training sessions (U15 & U14 girls training together)  
2 hours per session  
3 coaches per session  
Average attendance 30

##### **Development fixture 14/03/10**

Derbys vs Worcs – Won 3-0

##### **Qualification Tournament 28/03/10**

Derbys vs Staffs – Won 4-0  
Derbys vs Shrops – Won 4-1  
Derbys vs Notts – Lost 2-0

##### **Classification Tournament 25/04/10**

Semi final – Derbys vs Worcs – Won 1-0  
Final – Derbys vs Notts – Won 2-2  
3-1 on flicks

##### **Midlands Champions**

##### **National Finals 8/9 May 2010**

Derbys vs Humberside – Won 4-0  
Derbys vs Kent – Won 3-2  
Derbys vs Surrey – Won 2-1  
Derbys vs Somerset – Drew 0-0

Somerset and Derbys finished equal on points with 10 each  
Somerset took National Title on goal difference  
Derbyshire U17 Girls Runners Up

Derbys vs Warks – Lost 2-0

##### **Development fixture 28/03/10**

Derbys vs Notts – Won 2-1  
Derbys vs West Mids – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Leic – Lost 3-2

##### **Qualification Tournament 25/04/10**

Derbys vs Staffs – Won 4-1

Derbys vs West Mids – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Shrops – Won 4-0  
Derbys vs Worcs – Drew 1-1

Position in group 1<sup>st</sup>  
Points – 10  
Goals for – 10  
Goals against – 2

#### **Coach – Sarah Abel**

Results from U14 Girls

3 training sessions – U14 & U15 girls training together  
2 hours per session  
3 coaches per session  
Average attendance 30

#### **Development fixture – 14/03/10**

Derbys vs Staffs – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Shrops – Lost 2-1

#### **Qualification Tournament – 28/03/10**

Derbys vs Warks – Won 3-0  
Derbys vs Northants – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Leics & Rutland- Won 3-0

#### **Coaches – Nicky Camfield & Gaye Smedley**

Results from U13 Girls

1 training session  
2 hour session  
2 coaches  
28 girls attended

#### **Training session prior to Classification Tournament - 17/04/10**

2 hour session  
2 coaches  
16 girls attended

#### **Development fixture – 14/03/10**

Derbys a vs Lichfield

#### **Classification Tournament 02/05/10**

Derbys vs Leic – Lost 2-0  
Derbys vs Notts – Won 4-0  
Derbys vs Worcs – Won 3-1

Position in group 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Points – 6  
Goals for – 7  
Goals against – 3

Position in group 1<sup>st</sup>

Points – 9  
Goals for – 9  
Goals against – 0

#### **Classification Tournament 25/04/10**

Derbys vs Shrops – Drew 0-0  
Derbys vs Staffs – Won 3-0  
Result from Leic & Rutland match carried over

Position in group 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Midlands Champions**

Points – 7  
Goals for – 6  
Goals against – 0

Derbys b vs Lichfield

#### **Qualification Tournament – 28/03/10**

Derbys vs Leic – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Notts – Won 2-1  
Derbys vs Beds – Won 2-0

#### **Classification Tournament – 25/04/10**

Derbys vs Staffs – Won 1-0  
Derbys vs Warks – Drew 0-0  
Result from Qualification Tournament carried over

Position in group 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Midlands Champions**

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## **England Hockey (Jamie Fleet) – Midlands Update**

### **Single System Implementation**

#### ***JDCs and JACs***

2009/10 saw many counties increasing the number of JDC's that they ran. Many counties have now got an idea of how many centres they need to run to satisfy the demand in their areas and the numbers they have at each age group. Counties are now busy putting in place their plans for the 2010 JDCs and many counties are now delivering in line with the centralised calendar which is great news. The 2010 JAC programme has just come to an end and many young people experienced great coaching and match experience from the programme across the Midlands. Thanks to all the people who have made the Midlands Single System programme run so well.

Derbyshire ran Junior Development Centres across the county at 4/5 sites catering for boys and girls in all age groups.

Junior Academy sides trained and competed in specific age groups and thank you to all those volunteers who sorted venues, officials and individually supported the running on the tournaments.

#### ***JRPCs***

The JRPC programme kicks off again at the end of June across the summer at the two Midlands JRPC centres – Nottingham (Highfields) and North Birmingham (Cannock HC). Most coaches and Centrally Contracted coaches have now been appointed and nominations from JAC are currently taking place.

### ***Centralised Calendar***

Following extensive feedback from last year's calendar, the document has been re-formatted and much of the content changed and the latest calendar has been released this week. It is downloadable from the EHB website [www.englishockey.co.uk/calendar](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/calendar). Any feedback on this version can be sent to your regional office, development officer or direct to Melissa Bennett for consideration for next year's calendar.

### **ClubsFirst & Club School Links**

Across the Midlands we now have approximately 35 ClubsFirst accredited Clubs, with 30 formal Club School links set up. Congratulations go to all of these clubs who continue working hard to ensure that they are safe, effective and child friendly clubs.

In Derbyshire we have the following accredited clubs;

- Belper Ladies
- Belper Men
- Burton
- Buxton
- Chesterfield
- Matlock Baileans

The following are working towards;

- Derwent, Ashbourne, Derby Asterdale, Ramgarhia.

Any other clubs who wish to begin process please contact us asap.

### **Quicksticks**

We have delivered Quicksticks courses across many of our Club School Link partnerships and the teachers and coaches that have attended the courses have very much enjoyed it and have gone back to their schools and clubs and delivered Quicksticks. We have a number of funding packages still available for Club School Links to access to run a Quicksticks Inset course and offer great resources to the teachers and coaches who will be out delivering the game. Please get in touch with your Development Officer to find out if you are eligible.

We have run courses in the county with Belper, Matlock clubs and thank you to both clubs and schools in supporting festivals and developing the game in primary schools.

### **Coaching**

We have run a comprehensive programme of Level 1 and Level 2 courses and are currently planning the course programme from Sept 2010 to Aug 2011 and this will be released once it has all been confirmed and registered. Our centrally contracted coach educators Graham Burgess and Graham Chesterman have been working hard to get new coach educators qualified to help deliver our coaching programme and also to help mentor and develop our coaches through the JRPCs.

We ran a level one at Shobnall recently and a level one and two at Derby College last year. Further courses will be run in the county in the next 12 months.

A Foundation Skills workshop will be run in June as well.

### **Midlands Youth Panel**

The Midlands Youth Panel recruited new members in December, and so now consists of Ali Crewe-Smith, Alex Bandurak, Vicki Smith, Amy Matharou, Jamie Hooper and Jonathan Oldham.

### **Midlands Minis Festivals**

This year saw the first year of the clubs and schools competitions being separated, so we ran 4 separate festivals this year (Schools U11s & U13s and Clubs U10s and U12s). Many thanks must go to several groups of people for making these festivals happen this year, Midlands Schools and Youth, Midlands RHA, EHB Midlands Office Staff, Midlands Youth Panel and Midlands Regional Young Umpire Action Group. Everyone worked very hard to make these festivals a great success, so many thanks.

### **Midlands Regional Young Umpiring Action Group (MRYUAG)**

The MRYUAG continues to do some great development work with young umpires under the guidance of John Lichfield and Margaret McLoughlin. The past season has seen them start to integrate into the new single system activity and we look forward to this developing over the coming seasons to provide a clear and consistent development opportunity and pathway for all young umpires who wish to progress.

### **Midlands Office – Staff Changes**

2009/10 has seen Jo Duff (Midlands Regional Manager) moving onwards and upwards to pastures new as National Manager for Young People and Students. The role has been covered by Emma Hewitt from December until May and now Simon Dowdy has been appointed as our new manager. Simon joins us from a rowing background and is gradually getting out meeting people.

### **General England Hockey Updates**

#### **Club engagement**

As you may be aware we are now underway with our current strategy 2009-2013. Delivery began in September 2009 and we have spent the last six months working to implement processes which will see us working with clubs to achieve success for hockey in England over the next four years.

A significant priority for the England Hockey Board (EHB) is to offer improved services for our clubs, and we are particularly keen to develop stronger relationships with all clubs. As such, we have recently rolled out Club Engagement which we hope will begin to establish a more structured and continuous two way dialogue between EHB and clubs. We wish to gain better insight into clubs to gain some clarity on priorities and to establish what exactly clubs want from the governing body. Club Engagement aims to visit all clubs by 2013, and we would like to offer you the opportunity to be part of Club Engagement. I am sure you can appreciate, we will of course aim to service all clubs needs as quickly as possible but the aim of the visit is to establish the main things clubs need and to implement resources from a national level. This customer insight may not offer a quick fix to many problems, but aims to implement long term sustainable solutions.

## Re-Branding

England Hockey rebranded to The England Hockey Board recently and designed and adopted new logos for both the National Governing Body and the National Squads. The idea behind the re-branding is to distinguish between the governing body and the national squads and also to change our brand and identity to something that links strongly to England, using the 3 lions on the new logo.

## Safeguarding

England Hockey Board's new document called Respect has just been launched, this is the new Code of Ethics and Behaviour. This is being circulated via our networks, if you would like to receive a copy then please contact the regional office or your development officer.

## Awards Night

The England Hockey Board's Awards night takes place on June 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 at The Crown Plaza hotel in Nottingham, we hope to see many of you there. Tickets are available by contacting head office.

## Women's Champions Trophy 2010

Planning continues for the Women's Champions Trophy, to be held at Highfields from 10-18 July 2010. Over 15,000 people are expected to attend the event during the course of nine days where the top six women's countries in the world are set to compete for the champion's title. A men's test series will also run alongside the event, along with various other complementary activities.

Quicksticks & Mini hockey will be demonstrated at the event and Derbyshire u12s boys and girls mini winners will be invited to the event on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Derbyshire Sport will be inviting schools to the pre-event QuickStix festival on the 10<sup>th</sup> July as well.

If there are any issues (either in this report or in general) that members wish to have clarified or would like to discuss further please feel free to get in touch. As your Regional Office, we are all here to offer you all as much help and support as possible!

*(Emma Hewitt) & Simon Dowdy  
Midlands Regional Manager*

## Discipline Administrator's Report

Date	Offender	Club	Offence	Penalty Suspension
Offences recorded by registered umpires:				
3-10-2009	Rav Manku	Ramgarhia	MMO b)	30 Days
17-10-2009	Matthew Rowe	Belper	Red a)	16 Days
31-10-2009	Andy Evans	Barton	Red a)	16 Days
5-12-2009	Stuart Macleod	Rolls Royce	Red b)	30 Days
27-3-2010	Andrew Wood	Derwent	Red a)	16 Days
Offences reported by an un-registered umpire:				
27-3-2010	Ryan Healey	Burton	Red a)	16 Days
27-3-2010	John Healey	Burton	MMO changed to Disrepute	30 Days
27-3-2010	Richard Bullock	Burton	None - but withdrew team	1 year as Captain
Note that the above suspensions have been applied by Burton H.C. in accordance with DHA recommendations and with full consultation with DHA CDA and Midlands CDO. Suspensions commence 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010.				

## Derbyshire Women's Hockey League Association

The Derbyshire League is made up of 25 teams split within 3 divisions.

Belper Badgers were the winners of Division 1 and will take part in the Midlands Feeder League next season.

The title for Division 2 was a closely fought battle between Derby Asterdale 2nds and Matlock 4ths with Asterdale winning the league on goal difference.

Division 3 winners were Matlock 5<sup>th</sup> team.

Unfortunately Ashbourne 1sts and Staveley 1sts were relegated from the Midlands Feeder League so will be returning to County hockey next season.

## Derbyshire Schools Hockey Report 2009-2010.

Derbyshire Schools have enjoyed another excellent season, with individuals and schools gaining territorial and national recognition. There are small clusters of Inter School activity around the county. An increasing number of boys and girls are accessing club and single system hockey.

Annual Girls County Tournaments -The U14 and U16 Tournaments were organised by Tessa (pe teacher from AGell) and played on the 2 astros at Tupton Hall.

#### U14 Tournament

- 1st ACS 19 points goals +13
- 2nd Lady Manners 19 points +11 goals
- 3rd Woodlands 12 points +5 goals
- 4th St Marys 12 points +3 goals
- 5th QUEGS 11 points
- 6th Highfields 4 points
- 7th Tupton 0 points

#### U16 Tournament

- 1st St Mary's Chesterfield
- 2nd Lady Manners
- 3rd QEGS
- 4th Tupton

**Ecclesbourne U16 Boys** played Trent College in the Midlands event and reached the quarter finals of the national tournament

#### **2009/10 Repton School Team Honours**

National U18 Hockey Champions (Boys) - First time National U18 Hockey Champions (Girls) - Sixth consecutive title National U18 Indoor Hockey Champions (Girls) - First time National U18 Indoor Hockey Semi-Finalists (Boys) National U16 Indoor Hockey Finalists (Girls) - After becoming Midlands U16 Indoor Champions for the first time Midland U14 Semi-Finalists (Boys)

#### **2009/10 Repton School International Honours**

Jo Leigh and Shona McCallin - Represented England U18 in the European Four Nations Tournament Shona McCallin - Invited to train with England U21 Will Byas - England U18 Squad Rhiannon Rogers - Represented the Senior Welsh Indoor Team at the European Indoor Trophy and Represented Wales U18 Wiz Mumby - Wales U18 Jeremy Williams - Wales U18 Training Squad Sophie Hawkins - England U18 Training Squad Michael Guest - Represented Brazil Senior Mens Team Megan Byas - England U16 Training Squad

#### **2009-2010 Trent College Honours**

U14 Girls and Boys represented Derbys at the Midlands Tournament as did the U18 Girls and Boys. Boys U16 won the midlands tournament and came runners up in the national final. The Girls became U16 National Champions for the first time.

#### **2009-2010 Trent College International Honours**

England U16 Trialists- Elice McNair, Kirn Leiper, Elizabeth Honarmand, Katie Hopkinson

Other players have gained territorial and national recognition through the single system. At the time of printing the names were not available to me but with overlaps in information should be in the single system report.

**Dawn Moore Schools Secretary**