Chair’s report

*I want to thank the Committee for the work that’s been done this year, and particularly for cracking on in my absence in recent weeks as I have been dragged away by work. I’ve enjoyed being involved and working with you all and it’s been fantastic to see how passionate everyone in the group is about the welfare and longevity of the club, however as the last few months have shown it simply isn’t sustainable for me alongside work and I’m not someone who feels able to do ‘half a job’. I hope that you’re able to find a new Chair who has more time to commit to the work you are doing. I of course remain a supporter of the club (and hopefully occasional player) and will continue to help in any way that I can.*

*It’s been a mixed year on the pitch of course with some great success and promotion within the ladies section whilst some of the men’s teams have had a tough year. This was always a strong possibility with the league structure changing and I hope is therefore a temporary issue. Can I also thank the coaches and other volunteers who have worked so hard to keep the teams going and organised throughout the year.*

*I was pleased that as a committee we were able to trial increases in pitch time for training and I hope that this has been financially sustainable and is worth continuing. Obviously the pitch continues to be a priority and I believe has risen up the agenda for the Council in recent months, though they are now distracted by elections. I will get back in touch with them after May 2nd for further updates.*

*Finally, I think that priorities for the coming year should include increasing engagement and development for new coaches and umpires, and adding to our repertoire with some of the new programmes that had been discussed such as family sessions and walking hockey with a view to increasing membership and engagement in the community, along with obviously continuing to seek a new playing surface.*

*A big thank you to everyone who has worked hard for the club this season.*