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## Minutes of Ladies Section AGM Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via ZOOM

Attendees	Matt Jaynes (Coach) Karen Walker (Ladies Rep) Helen Ayres (Section Captain) Cerys Godwin Gemma Greenwood Maddie Miles-Kingston Hannah Kenwright Charlie Clayton Lucy Richens Chloe Hickey	MJ KW HA CG GG MMK HK CC LR CH
Apologies	Alice Walker	
Standing Items	<p>1. Minutes from previous AGM Agreed Social Media – AW manages the Instagram account but HK kindly offered to manage other social media accounts.</p> <p>2. Training and Reflection MJ - No tournament matches for 2020 and training has been affected by Covid-19, however, every player has developed hugely as individuals and as part of the team. Commitment to training has been good with high numbers attending each week. Players have coped well with the stop-start nature of training and have benefitted from working in smaller groups of similar ability. Thanks to Marcus Evans for stepping in to support MJ with training. Numbers – 36 different ladies/girls took part in 33 training sessions. 31 players came to at least 5 sessions with 23 attending at least 10 sessions. Average no. at training each week is 18 since June. There has never been less than 13 at a training session. Thank you to BSRFC for supporting the section by paying for us to train at Newlands, Cheltenham over winter. MJ asked the group if happy to continue training on a Tuesday Eve – <b>All agreed</b></p>	All  MJ

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	<p>MJ thanked everyone for notifying him if they were unable to attend training or arriving late.</p> <p>Highlights – AW/HK/CH help with training under 11's. MJ to continue with training this age group when the lighter evenings come at BSRFC pitches.</p> <p>Discussions were had regarding the age range for the girls section. HA stated caution with lowering the age range. It was agreed that it will continue to be 9yrs and over.</p> <p>HA- thanked MJ and Marcus Evans for the quality of the training and focusing on technique.</p> <p>3. Recruitment and Retention  We currently have sufficient core numbers for the senior section as retention has been good this season. MJ felt that this was due to the welcoming and supportive nature of the group. MJ is conscious that new players may get despondent as there is a gap between newbies and established players . HA suggested having a Saturday morning session for new players where some established players could help out.  CH suggested that the more experienced players are happy to train at times on their own so that MJ can concentrate on coaching the new players. CC agreed with this suggestion as long as they were given moves to practice.  We do need to recruit to the girls &lt;14yrs where there are low numbers.  LR suggested including a piece in the school newsletter. (this action was not allocated)</p> <p>4. Dates for 2021 season  No tournament dates released yet.  Sundog event is set for 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021</p> <p>5. Socials and Tour  CH has kindly volunteered to organise a tour and social events.  HA suggested putting dates in diary. – <b>ACTION CH to arrange.</b></p> <p>6. Awards Evening  This is a big event to organise so HA suggested setting up a sub-committee. <b>ACTION – HA to set up.</b>  HK suggested that if unable to have a Black Tie evening due to no tournaments that we have a themed social evening with spoof awards.  CC asked if we could have a dinner and dance even without awards.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MJ</p> <p>ALL</p>
<p>Agenda items</p>	<p>1. Membership</p>	<p>KW</p>

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	<p>KW confirmed that membership will now be due in September to bring in line with membership for all other sections of the club. We have therefore had an additional 6 months added to our 2020 membership.</p> <p>For 2021/22 season membership remains at £40 for &gt;14yrs and £20 for 13yrs and under. HA will be collecting subs so please support her by ensuring fees are paid by the end of September. As in previous years anyone who has not paid their subs they will not be able to play in tournaments. However, <b>all</b> players must pay their subs even if they don't wish to take part in tournaments. KW confirmed that being a member of the club entitles players to free physio treatment during the senior men's season and cheaper drinks at the bar and that the money is vital to support the club financially.</p> <p>2. Under 14yrs</p> <p>KW stated that concerns had been raised by some players over the introduction of 11-13yrs players to the senior section around Health and Safety and ability. KW/MJ and Kieran Matty DoR, have met to discuss concerns. England Touch Association (ETA) do not have a minimum age level but MLTL does with no child under 14yrs able to play in tournaments. It was therefore agreed that &gt;14yrs can train with the senior ladies providing a consent form was completed by Coach, DoR and parent and that this form clearly states that any time the coach feels that the child no longer benefits from being in the senior training they go back to the girl's section.</p> <p>CG felt that now senior training was split into 2 ability groups things have improved, however, is concerned that having a number of young players may affect numbers available for tournaments.</p> <p>HK has concerns that the &lt;14yrs can affect the skills of the senior players.</p> <p>CH has no concerns over health and safety but feels bad for the youngsters when training on moves that they don't yet know.</p> <p>HA stated that the Pros for them joining is that they have improved greatly but the Cons as a mother is there is no relief from being a parent.</p> <p>MJ thinks that the &lt;14yrs should be treated the same as any new player and will continue with the training to reflect this. He feels</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>KW</p>
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	<p>that those aged 12 and over have a much greater ability than the under 11s  LR is happy for the &lt;14yrs to continue to train if the majority of seniors are happy.</p> <p>3. Change of Ladies Rep.  KW confirmed that she is to step down as Ladies Rep and is hanging up her boots. HA has kindly agreed to take on this role to represent the section at the BSRFC Executive Committee Meetings. CH and HA both expressed their thanks to KW.</p>	
	<p>AOB  Congratulations to Laura Buffin on the birth of her daughter Sophie Rae, a potential new player for the future.  CG asked if the more experienced players could have the odd Saturday morning training session. HA thinks this a good idea as a pre-tournament session. <b>ACTION – MJ to review this season</b></p>	
	<p>Date for next AGM to be set nearer the time</p>	<p>HA</p>