**Gosport Borough Hockey Club**

**President’s Report to the AGM 27th April 2018**

As the President my main roles are to support the Chairman, represent the club with outside bodies and have some oversight of disciplinary matters. I also hold roles as the club discipline officer, the manager of the 1898s at the start of the season and undertaking some umpiring duties both for the 1898s and the Juniors.

The main issues that I have had an involvement in this year are:

* The decision before Xmas to take the men’s and women’s 3rd teams out of the league as a result of our inability to field full teams each week for either. This was particularly hard for me as I have played for and managed the 1898’s since their inception over 20 years ago. I hope that we are able to reinstate either or both teams for next season, but this will need all of us to work hard at recruiting new members.
* The award of Clubmark by English Hockey. Clubmark stands for higher standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management in community sports clubs and we were one of the first clubs in Hampshire to be awarded this accreditation, having previously held its predecessor, ClubFirst. It provides reassurance to club members and parents that the club operates to high standards. The work involved in delivering this is significant, including writing a new club development plan, and I am grateful to Donna for all her hard work in helping to achieve this.
* Participating in the initial phases of the walking hockey at Holbrook Leisure Centre, which now seems to be well established with 10-12 participants every week.
* Having organised the team for the Sevenoaks Veterans tournament last May I am grateful to Pete for taking over the organisation this year.

I am pleased to report that there have been no significant disciplinary issues this season for me to deal with and in particular no red cards.