

Dear Member Clubs, Districts, Members and Volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and ask for your support in helping elect me as President of Scottish Hockey.

Some of you may know me, many won't, so let me make you aware of my recent activities within our sport.

I have been President of West Men for the last three years during which time my Committee and I have driven our sport forward on an agenda of compromise, inclusivity and accessibility.

Compromise has entailed listening to our clubs and individual members which has also required us to adapt in many cases and take on a more modern and proactive attitude towards our sport.

Inclusivity is linked to taking the lead in Parahockey which brings a new outlook to our sport along with a large group of interested, highly motivated and deserving people, as well as our willingness to utilise the best individuals within West District onto our committee regardless of gender.

Accessibility covers our decision to ring fence monies raised via sponsorship either directly or indirectly for youth at both festival and Inter District level whilst assisting underprivileged children who may otherwise struggle to enter our sport.

In addition to emphasising our core values I have ensured our various conveners have ownership of their portfolio whilst emphasising to clubs this is their District and their input is not only required but welcomed whilst also spending time attempting to improve West's standing with Scottish Hockey. I also ensured we as a District supported the new Core system, and am still a believer in both the system and concept, and look forward to it being fully operational in the not too distant future. That combined with my willingness to work on behalf all clubs, districts and members to ensure they are represented strongly within Scottish Hockey will hopefully appeal to you and your clubs to support me in this venture.

I see the role of SHU President as member appointed to act as a bridge between the clubs and Scottish Hockey to ensure as little conflict as possible, whilst providing members and clubs with greater transparency through myself and my preferred Vice President, should either of us be successful in being elected.

I appreciate I have spoken a lot about how my committee and I have evolved West Hockey but hope it shows clearly how a good team ethic can benefit our sport.

I have been involved with hockey for many years starting as a player before moving to umpiring and have also been involved in many areas of our sport including the committee of 'World Cities' indoor events, holding various positions in the West including Secretary, Discipline Convenor and President whilst also helping SHU out on discipline panels.

On a professional note I am the Managing Director of my family business whilst also running my own business so have the ability to allocate my time as required.

Should anybody have any questions or ideas they would like to discuss before the AGM please don't hesitate to call me on 07887 568084 or email info@amsdisposables.co.uk

Finally I would like to thank Western, Kelburne and Greenock from the West, Dunfermline Carnegie from the East and Monarchs from the Midlands for their generous support in proposing me.

Kind regards

John MacKenzie