

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at
7:30 pm on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Richard Skippings (RSk Chair, Minutes)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Gill Meachen (GM)
Christine Renshaw (CR)
Ross Anderson (RA)
Alistair Copeland (AC)

1. Apologies:

Julie Blogg, Richard Sykes

2. Approval of previous minutes.

Amended to show Ross Anderson apologies; these were then approved as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

No matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Presidents Report:

Not present but sent notes in advance;

- a) An issue had arisen over the consistency of L1 assessments. It was reiterated that these could only be carried out by either a L2 or higher umpire or a L1 umpire coach. Assessors must be a member of either the YHUA or NHUA. It was agreed that DS would seek clarification from England Hockey on the advice they are issuing to L1 candidates on the assessment procedure;
- b) Radios – still to be recovered from:
 1. Stuart Rawlings – RA to chase
 2. Stuart Brown – GM to chase
 3. Peter Thompson – ask to bring to AGM; AC will contact;
 4. Steve Ball – returned to AC
 5. North have an agreement about the radios and we should to send it out to YHUA neutrals, reminding people that they have agreed that the radio is not their property and if it needs a repair they must pay the £25. If it turns out to be a fault with the radio the money will be refunded. AC to discuss with JB;
- c) Crowd behaviour guidance for umpires – it was agreed that this should be added to the agenda for the pre-season umpires briefing session;

- d) NHUA – have asked if YHUA will contribute £60/year for a counter to be added to the website site to record how many games umpires have done. This can be used to offer recognition of landmark events such as 100 games etc. Agreed to pay £60 pa.
- e) List of current YHUA members – RA will contact JB

5. Treasurers Report:

- a) The association has a healthy current account balance although there are still many claims to be processed;
- b) *NHUA will increase their contribution this season?*
- c) Payment of expenses electronically – still not been able to progress this but will sort as soon as possible.

6. Secretary's Report:

- a) Notification from England Hockey of the date for the annual Umpiring Conference – Saturday 17 June at The Olympic Park. We normally send two reps. (RSk and JB to agree attendance)
- b) EH have issued guidance on L1 Assessments (attached). See L1 Coordinator notes below;

7. Selection

- a) RS sent apologies and provided a written report.
- b) We have managed to provide neutral umpires for all of the North Division 2 East games throughout the season. The position for the Yorkshire Premier League has not been as good with an average of 2-3 games out of a possible 6 being covered with neutral umpires. The clubs have been understanding about this and have filled in the gap as required with suitably qualified club umpires. Obviously our aim should be to try to cover more of these games in the 2017/18 season if we can.
- c) We have had some new members to the neutral scheme and these are being used and their progress is being tracked through coaching and assessment so that those who wish to progress are able to do so at the appropriate speed. We have also managed with Malcolm's help to get all umpires watched at least once in the season.
- d) Some umpires have raised concerns over the lack of progression between panels;

8. Level 1 Co-ordinator

- a) With the new EH guidance, the L1 Coordinator role has now changed and the need now is for a L1 Assessment Organiser.
- b) RSk advised that he is standing down from the post at the end of the season. RSk to discuss with how best to manage assessments and who should do this with Malcolm Barnes;
- c) EH have confirmed that there is now no “Active/Inactive” designation. The onus is on the club/HUA to ensure that umpires given charge of a match are capable of officiating that match;

9. Coaching Co-ordinator

No report; see AOB;

10. Membership

No report;

11. Any other business

- a) Next meeting on **Thursday** 27 April is the AGM. The following roles are up for election: (Committee nominations in brackets)
 - a. President (Richard Skippings)
 - b. Vice president
 - c. Chair (
 - d. Secretary (Alistair Copeland)
 - e. Treasurer (Ross Anderson)
 - f. Membership secretary (Julie Blogg)
 - g. Umpire Coaching coordinator (Barrie Pollard)
 - h. Selection Panel Men's Neutral scheme Chair (Richard Sykes)
 - i. Selection Panel Chair, Women's neutral scheme (Gill Meachen)
 - j. Elected members (Paul McCormick, Christine Renshaw)
- b) Two awards to be made at the AGM – Martin Black Award and the John Herbert Award (JB to advise from website reports).
- c) AGM notice and invitation to nominate to go out three weeks before the meeting (6 April). This should be by email to all current paid up members; in the Whistler; and on the website (YHUA, NHUA and YHA);
- d) Constitution – can we post a copy on the North website in the YHUA section? AC to follow up with JB and RSk
- e) Rule books – AC to check with EH on availability of the new Rule Book. Send to all paying members for 2017-18 season. JB to advise.

12. AOB

There was no other business

13. Date of next Meetings

Thursday 27th April at Wakefield HC at 7:30 pm.