

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at  
7:30 pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



## **MINUTES**

Present: Dik Skippings (DS)  
Julie Blogg (JB)  
Paul McCormick (PM)  
Richard Sykes (RS)  
Ross Anderson (RA)  
Barrie Pollard (BP)  
Alistair Copeland (AC)  
Gill Meachen (GM)

### **1. Apologies:**

Ellie Skippings (ES), Mike Talbot, Bridget Petty

### **2. Approval of previous minutes.**

The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

PMcC was progressing the retirement gift for John Waddington

### **4. Chair's Report:**

- a) Radios – BP updated on the stock of radios – box of 9 new sets plus 3 working spare sets. PMcC agreed to look after these and keep at Wakefield HC. JB will post the radio agreement on the website and AC will draw up a spreadsheet so that we can track the whereabouts and condition of the radios.
- b) Shirts –The new supplier is FX and they have a dedicated section on their website for YHUA. The neutral umpire shirts, in green and orange, are now being printed and just waiting for YHUA to agree to the payment. These will remain the property of YHUA and be issued to regularly active neutral umpires. Other umpires can purchase YHUA badges shirts in other colours through the website. AC to post information on the website once FX confirm that they are able to supply.

### **5. Treasurers Report:**

- a) It was agreed that we would buy the x shirts for neutral umpires at £1200;
- b) Expenses for attending the national umpiring conference – agreed to contribute to the pay the cost of travel and up to £75 for overnight accommodation if required.

### **6. Secretary's Report:**

- a) Social event – agreed that this would be worth repeating and that a pre season event would be of most value. PMcC to check the availability of Wakefield clubhouse in early September. The agenda this time should be more focused on club umpires and it was agreed that a video analysis session with a high profile umpire would be suitable. BP to approach Lee Barron to lead this. The rest of the agenda might cover – update on the YHUA Club Support scheme and Umpire Developers; feedback from the national conference and update on England Hockey restructuring; shirts inc. distribution to neutrals. AC to finalise the agenda and arrangements, circulate members and post an item on the website.

## **7. Selection**

- a) RS provided an update on the discussion with the Northumberland and Durham HUA. Next season there will be six “Yorkshire” teams and six N and D teams in North Division 2 East so even split for appointments. If we agree to appoint to more then we could consider “Yorkshire” clubs such as Richmond and Marton Furness. RS and BP to meet with the NDHUA in August to agree how to progress this. We might agree to appoint to four matches each weekend if we have the resources available.
- b) We will also be appointing to the Women’s North Division 2 SE League. We may not have the umpires to appoint to all games but we are keen to support a number of umpires who want to progress through the Women’s leagues and will keep under review during the season.
- c) Early season events – Men’s 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cup and Trophy at Weetwood on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Season starts on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## **8. Coaching Co-ordinator**

- a) Umpire development – DS is running an Introduction to Umpiring course at Pickering (ladies club); still getting a poor response from club umpire developers, something we need to work on for next season;
- b) Club Support – **Rotherham and Pickering (check with Barrie)**
- c) Agreed to hold a club Umpire Developer course at Phoenix HC (Aurora SC, Rotherham). DS to sort out with England Hockey, YHA to jointly fund and promote;

## **9. Membership**

- a) No change to the subs – due 1<sup>st</sup> September - £17 for members, £22 for neutrals; AC to email members and ask them to pay by transfer rather than cheque;
- b) JB to provide AC with a monthly update of new members;
- c) Badges – proving hard to sort. JB still researching possible suppliers.

## **10. Young umpiring (DS)**

- a. Several already in the RYUAG scheme.
- b. In conjunction with the Yorkshire Youth hockey League, we are planning a couple of days during the season to get YYHL young umpires together and provide support and advice.

**11. North HUA**

- a. A new website provider is still under negotiation.
- b. Discussion about the new structure continues. There are no changes to the Leagues this season but these will be introduced for the 2019 – 20 season and will have a considerable impact on YHUA activities.
- c.

**12. Report from YHA**

- a. No meetings to report.

**13. Any other business.**

- a. Mike Talbot was unanimously elected as Vice President.

**14. Date of next Meeting**

Tuesday 4 September 7.30 pm at Wakefield SC