

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at  
7:30 pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



## **MINUTES**

Present: Mike Talbot (MT Chair)  
Julie Blogg (JB President)  
Richard Skippings (RS Minutes)  
Ross Anderson (RA Treasurer)  
Peter Thompson (PT)  
Christine Renshaw (CR)  
Gill Meacham (GM)  
Phil Bootland (PB)

### **1. Apologies:**

Peter Fielding (Secretary); Paul McCormick

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

These were approved with minor alterations.

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

- a) Gifts had been sent to Hamish Jamson, Lee Baron, Dan Barstow and Robin Davis to thank them for their help in delivering the New Rules talks.
- b) A note has been sent out to clubs from YHA Competitions to ensure that the umpires they use are properly insured.

### **4. Presidents Report:**

- a) There has been an issue with Level 1 assessments where the correct procedures have not been adhered to. The correct protocol will be reissued. PB has produced a flow diagram outlining the protocols, this draft proposal was discussed and amended. This will be recirculated to the Committee Members for approval before distribution to Assessors and Clubs and posting on the YHUA/YHA websites.
- b) There is a need to replace radios from the North stock for those umpires who have moved to NHUA and to recover the radios from those umpires who are no longer on the neutral panel.
- c) There will be a recommendation to the league that all clubs have an umpire developer from the start of next season.
- d) North would like umpires to declare their insurance. This is through YHUA for members.

- e) New Level 2 umpires are still needed. Six potential candidates for the men were put forward and Robert Scoular was recommended as emergency cover in Div 1. Recommendations are also required for potential Level 2 umpire coaches.
- f) Some clubs think that green cards are being issued instead of yellows. This is probably a mistaken perception as the Yorkshire Premier Div has more yellow cards than any North Div using the same or similar pool of umpires.
- g) In response to an inquiry from a senior umpire it is confirmed that there is no minimum number of players for a game to continue once it has started. There is a minimum of seven required to start a game only. This is true for Yorkshire, North and England Hockey Leagues.
- h) Comments about umpires have been received from certain clubs by e-mail. There is no longer the ability to enter comments on the website.
- i) Umpires moving from another country should pay an administrative fee for arranging accreditation with England Hockey.
- j) The North had asked if YHUA placed a synopsis of committee meetings on the website. This has not been asked for by any club or individual and there is no intention to start as this could only be placed on the website once the minutes had been agreed.

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

- a) £12k in the current account and £5k in the deposit account.
- b) The mandate for signatories has been changed

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

- a) I apologise for the late issues of the Committee Minutes of 08/09/2015. Initially, this was due not having the appropriate software on my ipad. This took some time to sort out and is still an ongoing problem that I need to deal with, hopefully, by the next committee meeting.
- b) FIH rule books. JB sent my tow lists of paid members who had not picked up their copies at the summer training events. The final ones were posted (2<sup>nd</sup> class) on 24/09/2015. I still have some rule books should anyone require one.
- c) I collected YHA handbooks from JB. These were sent out to members on the neutral list and were posted on 07/11/2015. I have 11 handbooks left should anyone still require one.
- d) The Treasure's bank mandate was handed to JB on 07/11/2015 to complete and pass to RA.
- e) When e-mails are received from England Hockey I have forwarded them on to MT and on one occasion to PB as it related to umpire coaching. MT stated that he already received these e-mails direct from EH so did not need them forwarding but JB asked that they be forwarded to her instead.
- f) I received an e-mail from NHUA on 07/10/2015 requesting Level 2 nominations from the counties. This was passed to MT to action and respond.

- g) Radios: E-mail from Robert Bradley on 08/11/2015 forwarded to JB. He has now received his radio. Michael Jackson had not received his radio on 14/11/2015 when I umpired with him. He now has his radio.

## **7. Selection**

- a) Selection going quite well this season so far as there are fewer North Div 2 matches to cover. There has been a problem with Sunday selections for national and masters competitions due to the new North selection secretary not passing down information to the county. This should now be resolved.

## **8. Level 1 Co-ordinator**

- a) There was one Level 1 course since the last meeting at City of York and four individuals had attended a course in Lincolnshire.
- b) It was thought that there had been a course in Sheffield but no information of attendees has been passed on by EH. Attendees have to give their permission for EH to pass on their details.

## **9. Coaching Co-ordinator**

- a) Of the 31 neutral scheme umpires there has been 13 watchings with 10 more planned and 7 assessments with 4 more planned. All but one umpire will be watched or assessed by Christmas.
- b) Five of the six candidates for L2 have been watched in a Div 2E game with one more to be done.
- c) Bernard French has decided to discontinue coaching. Thanks are to be sent to him by the President and the Coaching Coordinator to thank him for his many years' service and a presentation will be made to him at a suitable time, possibly the AGM.
- d) John Francis Moss has joined the coaching team. He completed the umpire developer course and has been mentored by MT.
- e) Lee Baron, Martin Kingston, Phil Bootland and Yvonne McCartney have been nominated for L2 coach.
- f) There are plans for a meeting of the neutral umpires and coaches in the new year. It was agreed that travel expenses would be paid for this event.

## **10. Membership**

Subscriptions have been coming in and we have gained some new members.

## **11. AOB**

- a) Umpire kit is available from Emblazon. A guide to new umpires joining the neutral scheme will be produced to inform them of what is expected of them. CR will pass on her paper to the secretary.
- b) Honorary member. Proposed MT, seconded JB that Jack Warner be made an honorary member of the association. Agreed unanimously.
- c) There have been occasions of poor team and crowd behaviour this season with umpires not understanding the powers that they have and how to implement them.

There is a difficulty in disseminating this information when the umpires are not members of the association. The code of conduct is printed in the Yorkshire handbook and clubs should be made aware of this by YHA. This will help us reinforce the need for every club to have an umpire developer to improve standards throughout the county. Adverse crowd behaviour will impact on the willingness of umpires to continue to turn out, particularly on young umpires.

**12. Date of next Meetings**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Wakefield HC commencing at 7:30 pm