

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at
7:30 pm on Tuesday 15th March 2016 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Mike Talbot (MT Chair)
Julie Blogg (JB President)
Richard Skippings (RS Minutes)
Ross Anderson (RA Treasurer)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Christine Renshaw (CR)
Gill Meacham (GM)
Richard Sykes (RSy)

1. Apologies:

Peter Fielding (Secretary); Peter Thompson; Phil Bootland

2. Approval of previous minutes.

These were approved as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

The Newsletter has been produced and issued.

4. Presidents Report:

- a) Some members have approached me with requests for more get togethers. There is the intention of holding at least a preseason meeting at a venue to be decided.
- b) The North meeting next week has once again been moved to Preston at short notice. This means that I am unable to attend but will be sending in a report including representation about this late change of venue.

5. Treasurers Report:

- a) Copies of the unaudited accounts were issued. The main point to note was that we have been losing approximately £1000 per season. We pay out what the umpires claim for North Div 2E but we are paid a lump sum by the North to cover it.
- b) Umpire expenses should be claimed by 31/05/2016.
- c) The level of subscriptions was discussed and it was decided to leave them as they are.

6. Secretary's Report:

- a) I have decided not to seek re-election at the forthcoming AGM.
- b) I will not be able to attend the AGM as it coincides with the annual Civil Service Hockey Tournament where I have been selected to play.
- c) So far I have not received any notification of next years Committee Members or Officials.
- d) Correspondence
 - i. EH have asked for feedback about the status of umpires
 - ii. EH will be holding a Tutor Training day on Saturday 11th June 2016 with an HUA conference on the Sunday at Warwick University. Anyone staying overnight will require £100 payment to cover accommodation and food. RS will be attending both days and PB to attend on the Sunday.
 - iii. Umpires are required for Hockey Fest on 4/5th June which will be small sided games. Twenty umpires per day will be required and EH will contact the umpires.
 - iv. The North U14 boys finals will require umpires. This will be passed back to the NHUA to appoint as it is a north event. NB: we have already supported and provided umpires for YYHL play offs for U16G, U14B and U16B.
 - v. Nominations forms have been received from EH for Young Umpire, Club Umpire / HUA Lifetime achievement. Any thoughts to be passed to MT

7. Selection

- a) Thanks were expressed to GM for her efforts in running the women's neutral scheme, which she said she would have continued to do so if there were enough umpires to make the scheme viable.
- b) On return of their radios those umpires on the women's scheme who do not transfer to the men's will be reimbursed their contribution. That for Tony Moffatt will be donated to a hospice fund.
- c) PT is will to stay on as chairman for the time being with RSy as assistant to take over.
- d) All remaining selections have been done.

8. Level 1 Co-ordinator

- a) Courses continue to be offered and the next is in Pickering on April 9th.

9. Coaching Co-ordinator

- a) All bar one umpire on the neutral scheme has been watched / coached at least once this season. My aim was to get everyone watched twice throughout the season but we fell short on this despite the best efforts of myself and the coaches. I would personally like to thank all the coaches who have assisted YHUA this season. Without them getting somewhere near the target would not have been possible.
- b) I would like to thank PT and GM for their assistance in allocation umpires allowing us to get
- c) Concerning potential Level 2 umpires from YHUA, we highlighted 7 umpires that would be suitable. We have had variable degree of success with Robert Scoular

and Michael Jackson being assessed successfully for the North. There are still several members who we will be working with to hopefully succeed in their ambition of becoming Level 2 umpire.

- d) I will be staying on as Coaching Co-ordinator as I believe there is a lot more work to be done to improve umpiring within Yorkshire at both neutral and club level. I have a few ideas that I will be working on over the summer in preparation for the 2016/17 season.
- e) One of the items is organising to bring Club Umpire Developer into each mens and ladies clubs in YHA. I have spoken to David Elworthy (EH Officiating Officer) about running the courses over the summer. I will be launching this at the YHA Clubs meeting in June, with courses running in July and August. YHA have agreed to fund the Umpire Developer Courses providing a free place for each club.

10. Membership

- a) Two new members wish to join the neutral scheme next season, Fraser Priestly and Henry Nelson.
- b) Phil Ingall from Lincoln has offered to do some coaching for us on occasions next season.

11. AOB

- a) A Disrepute charge was raised by one umpire (a member of YHUA) against colleague (not a member). The County Disciplinary Officer passed this the YHUA to deal with as it was between umpires. MT passed this to the clubs concerned to investigate. Replies have been received and the umpire concerned has agreed to issue an apology.
- b) There has been a complaint about a member in a game where a red card was issued. The letter of complaint was delayed until after the club had held a committee meeting so did not arrive until ten weeks after the incident. MT replied by return but even so the suspension had already been served by the time the complaint had been received.
- c) AGM arrangements:
 - i. PF to stand down as Secretary so a replacement is needed
 - ii. MT to stand down as Chair. It was agreed that RS would be nominated.
 - iii. All other officers and committee members agreed to stay on.
 - iv. Reports for the AGM to JB. JB asked for last year's reports to be sent on as well due to IT problems.
 - v. Awards: The John Herbert hospitality award will be taken from the website returns. Nominations for the Martin Black please e-mail to JB.

12. Date of next Meetings

AGM Thursday 28th April at Wakefield HC commencing at 7:30 pm

