

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



## MINUTES

Present: Richard Skippings (DK) Chair

Julie Blogg (JB)  
Ross Anderson (RA)  
Paul McCormick (PM)  
Gill Meacham (GM)  
Alistair Copeland (AC)

### 1. Apologies:

Christine Renshaw; Phil Bootland Richard Sykes

### 2. Approval of previous minutes.

These were approved as a true record.

### 3. Matters Arising:

None.

### 4. President's Report:

- a) Communication from Anne Bryant who reported that Leeds HC had cited difficulties in getting recently qualified L1 umpires assessed. (The club had been penalised by the League for use of non-assessed umpires.) It was noted that this scenario was covered by the League rules which allowed for the use of non-assessed umpires with the agreement of both clubs. Several committee members had received calls about this and DK reminded the meeting that we should all follow agreed procedures and refer any queries like this to the ctte/chair for action; (*did Dik agree to contact the League to clarify the provisions in the rules?*)
- b) The status of **Peter Fielding** as a member of YHUA was discussed and it was agreed that he could remain a member of YHUA but could only participate in the neutral scheme if he is willing to comply with the normal processes for appointment, assessment and mentoring. JB to write to him to confirm this decision and also speak to Mike Talbot to update him on the committee's decision;
- c) Radios – still struggling to collect radios from non-active umpires; RS, Chris Bale and Steve Ball to return radios as they have now moved to the North Women's league; Stuart Rawlings and Peter Thompson – chase for these. The radio supplier had quoted a price of £100 each is we buy 10 radios;

- d) Discussed whether Ladies clubs in the league with should put one umpire into the neutral scheme; *no decision made on this*;
- e) North had asked YHUA to add Northumberland and Durham appointments to the website but it was agreed that this was too onerous and that we advise NHUA of this decision;
- f) Jackets – agreed to buy jackets for YHUA coaches and assessors. The association will meet half the cost with the coaches/assessors paying the other half and deduct from their expenses claim;

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

- a) The financial position is healthy;
- b) North Leagues advise that they have paid £1,200 to YHUA but this payment has not been received;
- c) Discussed moving the finance system to electronic payments.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

- a) Very limited correspondence received; various updates have been posted on the YHA website;
- b) Handbooks are now ready to be sent out. Agreed to send to officers and umpires active in the neutral scheme;

**7. Selection**

- a) Richard Sykes was unable to attend but sent an update as follows:
  - a. I can confirm that we are meeting all North Div 2 East appointments and are covering 1-3 matches in YPL depending on availability.
  - b. We have gained 3 new regular members, Henry Nelson, Liam Redmond and Greg Wines. Obviously we need more to extend our cover. Can the meeting please confirm if these 3 guys now all have radios?
- b) Ladies – GM reported that normally cover 3 games each weekend and occasionally four. Appointments are shared around to ensure all clubs get some benefit from the neutral scheme.

**8. Level 1 Co-ordinator**

- a) Lots of requests for assessment and will aim to meet these as soon as possible;

**9. Coaching Co-ordinator**

No update

**10. Membership**

- a) a large number of people have not renewed subs and members were down on previous years. JB will continue to chase up;

## **11. AOB**

- a) Status of the Club support hotline and Umpire support hotline roles. It is unclear when these roles were created and what their status is. JB and DK to discuss and report to next meeting to clarify;

## **12. Date of next Meetings**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 27 April (AGM)

All at Wakefield HC commencing at 7:30 pm