

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



MINUTES

Present: Julie Blogg (JB Chair)
Dik Skippings (DS)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Gill Meachen (GM)
Christine Renshaw (CR)
Ross Anderson (RA)
Barry Pollard (BP)
Alistair Copeland (AC)

1. Apologies:

Richard Sykes

2. Approval of previous minutes.

No formal record was made of the September meeting. However, various actions were agreed and updates are included below;

3. Matters Arising:

- a) John Waddington retirement gift - a suitable gift to be agreed with John. **PMcC and GM to sort;**
- b) Social/rules event – agreed this would be worthwhile. Date agreed as Thursday 11 January 2018 at Wakefield. **BP to sort speaker and programme; AC to confirm date with WSSC;**
- c) Radios – **PMcC** chasing;if not returned then **Sec.** to write with invoice for cost of radio;

4. Presidents Report:

- a) Letter from Ruaridh Stewart (RSt YHA Competitions Chair) about an incident in a lower league match when a young player was refused permission to wear a scrum cap by the umpire. Clarification has been received from England Hockey and RSt has given formal League approval to the individual. **(England Hockey response attached for information ;)** **JB** to confirm with RSt that this is a League matter although YHUA would want to know any formal rule change so that umpires can be updated;

- b) Poor umpiring at Boston Spa – letter from CoYHC. This is a League matter; **JB to write to RSt.**

5. Treasurers Report:

- a) Electronic banking is in hand and hope to be able to pay the next round of claims by electronic transfer;
- b) The association has a healthy account balance;

6. Secretary's Report:

- a) Handbooks – not yet received but once available AC to send to all active Neutral Scheme umpires; **AC**
- b) Website – JB is able to load updates to the website. Agreed that a synopsis of the minutes should be made available on the website; **AC/JB**
- c) Rule books – not yet ordered. Agreed that **AC/RA** would order 300 from EH and **the Sec.** to send out to all paid up YHUA members;
- d) EH Governance consultation – members to forward any comments to the Sec. who would coordinate a YHUA response. Members are also welcome to complete the survey on line on an individual basis;
- e) The Sec. agreed to take over as the YHUA rep to the main Yorkshire HA Committee;

7. Selection

- a) RS sent apologies
- b) So far managing to make appointments to all North East League matches but only some of the Yorkshire Premier League games;

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) DS advised that he is standing down from the post at the end of the season. DS 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

- a) BP has previously forwarded a report to members;
- b) Robert Bradley and Greg Wines confirmed as candidates for Level 2
- c) Club coaching visits – a number of these have already been delivered and have been well received;

10. Membership

- a) Renewals have been slow this year and numbers are down on previous seasons;
- b) JB proposed that any local candidate taking the L1 course should be offered a one year free membership of YHUA and a subsequent free year as part of their L1 assessment. This was agreed.

- c) Notifications from EH of people taking the L1 course in Yorkshire or advising of a Yorkshire connection seem to have ceased. **DS to follow up with EH.**
- d) Young umpires – no Yorkshire umpires going forward to RYUAG this season. It was suggested that a new role should be added to the YHUA committee for a Young Umpire representative. JB and DS to investigate and advise if a change to the constitution would be needed.
- e) We do not currently have a YHUA representative to the North RYUAG.

11. Any other business.

It was suggested that pin badges should be awarded to life members. ? to follow up.

12. Date of next Meetings

Tuesday 16 January 2018, Wakefield SC

Tuesday 13 March 2018 Wakefield SC

Thursday 16 April 2018 (AGM) Wakefield SC