

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at
7:30 pm on Tuesday 16th January 2018 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Dik Skippings (DS Chair)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Richard Sykes (RS)
Ross Anderson (RA)
Barry Pollard (BP)
Alistair Copeland (AC)
Bridget Petty (YHA rep) (BP)

1. Apologies:

Julie Blogg
Gill Meachen
Christine Renshaw

1. Approval of previous minutes.

In the absence of the chair and several other members and in view of the difficult weather conditions, the draft minutes were deferred until the next meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

None as discussion of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Presidents Report:

DS welcomed Bridget Petty, the YHA secretary, to the meeting.

4. Treasurers Report:

- a) Electronic banking is in hand, a new mandate has been lodged with the bank and expect to be able to pay the next round of claims by electronic transfer in the next few days;
- b) The association has a healthy account balance;

5. Secretary's Report:

- a) Handbooks – these have now been sent to all committee members, active neutral umpires, coaches and assessors. There are still a few in stock so please advise if anyone else needs one;

- b) Website – we have made progress and updates have been appearing more frequently on the YHA and YHUA websites;
- c) Rule books –300 received from EH and paid for by the treasurer. Copies have been sent to all committee members, all paid up members, active neutral umpires, Life members. Approx. 140 sent out to date. **JB** to advise **AC** of any new members or members who have now paid their sub. so a rule book can be sent to them.;
- d) Role descriptions– **AC** to send round the link to the NHUA role descriptions so members could review and adapt to reflect their role with YHUA; <http://www.northhua.org/public/handbook.php> The relevant ones available are Chair, Secretary and NHA Council representative (adapt to refer to YHA). We should also draft role descriptions for the other committee positions – Treasurer, County Umpire Coaching coordinator, Membership secretary and Selection panel chair. Agreed that members would review these in advance of the next meeting, The Treasurer (**RA**), Coaching coordinator (**BP**), Membership secretary (**JB**) and Selection panel chair (**RSy**) would work up an outline of their roles and circulate in advance of the meeting.
- e) Links with YHA – **AC** has now taken on this role. It was agreed that YHA and YHUA had a joint role in promoting and developing umpiring. The YHA Clubs Evening held in June was identified as a good opportunity to update clubs on umpiring matters. The role of Club Umpire Developers (CUD) was also highlighted and it was agreed that each club should have at least a formal umpiring contact and ideally at least one club umpire developer. YHUA have previously funded a number of CUD courses and it was agreed that this should be continued.
- f) Social event – this was attended by approximately 40 umpires. Only a few neutral umpires were present, disappointing as the presentation by the two captains, Luke from Doncaster and Chris from Wakefield, was particularly relevant to them. Mike Talbot took notes of the discussion and this is attached with the minutes. It was also agreed to pay travel expenses for the two presenters. The main points to note are:
 - 1. Consider how we could bring more consistent umpiring to the North Div2 East League – different interpretations between N&D and YHUA umpires. One proposal was for umpire exchanges;
 - 2. Need to improve communication with the wider YHUA membership. Few members had received the notification of the event through their personal email;
 - 3. The event was very well received and those attending were keen for a similar event to be scheduled at least once each season;
 - 4. Amend the protocol to reflect the discussion about pre match meeting between umpires and captains;

6. Selection

- a) RS provided a short update.
- b) So far managing to make appointments to all (Yorkshire) North East League matches and many of Yorkshire Premier League games. Some more umpires had made themselves available for the neutral scheme and N&DHUA had also agreed to appoint Peter Fielding to some games in the NE when he was in the area;

7. Coaching Co-ordinator

- a) John Moss has now stepped down from coaching and assessing. Sec. to write to John thanking him for his support to Yorkshire umpiring over the years. (AC)
- b) The protocols have now been posted on both the YHUA and YHA websites. All club secretaries have also received the information. Sec. to circulate to all YHUA members (AC).
- c) L1 assessments – BP confirmed that the level of the game is not specified by EH – see EH note on L1 Assessments;

8. Membership

No report.

9. North HUA

Deferred

10. Any other business.

DS advised that he had asked Ellie Skippings about taking on the vacant role of Young Umpire representative;

11. Date of next Meetings

Tuesday 13 March 2018 Wakefield SC

Thursday 16 April 2018 (AGM) Wakefield SC