

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Committee held at
7:30 pm on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at Wakefield Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Dik Skippings (DS)
Julie Blogg (JB)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Barrie Pollard (BP)
Alistair Copeland (AC)
Mike Talbot (MT)
Gill Meachen (GM)

1. Apologies:

Ellie Skippings, Richard Sykes, Bridget Petty, Ross Anderson

2. Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the 17th July 2018 were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

The post of Chair had not been filled at the AGM. It was agreed that this post should be filled as soon as possible and Dik Skippings agreed to take on the role for the 2018 – 19 season. This was unanimously approved by the committee.

Mike Talbot was formally welcomed to the meeting in his role as the new vice president.

4. Chair's Report:

DS provided a brief update on the national Umpiring Conference held in London. England Hockey have consulted widely the proposal from the 2017 AGM resolution to review the governance of the sport. A short update on this, the next steps, the changes to the league structure to be implemented in the 2019 – 2020 season and the plans around the updating of the Officiating management system. The slides from the presentation will be circulated.

5. Treasurers Report:

In the absence of the treasurer who is unwell, there is no formal report on finances. However, it was noted that members had been advised that subscriptions were now due and should be paid by the end of September.

6. Secretary's Report:

- a) Social event – take up on this has been good and over 40 members have registered for the event on 12 September in Wakefield. Lee Barron has kindly agreed to lead the video review session and food has been arranged.

- b) The information to appear in the YHA handbook has been updated for committee members and the contact information provided on members has been significantly reduced
- c) Information on Data Protection is now on the North website.

7. Selection

- a) RS has given apologies. Pre season appointments have been made to the Men's 1st XI event at Weetwood on 15th September.
- b) Following meetings with the N and DHUA, it is our intention to appoint to some of the Division 2 East men's games normally supported by NDHUA. This will not be in place for the first matches until we know how many umpires will be regularly available. It is also planned to appoint to some of the women's North Division 2 SE so that L2 candidates who wish to progress through that route can be supported. BP is working with GM and Christine Renshaw on this.

8. Coaching Co-ordinator

- a) Club Support – good take up on this with Chapeltown and Leeds booked in and two more club visits to be confirmed.
- b) Agreed to use the Yorkshire round of the EH Cup for U14 and 16 Boys and Girls event to promote and develop young umpires. **ES** to contact clubs and RYUAG and liaise with **PMcC**.

9. Membership

- a) JB to provide AC with a monthly update of new members;
- b) Shirts – still not received;
- c) Radios – **JB** to put the neutral umpire radio contract form on the website. Any new umpires to the neutral scheme will need to complete this and hand to **PMcC** with payment before they receive a radio.

10. Young umpiring (DS)

ES was unable to attend. See item 8b above;

11. North HUA

- a. A new website provider is still under negotiation.
- b. Discussion about the new structure continues. There are no changes to the Leagues this season but these will be introduced for the 2019 – 20 season and will have a considerable impact on YHUA activities.
- c. Personal data – advice from EH through NHUA, we should add a paragraph on personal data to the membership form. **JB** to action;
- d. Safeguarding young people in hockey. An EH online course is available. It is essential that all people who work with under 18's in hockey receive training that is appropriate to their role. This course provides a basic level of safeguarding training to ensure young people enjoy hockey in a safe and enjoyable environment. This course is suitable for umpires who may have contact with young people. Umpires and officials working more directly with young people will need higher level training.

12. Report from YHA

No meetings to report.

13. Any other business.

None

14. Date of next Meeting

Tuesday 13 November 7.30 pm at Wakefield SC

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