

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Management
Committee held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at Wakefield
Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Dik Skippings (DS)
Alistair Copeland (AC)
Mike Talbot (MT)
Richard Sykes (RS)
Barrie Pollard (BP)
Ross Anderson (RA)
Paul McCormick (PM)
Lee Barron (LB)
Bridget Petty (BPe)

1) Apologies:

Julie Blogg,

2) Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2019 were approved.

3) Matters Arising:

None

4) Chair's Report:

DS fed back on the England Hockey Umpiring Conference held on 15 June. The main discussion was about the role of HUAs and what they did for their members. Common offer included: insurance, rule books, kit and shirts. Feedback from the discussion group and conference would be fed into the development of the next stages of EH Restructuring.

Further information was shared on the revised Rules of hockey including the ongoing discussion on the move to quarters. AC to post information about the revised rules on the YHUA website.

DS also fed back on the North AGM – key points are:

The implementation of OMS – this will be used by the North but counties will continue with the old system for the 2019 – 20 season;

A Panel Young Umpires may be appointed to North Div. 1 games with a suitable colleague and coach;

New fitness requirements

5) Treasurers Report:

RA updated the committee on a healthy financial position.

Following discussion it was agreed that the offer of a one year free membership to newly qualified umpires would be for the current season unless the date of qualification was on or after the 1st of February in which case it would be for the remainder of the current season and all of the following season.

6) Secretary's Report:

AC fed back on the EH Roadshow on the AGM Resolution on Restructuring. The presentation would be available on the EH website after the last Roadshow in late September.

Also noted that AC had taken on the role of Membership Secretary with the support of the Treasurer.

The YHUA website would be updated with the details of the new Management Committee and AC would continue to chase YHA to update the YHUA section of the YHA website.

7) Selection

RS advised that because of the league restructuring at National and North levels with a consequent demand for more umpires, YHUA is likely to be short of umpires for the neutral scheme for the 2019 – 20 season. He confirmed that we would be appointing to the North Men's Div 2 East and North Div 3 South. It may be possible to appoint to some of the Women's Div 2 matches – this would support umpires wishing to gain experience in the Women's game and progress through this line.

8) Coaching Co-ordinator

BP provided an update and advised that he would update the website with details of coaches and Panels;

Demand for Club Support days continues to be high with three requests already for the new season. BP would continue to deliver these with support from RA and others;

The missing coaches' jackets would be delivered within the next two weeks;

The issues about appointing to women's games and the offer that Gill Meachem and Christine Renshaw had made to clubs is still to be resolved. BP and RS had drafted an email to go to them to try to resolve this and this would be circulated to the management committee for comment before it was sent.

BP recommended that all Umpiring Coaches take the EH online Safeguarding Course. It was agreed that the £10 fee for this would be an eligible expense so could be reclaimed from YHUA.

9) Membership

JB has now formally stood down from the YHUA Management Committee and AC and RA would take on this role.

10) Young Umpiring

Agreed that this post should be filled as soon as possible. DS, MT and AC to follow up.

11) North HUA

MT reported on changes to the NHUA management committee. Following some upheaval, a new committee had been appointed with Chris Reece as acting chair and Julie Blogg as secretary. Hamish Jamson is now President and MT vice president.

12) Dates of future meetings

Wednesday 22 January 2020

Wednesday 25 March

AGM – either Thursday 30 April or Thursday 20 May.

13) AOB

We may need to review the stock of radios – PMcC has agreed to continue to manage the stock at Wakefield SC. If NHUA are planning to purchase a new batch then we might consider joining with them either for more of the same or a new model;

It was proposed that we should find a way to remember Ken Stephenson. A suggestion was made that we should institute a “**Club umpire of the year**” award, open to any Yorkshire club umpire in membership of YHUA. Agreed to consider at the next meeting.