

**Meeting of the Yorkshire Hockey Umpiring Association Management
Committee held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at
Wakefield Hockey Club**



MINUTES

Present: Dik Skippings (DS)
Alistair Copeland (AC)
Mike Talbot (MT)
Barrie Pollard (BP)
Ross Anderson (RA)

1) Apologies:

Richard Sykes Paul McCormick Lee Barron

2) Approval of previous minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2019 were approved.

3) Matters Arising:

None

4) Chair's Report:

No updates

5) Treasurers Report:

RA updated the committee on a healthy financial position. Clubs had been invoiced for their umpiring appointment fees and so far about two thirds had paid.

The accounts for the 2018/2019 year were now with peter Randall for auditing,

6) Secretary's Report:

AC advised that he now had access to more functions on the website and so had been able to sort out most of the outstanding issues. However, certain issues still had to be referred up to Amanda Parker who is continuing to provide support on the Tex system for the North.

7) Selection

RS We have continued to struggle to fulfil all our North Div2 East fixtures with several clubs having to provide their own umpires. An honourable mention must go to Adel who have not had an appointed umpire all season due to having enough suitably qualified umpires within the club. Dominic Dunn and Lee Cooper have been moved

up to the North and likely will take no further part in YHUA appointments. We have not had any new members, apart from Dan Craigie who has come to university in Sheffield. However, he is very keen to progress to the North so it may only be a brief stay in YHUA!

BP provided an update on appointments to the Women's Leagues. Still problems over the supply of umpires – we do not have enough – but liaison with the North is much improved following the meeting with NHUA in October. BP has circulate a revised note of this meeting

8) Coaching Co-ordinator

BP confirmed the continuing interest from clubs in the club support days and several were scheduled over the next few months. Grateful to Ross Anderson in particular for his input to these days.

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.

Highlighted the issue around the appointment of unassessed umpires to assessment games. Some clubs had fallen foul of League rules by not advising their opponents that an unassessed umpire would be officiating. It was agreed that we should ask YHA League to amend their rules so that they allowed the appointment of unassessed umpire to any appropriate YL game for their assessment. The club should be encouraged to advise their opponents in advance of this but only as a courtesy and clubs should not be penalised. **AC** agreed to raise this at the next YHA meeting.

Shirts – it was agreed that new neutral umpires should order two shirts through the SilverFX website and claim back the cost as expenses.

9) Membership

It was agreed that an update on membership numbers etc. would be provided for the next meeting. **RA and AC** to action.

10) Young Umpiring

SS was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that we should encourage all clubs with young umpires to contact SS so that we can link them to RYUAG and Mini hockey;

11) NHUA

MT confirmed that the changes to the NHUA management committee ad been approved and the next meeting was scheduled for November 11th.

The England hockey OMS is now up and running for the North and despite some early problems the functionality is steadily improving.

- EH will be making an offer on OMS to Counties in the New Year
- Fixtures Live will disappear later in 2020

- The National League is considering the introduction of pitchside sheets with photos from January 2020;

12) YHA

The committee discussed and agreed a response to the EH AGM Resolution. Certain reservations were expressed but on balance the response was positive.

13) Radios

MT advised that our current supplier is no longer in business so there will be no support for the existing equipment and no possibility of renewing them or purchasing additional sets. NHUA is considering buying Mci2 radios (Charles Holland contact).

BP advised that he had been in touch with Charles Holland who had quoted prices as follows:

- £57 for a single radio, £107 for a pair less £7 if no case needed; there is also an option to buy additional sets for coaches and assessors that will link to the umpires' sets.
- BP suggested that we buy 25 radios
- Also advised that clubs are interested in buying our old radios;
- It was agreed that we should buy 3 x umpire coaches sets (3 radios); 20 x single umpire radios and 4 x single coaches radios.
- BP agreed to progress this, advise the committee of the cost and get approval for the purchase once this was confirmed.

14) Ken Stephenson Award

It was agreed that this should be made for the Club Umpire of the Year, to be awarded at the YHUA AGM and that the recipient must be a member of YHUA. AC agreed to advise the family of our decision and DS agreed to commission a suitable trophy.

15) England Hockey AGM Resolution

MT advised that he had made a personal response to this. He identified some issues that might arise from the changes proposed including a risk that club umpires would become more isolated with the move from county HUAs to larger area HUAs; the quality of umpiring may decline as a result.

Further information is expected from EH before Christmas and we would have an opportunity to consider this at our next meeting.

16) Date of next meeting

This is scheduled for Wednesday 22 January and it was agreed that we should hold this on line rather than a face to face gathering. AC agreed to sort this out, perhaps using *Go to meeting* system used by the North.

Further meetings: Wednesday 25 March and the AGM scheduled for Wednesday 22nd April.

17) AoB

- BP raised an issue with the YHA league rules where some clubs had been penalised for not advising their opponents that they would be using an unassessed umpire who was being assessed. This is Leagu rule 4.2 (F). Rules D and E may also need to be changed. Agreed that AC would raise this at the next YHA meeting.
- BP advised that he was considering retiring from his role as Coaching Coordinator at the end of the season.
- Badges – AC to check to se if we have any of these.

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