

Herts & Beds Hockey Umpiring Association
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Friday 12 June 2015 at 8:00pm
 Letchworth Hockey Club
 Whitethorn Lane, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2DN
AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous meeting (see HBHUA website)
3. Matters arising
4. Reports:
 - a) President.
 - b) Treasurer.
 - c) Membership Secretary.
 - d) Appointments Secretary.
 - e) Coaching.
 - f) Selection.
5. Awards:
 - a) Rhoda Gains Award.
 - b) President's Award.
6. Election of Officers
7. Any Other Business

OFFICE BEARERS 2015 - 2016

POSITION	NOMINEE
President	Neil Cherrill
Treasurer	Derek Green
Secretary	VACANT
Appointments Secretary	Graham King
Head Coach	Iain Fletcher
Assistant Head Coach	Dave Chatterjee
Chair of Selectors	Neil Cherrill
Club Liaison Officer	Andy Larkin
Herts Representative	VACANT
Beds Representative	Dan Heydon
Membership Secretary	Loraine Cherrill
Webmaster	Rob Youngs
ERHUA Representative	Graham King
H&B Young Umpire Action Group	Tim Eyton-Jones

ATTENDANCE LIST – Held as a separate file as PDF files.

Minutes of the AGM held at Letchworth Hockey Club on Friday 12th June 2015

1. Apologies for Absence

As listed below plus Henry Wanchoo.

Dougie Closs	Michaela Salisbury	Henk Vrijheid
John Halfacre	Terry Salisbury	Jackie O'Sullivan
Liz Cleverly	Berl Goldbart	Rachel Chambers
Derek Whitmarsh	Esther Strous	Stephen Mander
Matt Gardner	Dave Hill	Roger Dear
Geoffrey Oates	Tricia Murphy	Peter Burton
Don Ward	Tessa Chiswell	Russell Nutter
Stefany Abson	Richard Middleditch	Mick Slatter
Roger Bushell	Peter Karmali	James McCubbine
David Earl	Liz Holderness	Rob Youngs
Rob Tarrant	Peter Halliday	Tim Martin
Keith Boddy	Ian Jackson	Gill Perry
Carys Eyton-Jones	Jonathan Gillespie	Chris Ryan
Tom Godfrey	Colin Harker	
Bud Carthy	Trevor Crippen	
Gary Pond	Tom Crippen	
Andy Bowskill	Mark Crippen	
Amanda Lawrence	James Jarrett	
David Sheridan	Lorraine Ellis	
Colin Campbell	Charles Michie	

2. Minutes of Previous AGM (Friday 6th June 2014)

These minutes are available on the website as a download, and copies were made available at the meeting. These were passed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Long sleeve polo shirts are available for anyone who wishes to purchase them.

4. Reports

1. The President, Neil Cherrill, reported as follows:
 - This has been my ninth years as President. This has been a year of consolidation. Next season is going to be a challenge as you will glean from the rest of my report.
 - We have had two people who have been nominated for promotion to the East umpiring ranks. Due to an injury and weather these will be held over to the new season.
 - I would like to thank all of my committee for their hard work this season.
 - Dougie Closs: unfortunately due to work pressure, he feels unable to continue in his role as Secretary. As a result we are seeking a replacement.
 - Andy Larkin: who has continued to keep the ULO's informed of any information being passed down.
 - Derek Green: as Treasurer, he has done a lot of work in getting the accounts ready. His report later will detail what we intend to do going forward.
 - Graham King: he has taken the Neutral Pool & KO appointments roles. The scheme has operated with the same band of willing and dedicated people. He has also continued in his role as HBHUA Rep to ERHUA.

- Iain Fletcher: he has taken back the role of Chairman of the coaching committee and has done a good job despite some health issues.
 - My thanks also to the rest of the committee for their continued support; not least our Membership Secretary Loraine Cherrill, and Rob Youngs for his assistance in keeping the website up to date.
 - The level one courses have now been commandeered by England Hockey but we still have a dearth of umpires willing to join the Neutral Scheme on a full time basis. This does make the running of the Neutral Scheme a bit of a juggling act at times.
 - Just to remind you again that the RESPECT campaign is still in force, so if there are any incidents that require our assistance, then please feel free to contact us. We will of course deal with them on an urgent basis. We have only had a couple of issues that the committee has had to deal with this year.
 - Do not forget that there are a number of new rules starting on 1st July this year.
 - I wish you well for the coming season .
2. The Treasurer, Derek Green, informed the meeting the Association still had a surplus over £27,000.
- The General account: This is used to record the membership fees and officers expenses. 50% of the expenses associated with the web site are allocated to this account which has made a surplus for the year of £300.
 - The Level 1 Course account: It is no longer relevant to report on this “account” as the Association is no longer responsible for running Level 1 courses.
 - Neutral Pool Scheme: This is used to record the fees charged to clubs who subscribe to the Neutral Pool and the expenses incurred by the Pool umpires. 50% of the expenses associated with the web are allocated to this account. The Neutral Pool account has made a loss of £645 for the year.
 - Conclusion: Therefore the movement on the cash and creditors combined shows a loss of £345 for the year.
 - Season 2015/16 fees: It remains the intention of the Association to reduce the balance and in consequence it is recommended to leave the membership fees and the Neutral pool fees for the coming season at £8 and £270 respectively. The Association has been trialling the use of Radio Mics in Pool games and if it is agreed to expand their use during the coming season, it is possible that the Association’s surplus funding could be utilised to support this expenditure.
 - The Membership Secretary’s report is part of the Treasurer’s report.
 - I recommend that Mileage expenses paid for the coming season should remain at 26p per mile.
3. Appointments, Graham King. Made just over 400 appointments. Thanks to Quentin who doubled up frequently, and those that made themselves available on a Sunday and shifted themselves around. There were some difficulties.
4. Coaching, Iain Fletcher. My first year of not having to do Graham’s report was nice. Thought I would struggle (health issues) but I was able to get out more and coach. Help from Dave Chatterjee was appreciated. Men’s Division 1 games were a useful bridge for umpires seeking to attain Level 2, and move onto the East.
5. Selection & Umpire Grading. Nothing to report.

5. Awards

The Rhoda Gains Award was given after the meeting to Adam Genga.

The President's Award was given to Loraine Cherrill.

6. Election of Officers

The officers listed above were elected *en bloc*. After the meeting Quentin Keeling offered to act as Secretary.

7. Any Other Business

- Will honour free shirts for pool umpires.
- Neil Cherrill gave a briefing on new rules.
 - Don't over complicate.
 - Don't forget all the other rules that need officiating.
 - 2 minute green card - don't mistake using green card for a yellow.
 - Up ten has gone.
 - Dave Chatterjee has videos and guidance issued from England Hockey which will be posted on the website.
- Radio Microphone Headsets will be on trial before we commit to all pool umpires.
- Dave tried two types of headsets; he was not happy with the one we used during last season. Tried another during the summer, much simpler, robust, and waterproof, better than umpire talk units. These come with arm bands rather than clipping to belt. Headsets are light weight, with rechargeable batteries. We would need 10 to 12 sets for bulk of neutral umpire.
- Dave Eggleton thought umpires should concentrate on communicating with each other first; some umpires are not ready for the headsets.
- It was agreed (as suggested by Derek) that the Association should buy three two-way and one three-way radio headsets, to improve the communications between umpires on-pitch, check reliability, and reassure players and spectators that the umpires were working as a team. This will also assist in the overall target of reducing the surplus. Allocation of these headsets will be at the discretion of the Head & Assistant Head Coaches. The HBHUA will own the headsets while on trial.
- The meeting closed at 20:54.

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