

Herts & Beds Hockey Umpiring Association
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) - MINUTES
 Monday 4th April 2016 at 8:00pm
 Letchworth Hockey Club
 Whitethorn Lane, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2DN

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Constitution §4(g): Appoint Chairman for the EGM
3. Vauxhall HC – Formal Complaints
4. England Hockey Panel & Process
5. Constitution §4(e): Election of New Council (Committee)
6. (If no new Council is elected) Move to Dissolve the HBHUA

ATTENDANCE LIST – Held as a separate file as PDF files. 47 people were present, of whom 3 were non-members.

1. Apologies for Absence

Graham King, Charles Michie, Derek Whitmarsh, Ian Smets, James Wallis, Ray Blaxill, Sue Pritchard, Henk Vrijheid, Dan Heydon, & Paula Masters (Roger Masters present as proxy).

2. Appoint Chair for the EGM

Quentin Keeling was appointed (prop: Peter Halliday, Sec: Derek Green).

3. Vauxhall HC (VHC) – Formal Complaints

4. England Hockey Disciplinary Panel (EHDP) & Process

Tony Sampson spoke to both agenda items. A Q&A session followed, as noted below.

Question	Response
What has the cost been so far?	About £10k, mostly for a barrister's time
Will the new committee deal with the EHDP?	Yes, but the former committee withdrew from the process, and this will be respected.
Will there be further submissions to the EHDP?	The new committee can decide. The EHDP has requested any 'final' submissions by 17.00, Friday 8 th April. Previously HBHUA were limited to two pages (while VHC submitted 26 pages, and a further submission)
Who is on the EHDP?	Chair: Norman Stott SR HA DO: Ray Strudwick FA DO: Mark Ives Barrister: Ifeanyi Odogwu
What is the East League position?	Their issues were not as general as those against the HBHUA
Did HBHUA deal with all complaints using due process?	All were covered, and this is part of the submissions made by the former committee
What does VHC want?	We don't know
What could the EHDP do?	We don't know: fines, suspensions, retraining., bans. This applies to the named individuals, the Committee, & the Association
What happens if no Committee is elected?	HBHUA would have to be dissolved. umpires could affiliate to other counties; EH would have to work out the details
What VHC contact was there with HBHUA before the complaint to EH?	Each incident was handled case by case directly following each event. To our knowledge, HBHUA was not contacted by VHC prior to them raising the complaint to EH.

Question	Response
VHC stated that once the EHDP decision is made, they would be happy to explain their position but until the panel has concluded it would be inappropriate to do so.	Noted
What happens if EHDP decide on fines or bans?	Two committee members are named, as is the "HBHUA" (presumably the 2014-15 Committee). Penalties would most probably be on these. If on HBHUA generally, and high enough, the general membership would be liable. One other umpire, and one player, are named in the submissions rather than the initial complaint.
When will this end?	We don't know. The process has been changed from that defined in November 2015.
What would the summing-up cover, if one is sent on 8 th April?	This is for any elected committee to decide. One option would be to update the intended response that the former committee were preparing for the initial hearing of 5 th February. The former committee does not know where the process has got to, which complaints have been covered, and what remains.
What route could an appeal take?	Divisional Court to Queen's Bench Possibly CAS (the Court of Arbitration in Sport?)
Would the new committee stand away from the EHDP process?	Yes, as it does not know what has happened between July 2015 and now. Seeking to set up an interim committee to run to the AGM (or EGM), not including any of the former committee. The interim committee would seek out a new, enduring, committee.
VHC suggested that following any submissions on 8 th April, they thought a decision would be made in April.	HBHUA has no knowledge of the time-scale
What is the EH general view?	Peter Halliday has spoken to Ian Wilson, the CFO. He believes there is work to be done, that a resolution is needed, but that the EHDP is independent of the general EH
Can the AGM be deferred?	The constitution states it must be in June. Another EGM would be needed to authorise a delay. It is hoped that EHDP concludes their investigation enabling the AGM to be held by end June.
Do we have enough names for an interim committee?	Yes. See item 5.

5. Election of New (Interim) Committee

The following were elected as a group: Tarsem Chagger, Dave Eggleton, Peter Halliday, Dave Hill, Chris Perry, & Barry Smith. The quorum is 5, so this number suffices.

6. (If no new Council is elected) Move to Dissolve the HBHUA

As a new committee was elected, this item fell. The meeting closed at 20.57.

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