



Herts & Beds Hockey Umpiring Association

Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 8:00pm
Letchworth Hockey Club
Whitethorn Lane, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2DN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous Annual & Extraordinary Meetings (see website)
3. Matters arising
4. Reports:
 - o President
 - o Treasurer
 - o Membership Secretary
 - o Appointments Secretary
 - o Coaching
 - o Selection
5. Revised Constitution
An interim revised constitution is included with this notice. The Meeting will be asked to adopt this, on the understanding that further changes may be necessary in the forthcoming season.
6. Fees
 - o Membership Fee (to remain at £8.00)
 - o Pool Umpire Assignment. To remain at £370 in 2017-18, to help reduce the assets held by the Association
 - o Mileage rate for Pool & Committee Expenses (to increase to 30p a mile).
7. Election of Officers.
The people listed overleaf have indicated their willingness to stand:
8. Awards.
 - o Honorary Life Members
 - o Rhoda Gains Award
 - o President's Award
9. Any Other Business

ATTENDANCE LIST – Handwritten & held separately. 19 members were present, so the AGM was quorate.

1. Apologies for Absence

See list at the end of this document.

2. Minutes of previous AGM & EGM

Accepted.

3. Matters Arising

June 2016. These were covered in the January 2017 continuation.

January 2017. The items below are defined by the minutes numbering.

- 4.7, bullet 6. Governance questions raised by Vauxhall HC are being addressed; the Constitution has been provisionally updated, the committee structure has been revised to include both Compliance & Welfare Officers, and policies are being developed.
- 5.3 last sentence. Recognition of Chris Perry & Tony Sampson. See Agenda 8
- 9 bullet 1. The database clean up is about 50% complete
- 9 bullet 2. An email has been issued about clubs not providing neutral pool umpires where required.
- 9 bullet 7. Neutral pool umpire shirts. This should be in place for 2017-18

4. Reports

a. President (Dave Chatterjee).

Good evening & welcome; thank you for attending the AGM. It has been an interesting season – setting up a new committee and starting to implement new initiatives, such as the Young Umpires (YU) section & umpire feedback. I will ask Tony Rollins to talk about the YU later in the evening.

One of the main jobs was to update the Association's Constitution, as the last time it was revised was in 2000 (the year the Association was founded). A few things have changed since then! I would like to thank the committee members who have spent quite a lot of time updating this; it is still a work in progress, to be discussed as the next item on the agenda.

One of the initiatives is the umpire feedback form, now on the website. I would like the clubs to use this to enable the Association to inform umpire coaches who go to the club games, to improve umpiring standards. Dan Heydon has agreed to coordinate this item. The feedback will be seen only by Dan and myself. This feedback system has been used by other County Hockey Umpire Associations (CHUA) and is quite successful. Note that we can only provide umpire coaches to clubs if we receive feedback from them. Any questions? (There were none). This will also be posted as a website news item.

Neutral Pool Umpires. All of the affected clubs in Herts & Beds have had an email from me regarding their requirement to provide pool umpires for next season. This requirement is a mandatory rule from the East League and we as an HUA have to abide by it. By having a full umpire pool it will enable the Association to provide umpire coaching at both pool and club level. Every club secretary & ULO were informed back in March 2017 regarding this requirement both by email, and a news item on the Association website. I will take questions later under AOB. We will also provide umpiring shirts to the regular pool umpires: see the new supplier's sample shirts.

I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to help keep this Association working, especially Dave Eggleton who had an unenviable job as Appointments Secretary last season.

b. Treasurer (Dave Hill).

Copies of the accounts were provided, signed by the auditor. The surplus was £3,864, largely due to a lack of legal fees, much reduced pool expenses, reduced website spend, and charity donations. Questions covered the following:

- Now that England Hockey (EH) has taken over Level 1 training and qualifying, the Association's Level 1 account should be subsumed into the general reserves.
- It was confirmed that there are no pending legal fees, and that both Tony Sampson and Chris Perry provided their services for no charge. Both were thanked by the meeting.
- The President confirmed that the radio microphones have been a success, and that the next batch will allow for extra headsets for the umpire coach.

c. Membership Secretary

Mason Wright spoke in the absence of a Membership Secretary. He noted that about half of the members' records have been brought up to date.

d. Appointments Secretary (Dave Eggleton)

In his absence the President reported that Dave had had a "trying" year, as there had been fewer pool umpires available.

e. Coaching, Selection.

No reports were made on these. The poor availability of pool umpires had the knock-on effect of limiting the coaching and assessing.

f. Young Umpires (YU): Tony Rollins.

Tony reported that the Association's target is to become the best CHUA for YU (those under 23) in the next five years. At present we have about 25; this could rise to 100. There is an issue in finding suitable matches for these to umpire and be assessed on. These can include JDC & JAC competitions, and Sunday junior games (especially for YU between 8 and 12). He plans to have a dedicated day to induct YU, where they can join, be assessed, and receive shirts. This will be advertised on the website.

5. Revised Constitution

The President confirmed that further changes are likely in the next 12 months, along with new & revised policies (listed in the interim constitution). This was adopted unanimously.

6. Fees

The Membership Fee, Pool Umpire Assignment Fees, & Mileage Rate (for Pool & Committee Expenses) were agreed as proposed in the agenda (above)

7. Election of Officers

The following Officers were elected as a block (Proposed Peter Halliday, Seconded Chris Perry).

Position	Name	
President	Dave Chatterjee	
Treasurer	David Hill	
Secretary	Quentin Keeling	
Appointments Secretary	Graham King	
Head Coach	Iain Fletcher	
Compliance Officer	Liz Holderness	
Welfare Officer	Dan Heydon	
Chair of Selectors		Interim: Dave Chatterjee
Club Liaison Officer	Andy Larkin	
Herts Representative	Dave Chatterjee	
Beds Representative	Dan Heydon	
Membership Secretary		VACANT
Webmaster	Mason Wright	
East Region HUA Representative	David Hill	
HB Young Umpires Action Group	Tony Rollins	
Non-Portfolio Members	Tony Sampson Kevin Churchman	

8. Awards

a. Honorary Life Members. The following people were unanimously agreed for this honour:

- Neil Cherrill for services to the Association since its foundation in 2000, including as President since 2006.
- Derek Green, Tony Sampson, & Chris Perry for their [significant & unpaid] efforts during the period of the complaint, ruling, & appeal.
- Peter Halliday for standing in as interim President between April 2016 & January 2017, as well as services over many years beforehand.

b. Rhoda Gains Award. No award this season

c. President's Award. No award this season

9. AOB
- a. The poor state of the pitch markings at Dame Alice Owen school was mentioned. This primarily is the East League responsibility, unless the safety of umpires is at risk.
 - b. It was noted that the umpire feedback form is already on the Association website. More publicity will be needed.
 - c. The President and Tony Rollins attended the National CHUA Conference. Little has changed; EH are trying to deliver on existing commitments
 - d. Progress on the Appeal Panel's recommendations was queried. These are in progress by EH (Ian Wilson)
 - e. It was noted that the East League would like all East Premier matches to have a Technical Delegate. New headsets could enable more than two to be in use.
 - f. The ability of clubs to complain direct to EH was questioned. This is covered by existing EH Policies.
 - g. It was noted that there are 6 Radio Microphones; more will be acquired.
 - h. The East League pool umpire requirements are for a minimum of 20 from the clubs with teams in the relevant leagues.
 - i. The meeting closed at 20.35.

APOLOGIES		
First name	Surname	Club
Stefany	Abson	
Andy	Bowskill	St Albans
Ann	Bridge	Broxbourne
Lorraine	Cherrill	
Tessa	Chiswell	Shefford & Sandy
Dougie	Closs	Blueharts
Mark	Crippen	
Thomas	Crippen	
Trevor	Crippen	
David	Earl	
Lorraine	Ellis	
Rebecca	Ellis	
Jo	Fraser	St Albans
Jonathan	Gillespie	
Peter	Goulton	Letchworth
Colin	Harker	Bishops Stortford
Liz	Holderness	Berkhamsted
Peter	Karmali	
Graham	King	
Amanda	Lawrence	

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First name	Surname	Club
Stephen	Mander	
James	McCubbine	
Charles	Michie	
Sheila	Miller	
Trisha	Murphy	Letchworth
Ian	Noble	
Gill	Perry	
Gary	Pond	
Tony	Sampson	Blueharts
Mike	Tomkys	Bishops Stortford
Henry	Wanchoo	
Heinz	Wehrman	Letchworth
Rowena	Wehrman	Letchworth
David	Welsh	Moved to Manchester
Nigel	Woodall	Left
Rob	Youngs	

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