

**Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2014**  
**At Old Silhillians Club at 07:30pm**

The President opened the Meeting at: 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** (31) Andrew Barnes, James Barnes, Paul Bradley, Angela Buckley, Pat College, Laurie Colledge, Jamie Cox, Chris Forde, Caroline Frye, Steve Hoban, Bill Holdforth, Malcolm Hume, Colin Jones, Rajiv Khanna, Richard Kirk, Peter Lawley, John Litchfield, Paul Luft, Margaret McLoughlin, Jack Northern, Jay Patel, John Pell-Reynolds, Joshua Robinson, Chris Seeley, Saul Shohet, Stephen Tabb, Kevin Twissell, Alan White, Clare White, Howard Wilson, Jerry Yates

**1.0 APOLOGIES for absence:** (38) Howard Allen, Colin Anderson, Martin Baker, Colin Barthorpe, Helen Bennett, John Booth, Peter Byng, Peter Caulder, Kath Clay, Les Crookson, Rob Crosson, Raminder Dhanda, Ben Driver, Steve Ellis, Andy Fairbrother, Ashley Freeman, Lewis Gibson, Martin Gotheridge, Chris Gough, Shawn Hall, Andy Higgins, Kevin Hopkins, Nick Horton, David Kingston, Adrian Mansfield, Cheryl McCulloch, Alan McFarlane, Pam Parker OBE, Matt Parry, Richard Pearce, Val Sassall, Martin Stott, Simon Strawford, Chris Tye, Dave Wadsworth, Simon Widdison, Martin Wilkes, Mark Wood

**2.0 (i) Adoption of AGM Minutes:** From the AGM of 30 April 2013. The minutes of the last AGM were agreed by the Executive at the September 2013 meeting and previously circulated to all, these were proposed as a true record by: Jerry Yates, Seconded by: Steve Hoban and duly signed by the President with no amendments required.

**3.0 REPORTS:**

**3.01 President:** Written report previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. The President requested an addition to the report in the achievements for NPUA section for John Litchfield, who had achieved his 100<sup>th</sup> umpire support appointment during the period. Congratulations were given to JL.

An additional amendment was the duration of Peter Byng's tenure. PB had completed circa 30 years, and served under 15 Presidents. The President added that the radio order had been placed. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Colin Jones, Seconded by: Malcolm Hume

**Presentation of Awards by the President:**

**The President's Award:** Went to Richard Kirk who was commended for his enthusiasm and commitment.

**Tim Henderson Award:** Not being awarded this year due to the shortness of the season.

**Development Awards:** Went to Josh Robinson for his dedication and time to young umpires.

**3.02 Hon. Secretary:** Written report previously circulated; there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Clare White, Seconded by: Bill Holdforth

**3.03 Hon. Treasurer:** Final Audited Accounts for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes.

**Current year –** as per the circulated document. Projected to show a surplus of £900 but this does not include spend on the radios. Likely to be in a break-even situation, better than £1900 deficit as predicted at the start of the year.

**Young Umpires –** encouraging to get a donation from MRHA which has contributed towards coaching. The President thanked Jay Patel for helping to achieve the extra funding and confirmed he had written to MRHA to thank them for the contribution. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of MRHUA Accounts: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by: Peter Lawley

Adoption of MYUG Accounts: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by: Margaret McLoughlin

**3.04 Men's Selection Sub-Committee:** Written report previously circulated, copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Richard Kirk, Seconded by: Alan White

**3.05 Women's Selection Sub-Committee:** Written report previously circulated, copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Margaret McLoughlin, Seconded by: Pat Colledge

**3.06 Coaching and Development Sub-Committee:** Written report previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. The President confirmed that the Committee would be looking at opportunities at the beginning of next season to provide some good coaching and development scenarios. Details will be supplied once confirmed.

John Litchfield asked for Marc Abraham to be added to report as he qualified this season.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Bill Holdforth, Seconded by: Jay Patel

**3.07 MYUG:** Written report previously circulated; there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Margaret McLoughlin, Seconded by: Caroline Frye

**3.08 Men's League:** Written report previously circulated for information only to members. No questions were raised from the floor.

**3.09 Women's League:** Written report previously circulated for information only to members. No questions were raised

from the floor.

#### 4.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

##### 4.01 Current Year's Accounts & MRHUA / MYUG Budget Proposals:

MRHUA and MYUG - written reports previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

MRHUA – Budget 2014/15 – budgeting a loss of £1900 but this will be reduced during the season. Variations caused by the number of Cups and Sunday competitions that MRHUA is asked to do. This number varies hence the varying budget. No variation to match fees.

Cup games amended to £26.50 per umpire, not £45 as stated in the papers. No other changes.

The Current Year's Accounts for MRHUA and MYUG were previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of reports: Proposed by: Saul Shohet, Seconded by: Richard Kirk

Young Umpires - as tabled. No change to membership. Proposed by: Saul Shohet, Seconded by Margaret McLoughlin

##### 4.02 Determine Annual membership Fee and travel Expenses:

###### Membership fees - MRHUA

Active members, non-NPUA - £17.00 - no change

Active members who pay full NPUA fees - £12.00 - no change

Active members who pay NPUA Indoor fees - £14.00 - no change

###### Membership fees - MYUG

Membership for young umpires - £16.00 - no change

###### Members Mileage rates - MRHUA and MYUG

Mileage to remain at 25p per mile - no change (toll road not paid without prior approval from Treasurer)

##### 4.03 Umpire fees for the season (All no change)

League fees £26.50 per umpire - no change.

Feeder league (Women's) £24.00 per umpire - no change. However no umpires would be appointed in 2014/15.

Friendly fees £13.00 per umpire - no change.

Cup fees - £22.50 per umpire - no change unless EH increase their fees.

Tournaments - £20.00 per umpire per day - no change.

MYUG fees £20.00 per appointment - no change.

#### 5.0 OFFICERS FOR 2014/15:

##### 5.01 Election of Officers:

President

Colin Jones

Immediate Past President

Margaret McLoughlin

Vice President (Women's game)

Caroline Frye

Vice President (Men's game)

Jay Patel

MRHUA Webmaster

Jerry Yates

Hon. Secretary

Clare White

Hon. Treasurer

Saul Shohet

Scrutineer

Laurie Linnell

Rep from Women's County Association

Steve Hoban

Rep from Women's County Association

**Co-opted Angela Buckley – Colin / Peter**

Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game

Peter Lawley

Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game

**Vacant - No Nomination**

Rep from Men's County Association BCHUA

Martin Wilkes

Rep from Men's County Association EMHUA

Chris Forde

Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game

Ashley Freeman

Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game

Andrew Lamb

Representative Mixed Umpires

**Vacant - No nomination**

### **Selection Sub-Committee (to Women's game)**

Appointments Secretary  
Secretary to Women's Selection Committee  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector

Barbara Jones  
Pat Colledge  
Margaret McLoughlin  
Deb Read  
Kevin Hopkins  
Laura Geeson  
Pat Colledge  
Deni Whitehead

### **Selection Sub-Committee (to Men's game)**

Appointments Secretary  
Secretary to Men's Selection Committee  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector  
Selector

Robert Crosson  
Jerry Yates  
Richard Kirk  
Alan White  
William Holdforth  
Peter Byng  
Howard Wilson  
John Litchfield

### **Coaching and Development Sub-Committee**

Coach from Women's game  
Coach from Women's game  
Coach from Men's game  
Coach from Men's game  
Coaching and Development - Youth Development  
Coach from Mixed game  
Secretary to the Coaching Committee

Saul Shohet  
**Vacant - No Nomination**  
John Litchfield  
Marc Abraham  
**Vacant - No Nomination**  
**Vacant - No Nomination**  
William Holdforth

### **5.02 Appointment of Representatives to MRHA Council:**

Representatives to MRHA Council

These are to be the duly elected Vice Presidents.

Proposed by: Colin Jones, Seconded by: Jerry Yates

President requested that anyone wanting to serve on the Coaching Committee should speak to Bill Holdforth or Jay Patel.

There were no other nominations for the posts within the constitution timescales, therefore all nominations, which were correctly nominated and seconded, were elected. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these nominations, all were in favour.

### **6.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS:** None.

**7.0 Revised Constitution v12:** As tabled. To tighten up and provide better definition of disciplinary matters within MRHUA as a result of recent learnings. Proposed by: Paul Luft, Seconded by: Jay Patel. Approved unanimously.

**8.0 MRHUA Kit:** JY spoke of difficulties in supplying new members without holding large stocks of kit which tied up funds. Through email feedback, members have indicated that MRHUA should be updating its image. If MRHUA is to change, it makes sense to look at adopting a change in colours and aligning with NPUA. This means MRHUA would potentially be a year behind any change of NPUA colours. Future three year cycle, members should be able to bank money to pay for the kit. Propose to increase the membership fee so it can be allocated to a clothing account to permit outsourced purchase with comfortable cash flow. Current supplier cannot provide this due to the requirement to hold large stock, minimum order levels and lack of online ordering per individual.

The stand out company is SilverFX (current NPUA supplier). Colours will match although regions are not permitted to have the same design which would not be an issue.

MH commented that the banking of money would not be fair for umpires that do occasional games. Down to being an MRHUA member and membership terms.

A Barnes as EMHUA kit man supported the argument that Mercian terms were difficult. On the issue of banking, questions were raised about what would happen to the money if members finished or left. Options for existing stock, which will mean writing off funds and logos/badges were also discussed. JY stated that MRHA were looking at a new badge for the association and it was very likely MRHUA will adopt the same. Further details will be known in September. Refunds available for non-use of funds and options were being explored to recycle existing stock for lower level umpires, in liaison with Sportology. Agreement to go ahead with the two colours as opposed to one.

A Buckley requested feedback on the quality of shirts from NPUA umpires which was generally positive. Newly qualified umpires will qualify for the shirts with immediate effect.

MM referenced 'banking'. Yearly affiliation fee for Young Umpires and the option to block or retain a minimum fee via expenses to ensure payment. JY suggested this should be looked at separately via Executive.

Suggested design tweaks included the removal of the black accent. CW mentioned that ladies have a different design at NPUA, not recommended for MRHUA. Ladies fit however was requested. NPUA have a patent on their design so exact mirror is not possible in any event. Name on the back will help with consistency.

BH asked how guests should be managed. Executive to consider. AW suggested the proposal was sound.

Group agreed (with three abstentions) to go ahead which gives Executive the authority to pursue. The start/supply of the cycle should be September 2015, however if supply was needed sooner, for example for September 2014, members would need to contribute £40 subject to logo approval and supply. £40 is a lot for students / unemployed but will come out of expenses.

MM asked about other clothing such as jackets. Supply for these is being retained by Sportology. CW suggested mid-season launch, allows for expenses to be accrued, slippage and logo.

**9.0 Business that cannot be held over to the first Executive Committee Meeting:**

The President confirmed a short Executive meeting immediately after the AGM.

1. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings:	Tuesday 02 September 2014, Tuesday 04 November 2014, Tuesday 03 February 2015, Tuesday 03 March 2015,
Annual General Meeting:	Tuesday 05 May 2015
Members Meetings:	To be advised

The President thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at: 8.31pm

**Approved as a True Record:** ..... **President**

**Dated:** .....