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**Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2007**  
**At Old Silhillians Club at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** (30) Alan Grocock; Pat Colledge; Richard Kirk; Jerry Yates; Saul Shohet; Peter Lawley; Paul Luft; Laurance Colledge; Margaret McLoughlin; Rajiv Khanna; Martin Twist; John Anderson; Peter Byng; Alan White; Bill Holdforth; Trevor Taylor; John Litchfield; Richard Suggett; Maureen Hooton; Malcolm Letts; Derek Sears; Chris Gough; Martin Gotheridge; Peter Dipple; Malcolm Hume; Elaina Leithead (EH); Howard Wilson; Martin Stott; Andrew Barnes; Adrian Mansfield

**1.0 APOLOGIES for absence:** (29) Laura Seager; Sharon Geeson; David Jackson; Trevor Jones; Val Sassall; Peter Leigh; Nick Horton; Andy Higgins; Richard Pearce; Hannah Sanders; Jennifer North; Kevin Carter; Cheryl McCulloch; Howard Allen; Colin Barker; Pam Parker; Mark Wood; Linda Hamilton; Kevin Hopkins; Mike Bull; John Pell-Reynolds; Alan McMillan; Mel Pope; Colin Barthorpe; Jenny Redford; Colin Jones; Andrew Lamb; Laurie Alcock; Colin Benjamin; Richard Kendall

**2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** From the AGM of the 9 May 2006. Proposed as a true record by: Margaret McLoughlin, Seconded by: Laurance Colledge and duly signed by the President

**3.0 CONSTITUTION CHANGES:** The proposed changes to the constitution are due to a requirement by England Hockey and MRHA, to reflect the formation and inclusion of the Midland Regional Young Umpiring Action Group as an affiliated group to the MRHUA. In addition there is a need to tidy up several items to reflect the way that the Association does business and elects its Officers.

There were no questions or queries raised by those present.

The constitution changes were proposed by Jerry Yates, seconded by Peter Byng. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

These changes will now be sent to MRHA for ratification prior to implementation.

**4.0 REPORTS:**

4.01 **President:** Written report previously circulated, copy retained with the minutes.

Raj Khanna asked what the current position was with regard to the discipline problem. AG advised that MRHA and the League were looking into the problem and it was anticipated that there would be an initiative before the start of next season.

Raj Khanna also asked whether we would be again inviting club coaches to members meetings, it was advised that this was a matter for the Coaching to decide.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Alan Grocock, Seconded: Derek Sears

**Presentation of Awards by the President:**

**The Presidents Award:** This year has been awarded to Colin Benjamin for his services to Midlands Women's hockey.

**Tim Henderson Award:** For his services to indoor administration and umpiring, this year the award goes to Richard Kirk.

**Development Awards:** The award of £75 was made to each of the following umpires – Annie Allum, Claire Stewardson, Kevin Freeman and Tim Benford.

4.02 **Hon. Secretary:** Written report previously circulated, there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes

Adoption of report: Proposed: Jerry Yates, Seconded: Peter Lawley

4.03 **Men's Selection Sub Committee:** Written report previously circulated, with the addition of thanks to Peter Leigh for his years work, copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Richard Kirk, Seconded: John Litchfield

4.04 **Women's Selection Sub Committee:** Written report previously circulated, there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes

Adoption of report: Proposed: Pat Colledge, Seconded: Maureen Hooton

4.05 **Hon. Treasurer:** Final Accounts for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes.

Raj Khanna asked whether the balance of accounts was as expected. SS advised that the actual amount was showing a loss of approximately £4,000 for the period 2005/06 and that the web site was the major effect and that this had to be reflected in the proposals for next year.

Adoption of Accounts: Proposed: Saul Shohet, Seconded: Trevor Taylor

4.06 **Coaching and Development:** Written report previously circulated, there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of report: Proposed: John Litchfield, Seconded: Raj Khanna

4.07 **Men's League:** Written report previously circulated, there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Peter Byng, Seconded: Richard Kirk

4.08 **Women's League:** No formal report provided, however Pat Colledge advised the changes that are taking place to the women's leagues, copy of information retained with the minutes.

**5.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

5.01 **Report and Current Year's Accounts:** Written report previously circulated, there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes. The Current Year's Accounts were circulated at the meeting and a copy has also been retained with the minutes.

Adoption of Report and Accounts: Proposed: Saul Shohet, Seconded: Alan White

5.02 **Determine Annual membership Fee and travel Expenses:** Written report presented and retained with the minutes:

Proposal to retain Coaching fee and mileage rates as for last year, which are as follows:

**Coaching Fee:** £12.50 per active umpire for season 2007/08

**Umpires Travel Expenses:** 32p per mile for the first 20 miles in a day and 17p per mile thereafter

The above proposal was Proposed by Saul Shohet and seconded by Chris Gough. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, there was one abstention, with all others in favour.

The effect of this proposal being adopted was explained by AW, in that the inclusion of RYUAG funds had produced a positive effect on the balance of payments. However this money is ring fenced and therefore our accounts would actually show a further lose in real terms of £2,500.

5.03 **Approve Level of charges to Clubs:** Written report presented and retained with the minutes:

Proposals to Increase Men's and Women's League Match Fees for Premier and Division 1 matches by £7 and no increase to Men's and Women's Cup Match Fees (in line with EH charges), which are as follows:

**Club Fees: 2006/07:**

£42 for League matches, per pair of umpires appointed (£21 for Women's Div 2 and Conference)

£35 for Cup matches, per pair of umpires appointed

£20 for Friendly matches, per pair appointed

However this increase in league match fees would be offset by a discount of £2 per home and away match for each properly filled in and returned Captains Card.

Raj Khanna raised the point as to the value of Captains cards when it appears to have very little effect on the requirements for Coaching, it was advised by selection that cards were very valuable in determining grades, performance, individual needs etc. Richard Sugget asked whether this increase reflected a true level, it was advised that this was, given the effect the web site has had on members claiming expenses. Also whether the Men's and Women's leagues had been consulted on this proposal. It was pointed out that these proposals had to be ratified by MRHA at which the clubs and leagues had an opportunity to comment.

The above recommendations were proposed by Saul Shohet and seconded by Richard Suggett. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

**6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President	Pat Colledge
Immediate Past President	Alan Grocock
Vice President (Women's game)	Margaret McLoughlin
Vice President (Men's game)	Richard Kirk
MRHUA Webmaster	Alan White
Hon. Secretary	Jerry Yates
Hon. Treasurer	Saul Shohet
Hon. Assistant Treasurer	Chris Gough
Scrutineer	Malcolm Letts
Rep from Women's County Association	Malcolm Letts
Rep from Women's County Association	Chris Gough
Rep from Men's County Association BCHUA	Bill Holdforth
Rep from Men's County Association EMHUA	Andrew Lamb
Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game	<i>Vacant - No Nomination</i>
Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game	Gordon Hampstead
Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game	Colin Jones
Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game	Adrian Mansfield
Representative Mixed Umpires	<i>Vacant - No nomination</i>

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

Appointments Secretary	Barbara Jones
Secretary to Women's Selection Committee	Pat Colledge
Selector	Deb Read
Selector	Gordon Hampstead
Selector	Pat Colledge
Selector	Laurance Colledge
Selector	Jo Brocksopp
Selector	Peter Dipple

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

Appointments Secretary	Peter Byng
Secretary to Men's Selection Committee	Colin Jones
Selector	Bill Holdforth
Selector	Peter Leigh
Selector	Alan White
Selector	John Litchfield
Selector	John Anderson
Selector	Colin Jones

**Coaching and Development Sub-Committee**

Coach from Mens game	Colin Barthorpe
Coach from Mens game	Rajiv Khanna
Coach from Womens game	Laurance Colledge
Coach from Womens game	Margaret McLoughlin
Coaching and Dev - Youth Development	Bill Holdforth
Coach from Mixed game	<i>Vacant - No nomination. However it was advised that a suitable candidate had been identified, who would be co-opted for next season.</i>
Secretary to the Coaching Committee	John Litchfield

Representatives to MRHA Council

These are to be the duly elected Vice Presidents.

There were no other nominations for the posts therefore all nominations were elected with all those present and entitled to vote in favour.

**7.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS:** There were two nominations for life membership: (1). Alan Grocock, proposed by Pat Colledge, seconded by Richard Kirk and (2) Colin Benjamin, Proposed by Alan White, seconded by Richard Suggett, with all those present and entitled to vote in favour.

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

There were no matters to be raised.

1. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Executive Committee meetings (5), all to be held at Old Silhillians, Club are as follows:

Tuesday 26 June 07; Tuesday 4 September 07; Tuesday 13 November 07; Tuesday 5 February 08;

Tuesday 18 March 08

AGM: Date and venue of next AGM: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at Old Silhillians Club

The President thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at: 8:34pm

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

Dated: .....