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**Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2008**  
**At Old Silhillians Club at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** (22) Pat Colledge; Alan Grocock; Margaret McLoughlin; Jerry Yates; Chris Gough; Laurance Colledge; Richard Suggett; Maureen Hooton; Gordon Hampstead; Peter Dipple; Howard Wilson; Bill Holdforth; Paul Luft; Martin Stott; Steve Tabb; Peter Lawley; Malcolm Letts; John Litchfield; Raj Khanna; Angela Buckley; Jo Brocksopp; Malcolm Hume

**1.0 APOLOGIES for absence:** (30) Peter Leigh; Mel Pope; Kevin Carter; Ian Hadfield; Nick Horton; Peter Byng; Val Sassall; Raminder Dhanda; Neil Johnson; Andy Higgins; Andrew Lamb; Mike Mitchell; Alison Murphy; Laurie Alcock; James Carter; John Pell-Reynolds; Richard Pearce; Linda Hamilton; Clare Berrisford; Alan McMillan; Colin Barthorpe; John Anderson; Ed Matthews; Jenny Redford; Richard Kirk; Saul Shohet; Cheryl McCulloch; Deb Read; Andrew Barnes; Colin Benjamin; Laura Geeson

The members present expressed their 'disappointment' at the numbers attending the AGM, there were only just sufficient to provide a quorum and requested, which was also supported by the Executive members present, that an item be placed on the website to express their disappointment.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** From the AGM of the 8 May 2007. Proposed as a true record by: Margaret McLoughlin, Seconded by: Bill Holdforth and duly signed by the President.

**3.0 REPORTS:**

3.01 **President:** Written report previously circulated; there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes. Adoption of report: Proposed: Pat Colledge, Seconded: Malcolm Hume

**Presentation of Awards by the President:**

**The Presidents Award:** This year has been awarded to John Litchfield for his many years of service.

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

**Development Awards:** The award of £75 was made to the following umpires – Rob Argent.

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

After a question asked by Margaret McLoughlin and a discussion, it was agreed that the MRHA handbook is to be supported this coming year. The information supplied will be as per the website, excluding addresses, the Secretary to place an entry on the website to ask members to update information, in line with request in AGM paper circulation.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Jerry Yates, Seconded: Paul Luft

3.03 **Hon. Treasurer:** Final Accounts for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of Accounts: Proposed: Saul Shohet, Seconded: Alan Grocock

3.04 **Men's Selection Sub Committee:** Written report previously circulated; there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Richard Kirk, Seconded: Martin Stott

3.05 **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

3.06 **Coaching and Development:** Written report previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. At the meeting JL advised that a coaching development session would be run at the County Championships at Cannock on the Sunday.

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

3.07 **MRYUAG:** Written report previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. At the meeting MM advised that the Yazoo Midlands tournament had taken place. Funding initiatives are being sought in order to provide regular income.

Adoption of report: Proposed: Margaret McLoughlin, Seconded: Peter Lawley

3.08 **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: Bill Holdforth

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

Adoption of report: Proposed: Pat Colledge, Seconded: Richard Suggett

**4.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

4.01 **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 previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. Adoption of Report and Accounts: Proposed: Saul Shohet, Seconded: Richard Suggett

4.02 **Determine Annual membership Fee and travel Expenses:** Proposed budget report, previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes.

Richard Suggett asked what the accommodation costs shown against coaching, men's and women's selection were for. It was explained that this was for potential County Championship appointments next season, to allow proper coaching, team building etc. which we had been unable to do this year due to the budgetary constraints. It was also stressed that this was a contribution with the umpires contributing around 50% of the cost themselves.

Richard Suggett asked why there was a £75 difference between indoor income and match travel for next year. It was explained that next year was the first year in reality that we had looked to bring in income from indoor tournaments and that the amount of income was an estimate as it was not really known at this stage what the indoor requirements were for next season.

Richard Suggett asked why the income from the clubs reflected a 7% increase and the expenditure on umpires travel only reflected a 1% increase and whether the clubs would understand as such. It was explained that whilst travel only increased by 1% there were increases in all the other categories which accounted for the remainder and were an essential part in the running of the Association and providing our services to clubs. It should also be recognised that we are proposing to raise income from memberships by 5% overall and by 17% to full non NPUA members.

Richard Suggett asked why BCHUA and EMHUA had not provided contributions to the running costs before the proposed contribution of next year. It was explained that we had not asked for any contributions previously because both the Associations had not been fully utilising the system in terms of fixtures, appointments, finances etc., but given that they now would they had voluntarily offered to make a contribution towards the running costs. It was also explained that whilst they may not have made any contribution towards running costs, they had made significant voluntary contributions to the development costs in 2006-07, without which we would not have reached the position we are in today with such a substantial product available to umpiring services in the Midlands.

The Treasurer proposes an increase and changes to the Membership fee and travel expense mileage rates as follows:

**Membership Fee:** £15 per active non NPUA umpire, £10 per full active NPUA umpire and £12 per Indoor active NPUA for season 2008/09

The above was Proposed by Saul Shohet and seconded by Paul Luft. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

**Umpires Travel Expenses:** 32p per mile for the first 20 miles in a day and 18p per mile thereafter

Malcolm Hume asked whether the rise in expense rates truly reflected the current position and the known increase in the October budget, he was advised that the expenses were raised to recognise the current position, but could never truly reflect the current price increases and that the expenses were really only a contribution towards costs.

The above was Proposed by Saul Shohet and seconded by Bill Holdforth. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

Martin Stott asked that should there be a massive increase in petrol costs during the year, then the Executive should review the rates again, in addition such a review should also consider the charges to clubs.

It was advised that there was difficulty in reviewing charges to clubs due to the requirement to seek ratification from MRHA and the counties and clubs, which would not be viewed favourably mid season, therefore it was not really feasible to implement any findings if such a review determined an increase in fees was necessary.

The meeting was asked whether they empowered the Executive to carry out such a review of mileage rates should the occasion arise. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

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

Various scenarios for club charges have been presented in the budget proposals to show the effect of no increase, small and large increases in terms of budget deficit or surplus, with only the larger increase providing a small surplus at year end, which may be increased if we do not go ahead with the development costs or there is no accommodation costs for tournaments for example.

The Treasurer proposal is to Increase Men's and Women's League Match Fees for Premier and Division 1 matches by the larger figure of £4, with no increase to Men's and Women's Cup Match Fees (in line with EH charges), which are as follows:

**Club Fees: 2008/09:**

£46 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

Margaret McLoughlin proposed that the charge for friendly matches should be £25, this was seconded by Raj Khanna. This amendment was then voted on and in the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, there were 4 abstentions, with all others in favour, therefore the amendment was carried and included within the proposal.

The discount of £2 per home and away match for each properly filled in and returned Captains Card will continue for next season.

The above recommendations, with the amendment to friendly match charges in place, were proposed by Alan Grocock and seconded by Paul Luft. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these proposals, all were in favour.

Raj Khanna again raised the point as to the value of Captains cards towards coaching, when it appears they have very little effect if any on the requirements for Coaching in determining trends, broader coaching needs etc., this was raised particularly in light of the proposed expenditure of £1,800 on card return payments. It was re-iterated by the Immediate Past President that cards were very valuable in determining grades, performance, individual needs etc. John Litchfield requested that the Selection Committees consider how to report trends and wider coaching points to the Coaching Committee.

## 5.0 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 Grocock (until a permanent post holder can be found)
Hon. Secretary	Jerry Yates
Hon. Treasurer	Saul Shohet
Hon. Assistant Treasurer	Chris Gough
Scrutineer	Malcolm Letts

Rep from Women's County Association  
 Rep from Women's County Association  
 Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game  
 Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game  
 Rep from Men's County Association BCHUA  
 Rep from Men's County Association EMHUA  
 Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game  
 Level 2 Umpire rep from Men's game  
 Representative Mixed Umpires

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

Appointments Secretary  
 Secretary to Women's Selection Committee  
 Selector and Appointments Secretary - Other Competitions  
 Selector  
 Selector  
 Selector  
 Selector  
 Selector

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

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

**Coaching and Development Sub-Committee**

Coach from Mens game  
 Coach from Mens game  
 Coach from Womens game  
 Coach from Womens game  
 Coaching and Development - Youth Development  
 Coach from Mixed game  
 Secretary to the Coaching Committee  
 Representatives to MRHA Council

Malcolm Letts  
 Chris Gough  
 Peter Dipple  
 Gordon Hampstead  
 Colin Jones  
 Chris Forde  
 Bill Holdforth  
 Adrian Mansfield  
**Vacant - No nomination**

Barbara Jones  
 Pat Colledge  
 Peter Dipple  
 Jo Brocksopp  
 Laurance Colledge  
 Pat Colledge  
 Gordon Hampstead  
 Deb Read

Peter Byng  
 Colin Jones  
 Bill Holdforth  
 Colin Jones  
 Peter Leigh  
 John Litchfield  
 Alan White  
**Vacant - No nomination**

Bill Holdforth  
 Raj Khanna  
 Laurance Colledge  
 Jenny Redford  
**Vacant - No nomination**  
 Steve Sellars  
 John Litchfield

These are to be the duly elected Vice Presidents.

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

**6.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS:** There were no nominations for life membership.

**7.0 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 (4), all to be held at Old Silhillians, Club are as follows:  
 Tuesday 2 September 08; Tuesday 4 November 08; Tuesday 3 February 09;  
 Tuesday 17 March 09

AGM: Date and venue of next AGM: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Old Silhillians Club

The President thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at: 20:50pm

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

Dated: .....