

# Midland Region Hockey Umpires Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2001 at Old Silhillians Hockey Club at 8pm.

## 1.0 PRESENT: (35)

John Litchfield (Pres): Alan White (V. Pres): Pat Colledge (Hon Sec): Saul Shohet (Hon. Treasurer): Richard Suggett (Assist. Treasurer): David Hourd: Jerry Yates: Martin Stott: Malcolm Letts: Sam Hardwick: Richard Kirk: Peter Byng: Robin Stait: Laurie Colledge: Geoff O'Connor: Maureen Hooton: James Nunnerley: Wendy Scott: Chris Gough: Rajiv Khanna: Malcolm Hume: Karen Bown: Colin Benjamin: Andrew Barnes: Derek Sears: Colin Barthorpe: Paul Luft: Clive Healey: Pam Parker: Bawa Singh: Peter Marshall: Raminder Dhanda: Colin Jones. David Jackson: Bill Holdforth:

## APOLOGIES for absence: (30)

T. A. Podesta: J S. Hayes: J. B. Handley: Roly Jenkins: Anne Skinner: T. E. Jones: A. D. Jemison: Wendy Mould: Sarah Bush: Nick Bond: Barbara Jones: Chloe Robertson: Jim Nelson: Terry Kelly: Gordon Hampstead: Lis Pryke: Barry Forrester: David Collier: Steve Ellis: Steve Atkins: Ros Allen: Mel Pope: Alan Grocock: Ian Hammond: Margaret McLoughlin: Ken Ford: Will Drury: Ian Griffiths: Colin Anderson: Peter Leigh:

## 2.0 MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL AGM 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2000: Approved as a true record and signed by the President

## 3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

## 4.0 REPORTS: Written reports were circulated and presented and are retained with the minutes.

4.01 **President** : Main issues: Executive Committee and Sub committees have each met four times during the year. Thanks to all those members who have served on these committees. Thanks also to those members representing us on EHA, EHL and MRHA committees. JL added to his report details of the Awards scheme, for providing financial help for the development of umpires and coaches and how to apply for these Awards. He explained that the Hills Smith Award was presented to the person who had done most for MRHUA during the year. He gave details of the work done by this year's recipient and then made the presentation to AW. JL then presented Raminder Dhanda with his Level 2 Umpiring Award.

4.02 **Secretary**: Main issues: Accurate records have been maintained on behalf of the Association. Thanks to JL, AW and WM, for help and advice given during the year.

4.03 **Mens Selection Sub Committee**: Main Issues: Committee met four times during the year, main business of each meeting to consider each member of the panel and to review progress. Thanks to all the members of the committee, who each undertook a great deal of work and helped to contribute to an excellent first year. Finally thanks to JL, an excellent first President.

4.04 **Womens Selection Sub Committee**: Main Issues: Committee met four times during the year. The introduction of Captains cards was implemented, and the response has been very pleasing. BJ the Appointments Secretary, has once again done a wonderful job in making the necessary appointments. Thanks to RS the Committee Minute Secretary and to all committee members for their work. Also to JL, AW, and WM for their support and guidance.

4.05 **Treasurer**: Main issues: Published accounts were circulated to the membership, and SS explained the items in detail. Addition to the report: during the year it has proved to be impractical to have year end as 31<sup>st</sup> March. It was therefore proposed that the year end be altered to 31<sup>st</sup> August. Proposed by: Robin Stait and Seconded by: Peter Byng. Approval given by the Membership. In order to set the year end date as 31<sup>st</sup> August, the Constitution would have to be changed, and approval given by MRHA. PC to write to MRHA to seek the approval for this change.

4.06 **Coaching and Development**: Main issues: Committee met four times during the year. Two key events were organised for members. Practical coaching has taken place at a variety of events during the season. Thanks to all the committee members, who with the active membership of our President and Vice Presidents, have frequently debated long and hard in order to try to promote best practice throughout the Region. September 16<sup>th</sup> 2001 next members day at Warwick University.

4.07 **EHA Umpiring Committee**: Main issues: EHA Umpiring Committee will no longer exist. Thus imperative that we gain real and adequate representation through the elected members in the restructured EHA. Julia Gill and Peter Lambert are both standing for election as two of the four 'elected members' of EHA National Council. AW urged members to lobby their clubs to try and make sure they use their vote.

## 4.08 National Umpires Selection Panel)

4.09 **EHL Umpires Selection Panel** ): Main issues: Combined report 4.08 and 4.09 - No umpires have come off the panels. Three entries from the Midlands to the Womens panel - Raminder Dhanda, Steve Ellis and Martin Jones. James Pilgrim umpiring at highest level on the Mens panel. Alison Hill has gained her Crown, and has been posted to many sunny parts as the neutral umpire.

4.10 **MRHA Schools and Youth**: Main issues: Boys - It has been good to see the development of young umpires at the County Tournaments. There is a restructuring within the Schools and Youth Committee. Concern over the restructuring and re-scheduling of the Divisional Tournaments has been expressed.

No report received from CR (Girls).

4.11 **Mixed Hockey**: Main issues: L1 umpire group within mixed hockey. Amalgamation of Men and Women June 11<sup>th</sup>.

The above reports were adopted by the Membership

## 5.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President	A White
At this point AW expressed thanks to JL, saying that he was the perfect person for the role of President in the first year of the new Association. In recognition of the work John had done during the last year, Alan presented him with an engraved fruit bowl, on behalf of the Membership	
Hon. Secretary	P Colledge
Hon. Treasurer	S Shohet
Schools and Youth Representative	R Dhanda
Coaching & Development Committee - Youth Development	W Holdforth
Vice President (Womens game)	P Parker O.B.E.
Vice President (Mens game)	P Byng
Rep from Womens' County Association	C Gough
Rep from Womens' County Association	R Suggett
Rep from Mens County Association	J Yates
Rep from Mens County Association	M Stott
Level 2 Umpire rep from Womens' game	L Pryke
Level 2 Umpire rep from Womens' game	C Gough
Level 2 Umpire rep from Mens game	A Barnes
Level 2 Umpire rep from Mens game	W Holdforth
Representative to Executive Committee Mixed Umpire	G. O'Connor
<b>Selection Sub-Committee (to Womens' game)</b>	
Appointments Secretary	B Jones
Selector	P Parker
Selector	S Atkins
Selector	C Benjamin
Selector	M Hooton
Selector	K Bown
Selector	W Scott
Secretary to Selection Committee	R Suggett
<b>Selection Sub-Committee (to Mens game)</b>	
Appointments Secretary	P Byng
Selector	J Litchfield
Selector	C Barthorpe
Selector	M Gotheridge
Selector	R Kirk
Selector	P Marshall
Selector	B Singh
Selector	D Sears
Secretary to Selection Committee	
<b>Coaching and Development (from Womens' game)</b>	
Coach from Womens' game	S Atkins
Coach from Womens' game	W Mould
<b>Coaching and Development (from mens game)</b>	
Coach from Mens game	P Marshall
Coach from Mens game	C Barthorpe
<b>Coaching and Development Committee (Mixed game)</b>	
Coach from Mixed game	Ian Hammond
<b>Rep to Coaching Committee from Player Coaching</b>	<b>to be advised</b>
<b>Coaching &amp; Development - Youth Development</b>	W Holdforth
<b>Co-opted Assistant Treasurer</b>	C Gough
<b>Scrutineer</b>	Robin Stait
<b>Representatives to MRHA</b>	Peter Byng and Pam Parker

## 6.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS:

John Litchfield

## 7.0 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE:

To remain at £10

## 8.0 LEVELS OF CHARGES TO CLUBS AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

£28 per pair of umpires for League games/Cup matches etc: £20 per pair of umpires for Friendly games:  
15p per mile for Umpire and Official's expenses. Carried unanimously by the Membership.  
PC to write to MRHA for these figures to be ratified.

## 9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT COULD NOT BE HELD OVER:

JL referred to the Clothing for Members - order forms to be with Andrew Barnes by end of May if members wished their clothing to be available for the start of the season.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS :

AGM 8<sup>th</sup> May 2002 at Old Silhillians Club 8pm

Executive meetings: 28 June 2001: 25 September 2001: 15 November 2001: 26 February 2002

All at Swan Hotel, Coleshill.

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm