

**Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1 May 2012**  
**At Old Silhillians Club at 07:30pm**

In the absence of the President, Vice President Colin Jones was Proposed as Chairman by Richard Kirk, Seconded by Martin Stott which was carried unanimously.

The Chairman opened the Meeting at: 7:30pm.

CJ conveyed the sad passing of Phil Hewitt, Jo Johal and Jas Bassan. Attendees stood and shared a few moments of silence in respect.

**PRESENT:** (24) Gi Berman; Clare Berrisford; Jo Brocksopp; Angela Buckley; Ashley Freeman; Chris Forde; Chris Gough; Steve Hoban; Bill Holdforth; Neil Johnson; Colin Jones; Richard Kirk; Peter Lawley; John Litchfield; Paul Luft; John Pell-Reynolds; Saul Shohet; Robin Stait; Martin Stott; Chris Tye; Martin Wilkes; Alan White; Howard Wilson and Jerry Yates.

**1.0 APOLOGIES for absence:** (41) Laurie Alcock; Howard Allen; Colin Anderson; John Anderson; Martin Baker; Andy Barnes; Colin Barthorpe; John Booth; Peter Byng; Kath Clay; Laurence Colledge; Pat Colledge ; Jon Colson; Jaime Cox; Raminder Dhanda; Steve Ellis; Andy Fairbrother; Caroline Frye; Shawn Hall; Linda Hamilton; Sam Hardwick; Kevin Hopkins; Nick Horton; Jane Jelley; Barbara Jones; David Kingston; Ed Matthews; Cheryl McCulloch; Margaret McLoughlin; Alan McMillan; Pamela Parker; Jay Patel; Richard Pearce; Mel Pope; Deb Read; Jenny Redford; Chloe Robertson; Val Sassall; Steve Tabb; Jan Tulloch and Mark Wood.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:** From the AGM of the 3 May 2011. The minutes agreed by the Executive were proposed as a true record by: Colin Jones, Seconded by: Alan White and duly signed by the Vice President with no amendments required.

**3.0 REPORTS:**

**3.1 President:** 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: Colin Jones, Seconded by: Peter Lawley

**Presentation of Awards by the Vice President:**

**The President's Award:** Awarded to Alan White for his commitment to assessing and coaching throughout the season following his decision to retire from umpiring. On behalf of the Association, CJ thanked AW for his dedication.

**Tim Henderson Award:** For services to indoor hockey, Paul Luft was given the award for his reliability, dedication and exceptional level of umpiring.

**Development Awards:** Four young umpires had received Development Awards during the course of the season - Emily Bower; Will Hessey; Alistair Townsend and Becky Woodcock. Two further awards were made to Jamie Hooper and Tom Swain.

**Additional award:** Chris Gough received a special award following his decision to retire from the Executive Committee after many years' service. CJ thanked CG on behalf of the Association.

**3.2 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 Berrisford, Seconded by: Bill Holdforth

**3.3 Hon. Treasurer:** Final Audited Accounts for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of MRHUA Accounts: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by: Robin Stait

Adoption of MRYUAG Accounts: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by Chris Gough

**3.4 Men's Selection Sub Committee:** 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: Colin Jones, Seconded by: Martin Stott

**3.5 Women's Selection Sub Committee:** 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: Jo Brocksopp, Seconded by: Peter Lawley

**3.6 Coaching and Development:** Written report previously circulated; copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

JL added that on 1st April there was a hockey minis event with one more event due in May.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: John Litchfield, Seconded by: Bill Holdforth

**3.7 MRYUAG:** 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: Ashley Freeman

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

As a summary of the promotion/demotion status within the Men's League, RK added that the bottom three teams would be demoted from Midlands Premier; only one team would be promoted from Division One and four teams were to be demoted from Division One.

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

## 4.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

### 4.1 Report and Current Year's Accounts:

MRHUA and MRYUAG - Written reports previously circulated; there were no additions at the meeting, copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

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

One question from AB was deferred to the next agenda item.

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

Proposed budget reports for MRHUA and MRYUAG were previously circulated; copies retained with the minutes.

AB requested further information on the membership fee increase. CJ responded by saying that the Committee was mindful of the cost of travelling expenses, citing the £1,200 increase from the 1p increase to mileage allowances. He suggested that it was to be a shared responsibility between clubs and umpires. AB queried why clubs were not shouldering the majority increase.

JL stated that players were required to contribute to their own development in hockey therefore it was believed that umpires should have the same responsibility. He added that this concept sat comfortably with players and allowed for alignment with England Hockey in terms of ring fencing funds for coaching and development purposes. AB said the response was helpful. It was added that umpire and club contributions were all covered in the Constitution.

Amendments were summarised as follows:

#### Umpire fees for the season

League fees increase from £25.50 to £26.50 per umpire.

Feeder league (Women's) increase from £23.00 to £24.00 per umpire.

Friendly fees - increase from £12.50 to £13.00 per umpire.

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

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

MRYUAG fees increased from £19.00 to £20.00 per appointment.

Captains card refund for completed Captains cards if returned within 16 day time limit - £2.20 (no change).

#### Membership fees - MRHUA

All levels were increased by £1.00 per person:

Active members, non-NPUA - £17.00

Active members who pay full NPUA fees - £12.00

Active members who pay NPUA Indoor fees - £14.00

#### Membership fees - MRYUAG

Membership for young umpires - £16.00 (no change)

#### Members Mileage rates - MRHUA and MRYUAG

Mileage increased from 24p per mile to 25p per mile (toll road not paid without prior approval from Treasurer)

It was proposed and agreed that the proposals for MRHUA would be taken as one package. Therefore the recommendations proposed by Saul Shohet as per his report were seconded by Gi Berman. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these proposals, all the remainder were in favour.

The MRYUAG proposals were proposed by Saul Shohet and Seconded by Angela Buckley. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

## 5.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President

Immediate Past President

Vice President (Women's game)

Vice President (Men's game)

MRHUA Webmaster

Hon. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer

Scrutineer

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

Margaret McLoughlin

Richard Kirk

Linda Hamilton

Colin Jones

Jerry Yates

Clare Berrisford

Saul Shohet

Laurie Linnell

Steve Hoban

Angela Buckley

Gordon Hampstead

Peter Lawley

Bill Holdforth

Chris Forde

Adrian Mansfield

Ashley Freeman

**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  
Deb Read  
Kevin Hopkins  
Jo Brocksopp  
Steve Ellis  
Gordon Hampstead  
Laura Geeson

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

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

Peter Byng  
Jerry Yates  
John Litchfield  
Alan White  
Martin Stott  
Richard Kirk  
Bill Holdforth  
David Kingston

**Coaching and Development Sub-Committee**

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

Bill Holdforth  
Neil Johnson  
Saul Shohet  
Jenny Redford  
**Vacant - No nomination\***  
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John Litchfield

\*Request for Ed Westbrook to be co-opted to the position of Coaching and Development - Youth Development by John Litchfield.

Representatives to MRHA Council

These are to be the duly elected Vice Presidents.

There were no other nominations for the posts within the constitution timescales, 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:**

None

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

1. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Executive Meetings: Tuesday 04 September 2012; Tuesday 06 November 2012;  
Tuesday 05 February 2013; Tuesday 05 March 2013

Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 30 April 2013

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at: 8:01pm

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

**Dated:** .....