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### Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 At Old Silhillians Club at 07:30pm

The President opened the Meeting at: 19:33pm.

**PRESENT:** (34) Caroline Frye, Colin Jones, Helen Bennett, Bill Holdforth, Richard Kirk, Saul Shohet, Jack Mallett, Clare White, Margaret McLoughlin, Chris Tye, Chris Wakefield, Pat Colledge, Lawrence Colledge, Peter Lawley, Malcolm Hume, Alan Miller, Angela Buckley, Eileen Edwards, Jane Taylor, Paul Luft, Jaime Cox, Ashley Freeman, Martin Stott, Ben Driver, Rob Crosson, Gordon Hampstead, Chris Durden, Jerry Yates, Stephen Tabb, Chris Seeley, Lewis Gibson, Paul Bradley, John Lichfield, Andrew Barnes, James Barnes.

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** (34) Peter Leigh, John Anderson, Tom Swain, Richard Kendall, Colin Barthorpe, Tom Cox, Raj Khanna, Laura Geeson, Neil Johnson, Colin Anderson, Raminder Dhanda, Peter Byng, Marc Abraham, Jamie Hooper, Pam Parker OBE, Les Crookson, Matt Parry, Cheryl McCulloch, Martin Baker, Stephen Parker, Iain Noon, Laurie Linnell, Kevin Twissell, Josh Robinson, Jenny Redford, Chris Forde, John Booth, Maureen Hooton, Richard Suggett, Deb Read, Kevin Hopkins, Nathan Thomas, Tom Swain, Prit Sihota.

**2.0 ADOPTION OF 15<sup>TH</sup> AGM MINUTES:** From the AGM of the 5 May 2015. The minutes of the last AGM were agreed by the Executive at the September 2015 meeting and previously circulated to all. These were proposed as a true record by: Colin Jones, seconded by: Bill Holdforth and duly signed by the President with no amendments required.

### **3.0 REPORTS:**

**3.01 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: Martin Stott; Seconded by: Jamie Cox.

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

**The President's Award:** The award is given for services to the Association during the year and this year was awarded to Colin Jones.

**Tim Henderson Award:** The award is given for services to indoor hockey and this year was awarded to Saul Shohet.

**For services going above and beyond the call of duty:** Jerry Yates.

**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: Pat Colledge; Seconded by: Malcolm Hume.

**3.03 Hon. Treasurer:** Final Audited Accounts for Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of scrutinised MRHUA Accounts for 2014/15: Proposed by: Angela Buckley; Seconded by: Ashley Freeman

Adoption of scrutinised MYUG Accounts for 2014/15: Proposed by: Bill Holdforth; Seconded by: Caroline Frye.

**3.04 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: Richard Kirk; Seconded by: John Lichfield

**3.05 Women's Selection Sub Committee:** Written report previously circulated, copy retained with the minutes.

One question arose from Angela Buckley who asked if women were aware that they can put themselves forward for development? The President advised that the Women's side are aware but accepted that this may highlighting on the website for further clarity and visibility.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Angela Buckley; Seconded by: Malcolm Hume.

**3.06 Coaching and Development:** 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: Bill Holdforth.

**3.07 MYUG:** Written report previously circulated; there was one addition to note that Callan Griffith was selected to umpire the u/18 schools final. An amended report would be forwarded by MM for this. Copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Margaret McLoughlin; Seconded by: Pat Colledge.

**3.08 Men's League:** No report was provided for circulation.

**3.09 Women's League:** No report was provided for circulation.

#### 4.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

##### 4.01 Current Year's Accounts:

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

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

##### 4.02 Determine Annual Membership Fee and Travel Expenses:

Proposed budgets for MRHUA and MYUG were previously circulated; copies retained with the minutes.

Saul Shohet and Richard Kirk summarised the situation and asked for comments or questions

Proposals for amendments to fees and expenses were summarised as follows:

###### **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 rate - 22p per mile - no change (toll road not paid without prior approval from Treasurer).

A counter proposal for a change to the mileage rate was raised by Eileen Edwards. The proposal suggested raising the rate per mile to 30p which would, it was suggested, be more in line with the National Volunteer pence per mile guidance as well as taking into account the wear and tear on member's cars travelling to matches. A copy of the full proposal had previously been forwarded to the Secretary and has been retained with the minutes.

In response to this counter proposal, Richard Kirk stated that the increase in mileage rate would mean an increase of costs being incurred by clubs to the extent that they would now probably have to pay £92.00 per game in total. In addition, the costs of such a raise would see running costs of the association rise above £21,000 per season which is just not sustainable. It was acknowledged that the association did have a reserve amount of funds in the bank, but these were required to be kept in reserve as a matter of prudence and therefore should not be used to fund people's travel expenses. Additionally volunteers for England Hockey still only get 22p per mile and also such a raise would put us above both England Hockey and other Regional Associations.

The President and IPP both stated that we are all volunteers, do this as a hobby and that none of us do this to make money. In addition to the remarks of Richard Kirk above, the President stated that it is impossible to quantify the wear and tear on vehicles travelling to and from games as separate from wear and tear on cars when making journeys for any other purpose(s).

The counter proposal to raise the mileage allowance was put to the AGM, proposed by: Eileen Edwards. There was no seconder for the proposal from the members present at the AGM, therefore the proposal did not stand.

The original proposal to keep all the costs the same for mileage and clubs was then taken forward and proposed by Richard Kirk, seconded by: Colin Jones.

In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

##### 4.03 Umpire fees for the season:

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 2016/17.

Friendly fees - £13.00 per umpire - no change.

Cup fees - £26.50 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.

The club, cup and tournament fees were proposed by Caroline Frye, seconded by Margaret McLoughlin. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these proposals, all were in favour.

The MYUG fees were proposed by Margaret McLoughlin, seconded by Pat Colledge. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

## 5.0 OFFICERS FOR 2016/17:

### 5.01 Election of Officers:

President	Caroline Frye
Immediate Past President	Colin Jones
Vice President (Women's game)	Laura Geeson
Vice President (Men's game)	Jay Patel
MRHUA Webmaster	Jerry Yates
Hon. Secretary	Helen Bennett
Hon. Treasurer	Saul Shohet
Scrutineer	Laurie Linnell
Rep from Women's County Association	Steve Hoban
Rep from Women's County Association	Clare White (co-opted)
Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game	Peter Lawley
Level 2 Umpire rep from Women's game	<b>Vacant – No nomination</b>
Rep from Men's County Association BCHUA	Pritpal Sihota
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 Barnes
Representative Mixed Umpires	<b>Vacant - No nomination</b>

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

Appointments Secretary	Barbara Jones
Secretary to Women's Selection Committee	Pat Colledge
Selector	Richard Kendall
Selector	Deb Read
Selector	Laura Geeson
Selector	Kevin Hopkins
Selector	Pat Colledge
Selector	Chloe Robertson

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

Appointments Secretary	Rob Crosson
Secretary to Men's Selection Committee	Jerry Yates
Selector	Bill Holdforth
Selector	Peter Byng
Selector	Richard Kirk
Selector	Colin Jones
Selector	John Lichfield
Selector	Howard Wilson

#### Coaching and development

Coach from Women's Game #1 (at least L2)	Saul Shohet (co-opted)
Coach from Women's Game #2 (at least L2)	Margaret McLoughlin (co-opted)
Coach from Men's Game #1 (at least L2)	John Lichfield
Coach from Men's Game #2 (at least L2)	Howard Wilson
Coaching and Development – Youth development	Brett Friskney
Coach from Mixed game	<b>Vacant - No nomination</b>
Secretary to the Coaching Committee	Bill Holdforth

### 5.02 Appointment of Representatives to MRHA Council:

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 proposed by Colin Jones and seconded Ashley Freeman en bloc. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these nominations all were in favour.

Colin Jones stated that Jay Patel is struggling to attend Council Meetings on behalf of the Men's league due to work commitments. Colin is happy to go in his place when Jay is unavailable. Proposed by: Caroline Frye; seconded by Richard Kirk. All present were in agreement.

## 6.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

There were no new nominations for Life Membership.

**7.0 BUSINESS THAT CANNOT BE HELD OVER TO THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:**

1. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Executive Meetings: Tuesday 06 September 2016, Tuesday 01 November 2016,  
Tuesday 07 February 2017, Tuesday 07 March 2017
- Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 02 May 2017
- Men's Selection Meeting: Tuesday 10 May 2016 @ Old Sils, Tuesday 08 November 2016 @ Loughborough
- Women's Selection Meeting: Tuesday 17 May 2016 @ Loughborough
- Members Meetings: To be advised

All dates are subject to confirmation

- 2. Caroline Frye proposed the co-option of Richard Kirk as Assistant Treasurer to the Executive Committee, seconded by Helen Bennett. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour
- 3. Jane Taylor raised a query regarding kit (umpire shirts) and the costs being incurred by members for these.  
Richard Kirk explained that it was agreed 2 years ago at the AGM by members that as part of the proposal for the Association to change shirt providers and colours in line with NPUA, members would pay £20 per season so that they would not have to pay in full when the shirts were next changed. Jane Taylor was happy with the explanation offered.

The President thanked all for their attendance and closed the Meeting at: 20:05pm

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

**Dated:** .....