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Midland Region Hockey Umpiring Association Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 1 May 2018 At Old Silhillians Club at 7:30pm

The President opened the Meeting at 07:31pm.

PRESENT: (34)

Jay Patel; Richard Kirk; Caroline Frye; Angela Buckley; Colin Jones; Jaime Cox; Ashley Freeman; Howard Wilson; Ben Garrod; Alan White; Neil Johnson; Iain Noon; Paul Bradley; Lewis Gibson; Gordon Hampstead; Donna Seager; Laura Seager; Paul Luft; Andy Barnes; David McCarthy; Bill Holdforth; Rob Crosson; Kevin Hopkins; Pat Colledge; Karl Strickland; Malcolm Hume; Kevin Twissell; Colin Anderson; Chris Seeley; Stephen Parker; Eileen Edwards; Dan Wheawall; Saul Shohet; Jerry Yates.

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: (33)

John Anderson; Carol Davenport; Colin Barthorpe; Raminder Dhanda; Martin Baker; Alan Miller; Mel Pope; Jenny Corden; Annette Harvey; Peter Thompson; Deb Read; Giles Hulme; Pam Parker; Margaret McLoughlin; Tom Lawrie; Neil Stevens; Rajiv Khanna; Helen Bennett; Herbert Bentley; Matt Parry; Martin Stott; Alan McFarlane; Richard Suggett; Maureen Hooten; Peter Leigh; Mark Wood; Jenny Redford; John Booth; Elise Charlton; Steve Hoban; John Litchfield; Jane Taylor; Chris Duerden.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGM MINUTES: From the AGM of the 2 May 2017. The minutes of the last AGM were agreed by the Executive at the September 2017 meeting and previously circulated to all. No Amendments were required and there were no questions from the floor. The minutes were duly signed by the President.

Adoption of previous AGM Minutes: Proposed by: Colin Jones; Seconded by: Caroline Frye. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

3.0 AMENDMENTS TO MRHUA CONSTITUTION:

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were previously circulated. A brief explanation as to the rationale behind the changes was provided by Jerry Yates. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of MRHUA Constitution Amendments: Proposed by: Jerry Yates; Seconded by: Angela Buckley. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour. These amendments will now be incorporated into the Constitution.

4.0 REPORTS:

4.01 President: Written report previously circulated, copy retained with the minutes; the president added that the first meeting of the Governance Review body had taken place and that this had been a positive meeting and provided plenty of good information and thought to go forward. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: Proposed by: Jay Patel; Seconded by: Caroline Frye. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

Presentation of Awards by the President:

The President's Award: This award has now been renamed as the "**Peter Byng Award**" in his honour and is given for services to the Association during the year and this year it was awarded to Pat Colledge for services to MRHUA.

Tim Henderson Award: The award is given to the Umpire of the Year and was this year awarded to Bill Holdforth.

Umpire Development Awards: These awards are given to Association umpires to help towards their development, this year three awards were made to Ben Garrod, Elise Charlton and Oliver Rhodes.

The President also then presented a bottle of wine to Jerry Yates for his work for MRHUA this season.

4.02 Hon. Secretary: No report was submitted due to personal circumstances. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of report: There is no report requiring adoption

4.03 Hon. Treasurer: Scrutinised Accounts for Year ending 31st August 2017 previously circulated. Written and signed copy retained with the minutes. No questions were raised from the floor.

Adoption of scrutinised MRHUA Accounts for 2016/17: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by: Bill Holdforth. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

Adoption of scrutinised MYUG Accounts for 2016/17: Proposed by: Saul Shohet; Seconded by: Ben Garrod. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

4.04 Men's Selection Sub Committee: (This also included the Indoor Report) - 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: Laura Seager. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

4.05 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: Laura Seager; Seconded by: Donna Seager. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

4.06 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: Colin Jones; Seconded by: Howard Wilson. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

4.07 MYUG: 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: Andy Barnes; Seconded by: Ben Garrod. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this report, all were in favour.

Following the resignation of Margaret McLoughlin, Andy Barnes provided an update as to the activity that has taken place in terms of events organised and the progress of umpires.

Colin Jones proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Barnes for his work to date on the MYUG.

Angela Buckley proposed a vote of thanks to Margaret McLoughlin for all her years of work on the Midlands Young Umpires.

5.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

5.01 Current Year's Accounts:

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

Following a statement from the Treasurer regarding input of expenses by members to the system, as to date this season there has been some slacking in doing so. The Treasurer then put forward the following proposal:

1. Saul Shohet proposed that the members were required to input their expenses within two weeks. If no good reason was provided as to non-compliance, then the Treasurer would input a zero amount. This was seconded by Colin Jones.

As a result of this proposal there then was considerable discussion from the floor.

This resulted in three further proposals being put forward as follows:

2. Angela Buckley proposed that the members were required to input their expenses within two weeks and that a penalty deduction of 20% as a proportion of those expenses be applied. This was seconded by Eileen Edwards.
3. Alan White proposed that the members were required to input their expenses within two weeks and that if that was not possible for a member to comply, then an email or phone call to the Treasurer with the information for that person supplied to be input on their behalf.
4. Neil Johnson proposed that the members were required to input their expenses within two weeks and that failure to do so would result in a peppercorn value being submitted to the system by the Treasurer.

The four proposals were voted on in reverse order with the following results:

Proposal 4 - there was no seconder for this proposal, therefore it was not carried forward

Proposal 3 - This proposal was subsequently withdrawn and therefore not voted on.

Proposal 2 - In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, 2 were in favour and 32 were against, therefore the proposal was defeated.

Proposal 1 - In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, 30 members voted in favour and 4 members voted against, therefore this proposal was carried.

Neil Johnson then asked the Executive to look at the idea of a peppercorn value and return with an updated proposal if that was decided as appropriate to revise.

5.02 Determine Annual Membership Fee and Travel Expenses:

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

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

Shirt levy £20.00 for non NPUA/NYUPL members. New shirts due in 2021

Membership fees - MYUG:

Membership for young umpires - £16.00 - no change. However, this will be reviewed by the MYUG working group and reported back to Executive accordingly.

Members Mileage rates - MRHUA & MYUG:

Mileage rate - 23p per mile – no change (toll road not paid without prior approval from Treasurer).

All the above membership fees, kit levy and mileage rates were proposed by Saul Shohet, seconded by Colin Jones. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these proposals, all were in favour.

5.03 Club, Cup and Tournament Umpire fees for the season - MRHUA & MYUG:

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 2018/19.

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. However, this will be reviewed by the MYUG working group and reported back to Executive accordingly.

The club, cup, tournament and MYUG fees were proposed by Saul Shohet, seconded by Colin Jones. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for these proposals, all were in favour.

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

Jay Patel proposed the co-option of Richard Kirk as Assistant Treasurer to the Executive Committee, seconded by Caroline Frye. In the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, all were in favour.

The President then invited attendees to raise any other points or issues.

Angela Buckley then provided a lengthy verbal submission to the meeting regarding the shirt levy, in which she pointed out that members should have the right to decide whether to pay the levy or pay in full for the shirts at the time of change/provision or not to take the new shirts being offered.

During lengthy discussions on the subject, it was stated by a member present that in their opinion the shirt levy was unjust and withheld members 'own' money.

It was pointed out to Ms Buckley and the members present, that MRHUA was a member's organisation and that the members had in fact voted in favour, at the AGM of 2014, for the shirt levy's implementation and at subsequent AGM's voted for its continuation.

Several members then expressed their disapproval of Ms Buckley's point and given that the view of the majority of the attendees was in favour of the existing shirt process, as had already been voted for in the Treasurers proposal, questioned the point of continuing this matter any further.

Bill Holdforth then made a proposal that the meeting be closed, this was seconded by Colin Jones, in the vote by those present and entitled to vote for this proposal, 32 members voted in favour and 2 members voted against, therefore this proposal was carried and the meeting was duly closed.

Neil Johnson asked as to the status of the Social and Anniversary shirts as raised at last years' AGM. Colin Jones advised that this is still to be fully investigated and will be reported back on at a future date.

1. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Executive Meetings: 04 September 2018, 20 November 2018, 22 January 2019, 05 March 2019
 - Annual General Meeting: 07 May 2019
 - Women's Selection Meeting: 08 May 2018, 13 November 2018, 12 February 2019, 14 May 2019
 - Men's Selection Meeting: 15 May 2018, 6 November 2018, 5 February 2019, 21 May 2019
 - Coaching: 26 June 2018
 - Members Meetings: To be advised
- All dates and bookings are confirmed

The President thanked all for attending and closed the Meeting at: 20:40pm

Approved as a True Record: President

Dated: