

Midland Region Hockey Umpires Association
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2002
at Old Silhillians Hockey Club at 8pm.

PRESENT: (37) Alan White (Pres): Pam Parker (V. Pres): Peter Byng (V. Pres): John Litchfield (IPP): Pat Colledge (Sec): Saul Shohet (Treas): Chris Gough (Assist. Treas): Malcolm Hume: Peter Dipple: Jerry Yates: Andy Roberts: Richard Kirk: Colin Jones: Martin Gotheridge (MRHA Pres): Colin Barthorpe: Bill Holdforth: Paul Luft: Roger Flood: Martin Stott: Nick Horton: James Nunnerley: Bawa Singh: Maureen Hooton: Sarah Bush: Steve Ellis: Malcolm Letts: Andy Barnes: Wendy Scott: Richard Kendall: Mick Mears: John Pell-Reynolds: David Jackson: Robin Stait: Peter Leigh: Gordon Hampstead: John Scallan: Derek Sears:

APOLOGIES for absence: (34) Neil Berry: Margaret McLoughlin: Roly Jenkins: John Hayes: Wendy Mould: Colin Anderson: Steve Parker: Marc Abraham: Colin Walker: Lis Pryke: David Hourd: T .A. Podesta: J B Handley: Nick Bond: P J Hewitt: Trevor Jones: A D Jemison: Alan Grocock: Raminder Dhanda: Laurance Colledge: Laurie Alcock: Steve Atkins: Kath Clay: Richard Suggett: Karen Bown: Mark Stevens: Ian Griffiths: Sam Hardwick: Colin Benjamin: Peter Marshall: Will Drury: Geoff O'Connor: Ian Hammond: Julian Mackerracher.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

2.01 AGM 9th May 2001 Proposed - Colin Jones: Seconded - Chris Gough

2.02 EGM 9th January 2002 Proposed - Richard Kirk: Seconded - James Nunnerley

3.0 MATTERS ARISING: None

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

4.01 **President:** Main issues: Generally pleased with progress, but some major concerns.

Positive points - our year end date has been successfully changed to a sensible date (end of August), so that the final accounts really reflect a stable situation and show our true financial position. Thanks to SS and CG (and RS our scrutineer) for their tolerance and diligent attention to all matters financial. Coaching services have improved immensely during the year through the efforts of the Coaching and development Committee, and in particular, the efforts of its Secretary JL and Chairman CB.

Concerns - we need many more neutral umpires. On the mens side we are extremely fortunate to receive continuous trickle of personnel through our two constituent associations (BCHUA and EMHUA). On the women's side there is no equivalent. Clubs need to look to the future - those umpires with any talent or ambition must be encouraged towards neutrality. AW expressed his thanks to PP, PB, JL and PC for support and work done.

The recent financial news from EHA should be of great worry to all of us as umpires. Any reduction in the level of support being provided to the umpiring scene must have a negative impact.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Alan White: Seconded - Robin Stait.

AW asked MG to address the meeting on the current situation at EHA.MG reported on the outcome of SGM held at Milton Keynes. Hockey would be run through four limited liability companies. A levy on clubs of £60 (if paid by 1 June) or £75 (if paid by 1 Oct). A benefactor will provide a loan of £500000. Further redundancies are anticipated, rent/space for offices to be renegotiated. New constitution by 8th September with the opportunity for fresh nominations.

Presentations: Level 2 Umpire Awards to: Sarah Bush: Peter Dipple: Richard Kendall: (Women's Game). Neil Berry: Paul Morris: Nick Horton: Andy Roberts: Dave McGillivray: (Mens game).

The Hills-Smith Award: Pam Parker.

4.02 **Secretary:** Main Issues: Records in the L2 Register have been maintained and updated as and when information has been received. EHA have been advised of all additions and amendments to the Register. Thanks to the Officers of the Executive, and the Membership for their support.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Pat Colledge: Seconded - Bawa Singh.

4.03 **Mens Selection Sub Committee:** Main Issues: The Committee met on four occasions during the year. The number of umpires currently on the panel is, once again, at it's highest level and youth continues to feature strongly. Four members had retired, but these had been countered by the addition of eight new members. Our representation at EHL has increased to six. Thanks to the members of the committee who willingly undertake a great deal of work and have helped to contribute to another excellent year.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Alan White: Seconded - Bill Holdforth

4.04 **Women's Selection Sub Committee:** Main Issues: Committee met four times during the year. Five further members have been accepted onto the EHL panel. Three umpires have gained their L2 badge. The dearth of umpires within the women's game, particularly with so many of our senior umpires being promoted to the EHL, is of great concern. Clubs and Counties must take a serious look at their development programme for umpires, if we are to be able to cover the requirement of the Women's League. Thanks extended to all committee members for their work, and thanks to RD for his help with the young umpires and to JL for his work with the Coaches.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Pam Parker: Seconded - Malcolm Hume.

4.05 **Treasurer:** Adoption of Final Accounts for Year ending 31st August 2001. The accounts represent a 17 month period.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Saul Shohet: Seconded - John Scallan

4.06 **Coaching and Development:** Main issues: Two Members meetings were organised during the year. Five members registered as potential L2 Umpire Coaches. Congratulations to PC and LC on obtaining their L2 Coaching awards. Individual Coaching Scheme - 22 L2 and L1 members asked for help from the scheme. We are pleased to say that we are now able to offer considerable support to our members, but are disappointed how few L1 and improving young umpires, have taken advantage of this help.

Adoption of report: Proposed - John Litchfield: Seconded - Chris Gough

4.07 **Website Sub-Group** Main issues: The first meeting of the group defined objectives, control, content and maintenance. JN (Webmaster) continuing to develop the site. The current appointments database will continue to be kept updated, once the new season starts - mens appointments updated regularly - hoping information for the women's appointments will be forthcoming next season.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Pat Colledge: Seconded - James Nunnerley

4.08 **Mens League:** Main Issues: Detailed report on promotion and relegation in all Leagues. The League Committee has taken its usual fairly hard line on punishing clubs with disciplinary records. Other action taken includes deduction of points/fines.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Peter Byng: Seconded - Martin Stott

Note: The Women's League has invited us to send a representative to their meetings next season.

4.09 **Schools and Youth:** Main issues: Main role this season has been to work on the development and use of young umpires on the MRHA schools and youth competitions. Schools and youth committees have been very supportive or our development programme.

Adoption of report: Proposed - Raminder Dhanda: Seconded - Maureen Hooton

4.10 **Mixed Hockey:** Main issues: The Jane Nockolds Presentation at Lutterworth was well supported. Thanks to AW and his team for assistance with the National Tournament at Loughborough.

5.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- 5.01 Current Years Accounts - SS circulated a detailed report showing the current financial position. Forecast for year end £1450 deficit. CG informed the meeting that the deficit can in the main, be attributed to the change in billing for the lower two divisions in the Women's League, following the changes made by the League Committee re their appointments structure for these two divisions. We were unaware of these changes when budgets produced last year. Other factor re cost element is the distances travelled by Women's umpires, due to the geographical situation of some teams.
- 5.02 Annual Membership Fee and travel expenses -
Membership Fee to MRHUA £12.50 - Votes: - for 31: against - 2: abstentions - 4: Approved
Travel expenses - 15p per mile - Votes:- for 36: against - 1: Approved
Proposed - Saul Shohet: Seconded - Chris Gough
- 5.03 Levels of charges to Clubs -
League matches Mens Premier and First Division £34: Approved
Cup matches for all mens Clubs £30: Approved
League matches Women's Premier and First Division £34: Approved
League matches Women's Division Two and Conference £17: Approved
Cup matches for all Women's Clubs £30: Approved
Proposed - Saul Shohet: Seconded - Chris Gough

6.0 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

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| President | Alan White |
| Vice President | Pam Parker (Women's game) |
| Vice President | Peter Byng (Mens game) |
| Hon. Secretary | Pat Colledge |
| Hon. Treasurer | Saul Shohet |
| Hon. Assistant Treasurer | Chris Gough |
| Scrutineer | Robin Stait |
| Schools and Youth Representative | Raminder Dhanda |
| Rep from Womens County Association | Chris Gough |
| Rep from Womens County Association | Malcolm Letts |
| Rep from Mens County Association BCHUA | Colin Jones |
| Rep from Mens County Association EMHUA | Jerry Yates |
| Level 2 Umpire rep from Womens game | Peter Dipple |
| Level 2 Umpire rep from Womens game | Sarah Bush |
| Level 2 Umpire rep from Mens game | Martin Stott |
| Level 2 Umpire rep from Mens game | Andy Barnes |
| Representative Mixed Umpires | Geoff O'Connor |
| Selection Sub-Committee (to Womens game) | |
| Appointments Secretary | Barbara Jones |
| Selector | Pam Parker |
| Selector | Colin Benjamin |
| Selector | Lis Pryke |
| Selector | Steve Atkins |
| Selector | Laurance Colledge |
| Selector | Vacant |
| Secretary to Selection Committee | Vacant |
| Selection Sub-Committee (to Mens game) | |
| Appointments Secretary | Peter Byng |
| Selector | Bawa Singh |
| Selector | Martin Gotheridge |
| Selector | Richard Kirk |
| Selector | John Litchfield |
| Selector | Colin Barthorpe |
| Selector | Peter Marshall |
| Secretary to Selection Committee | Derek Sears |
| Coaching and Development | |
| Coach from Womens game | Wendy Mould |
| Coach from Womens game | Pat Colledge |
| Coach from Mens game | Colin Barthorpe |
| Coach from Mens game | Rajiv Khanna |
| Coaching and Dev - Youth Development | Bill Holdforth |
| Coach from Mixed game | Ian Hammond |
| Secretary to the Coaching Committee | John Litchfield |
| It is hoped, at a later date, to co-opt two members to fill the vacancies on the Women's Selection Sub-Committee. The previous post holders, Maureen Hooton and Richard Suggett were thanked for their work and support during their period of office. | |
| Representatives to MRHA Council | Peter Byng / Pam Parker |

7.0 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS: No Nominations

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

AGM: Date and venue of next AGM: 14th May 2003 at Old Sils HC: Executive meetings: Dates (4) and venues of Executive Committee meetings are as follows: 4th July 2002: 24th September 2002: 21st November 2002: 25th February 2003 All at Old Sils HC: Coaching Committee Meeting: 27th June at Beeston: General Members Meetings: 15th September at Warwick University and 23rd January at Old Sils: Women's League Admin Meeting will also be incorporated in the meeting 15th September. Mens Selection Meeting: 23rd May at Old Sils: Women's Selection Meeting: 20th June at Old Sils (7pm)

There being no further business, the President thanked all for attending
Meeting Closed at: 9.23pm

Approved as a True Record.....President

Dated.....