



AGM
17th June 2015

Chair's report

Once again we've had another busy and eventful season with some real steps forward made, both on and off the field. We continue to work closely with Hockey Wales to make strides at a national level and leverage their growing relationship with England Hockey and GB Hockey to further improve hockey and officiating in Wales. We are only a small association that has often punched above its weight at an international level, but in order to make the necessary advances at a local and regional level we need to embrace the scale economies and full-time staff resources that England Hockey have available to them. Why re-invent the wheel when we can make use of the best practices from our neighbours over the bridge/dyke?

Successes this season

- Hockey Wales have run 10 Level 1 courses (April to April) across Wales, with 118 attendees, 47 of which have qualified following completion of written test and on-pitch assessment. This is only a 40% conversion rate and something we must strive to improve (see mentoring later in the reports)
- John Taylor ran very successful finals weekends for indoor and outdoor. The feedback for the outdoors finals in April was particularly apparent, with the format/timings, appointments and general team work all-round being specific highlights

mentioned. Well done to all those involved. Darren Lock seems to have taken to officiating like a duck to water. We also had a new umpiring face in the form of Edd Broad on the Challenge Final 😊



L-R: John Taylor, Ian Wright, Darren Lock, Linda Traherne, Michelle Bolland, Dave Leighton

- There were more debuts – this time at an international level in Wrexham over Easter weekend. Wales U16s and U18s hosted Switzerland giving Emma Davies, Joe Evans and Joe Astley the opportunity to umpire their first international games – congratulations all three. Great to see young talent at this level – playing, officiating or umpiring.
- Steve Cox took charge of GB v Japan at Lee Valley in April as they prepare for the EuroHockey Championships tournament in August at the former Olympic Park venue.
- Following strong indoor finals performances Abby MacArthur and Jamie Hooper were busy in Europe and came out with their FIH badges to show for it. Congratulations both ☺
- Finally, Joe Turner has been selected for the EuroHockey Umpires 4 Europe (U4E) programme for 2015. The U4E programme will take the 25 umpires to a practical weekend in Breda, as well as several webinars. Each umpire will be assigned a mentor, who will monitor their performances and their umpiring progress. The



Umpires Joe Astley & Kevin Roberts



programme will also organise umpire exchange weekends enabling members to umpire in tournaments and league matches in other countries at the appropriate level. Good luck Joe ☺

Committee changes

Karen Evans was forced to step down from the Exec Committee owing to poor health – naturally we wish her well and a speedy recovery. In the spring we welcomed both Jen Barton and Marcus Powell in coaching roles. Jen and Marcus join Mark Staunton in providing coaching across Levels 1-3.

Mark Staunton – Men's National Panel Lead

Jen Barton – Women's National Panel Lead

Marcus Powell – L1 & L2 Coaching & Development Lead

Along with John Taylor as Appointments Manager, these three will form the National Selection Panel.

Branding, kit & equipment

In October we launched the new WHUA logo, which was intended to give us a new visual representation to take us into the future. A logo alone is obviously just a quick win in moving us forward, but it does plant the seed of identity and hopefully a contemporary outlook for the association.

The National Panel umpires have been provided with a set of yellow and green/lime shirts sporting the new logo and were on show for the first time at the cup finals weekend. We are looking to roll-out the new logo on a wider range of merchandise and kit next season – please send your suggestions for kit ranges to umpires@hockeywales.org @welshhociumps on Twitter or drop us a line on the WHUA Facebook page.



Marcus Powell & Jim Marchant

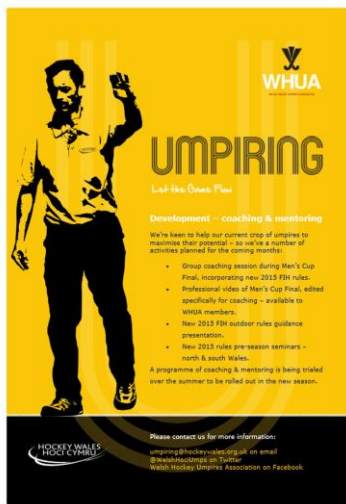


Cathy Jones & Chloe Rowan-Guy



Carol Lewis & Abby MacArthur

At the cup finals weekend we expanded on our branding with pitch side banners and full-page A5 advert in the tournament programme, in a bid to raise the profile of the association and our new branding. Thanks go to Hockey Wales for their support in this area.



Cup finals programme advert



Cup finals pitch side banners

We also

invested in a compact video camera, which was used to shoot some pitch side action in the women's games at cup finals weekend along with the hire of a professional videographer to capture the new 2015 rules in action. This video is currently being edited and will be made available to members ahead of the new season.

The video camera is available for use by umpire coaches on request. Please email umpires@hockeywales.org

SECRETARY REPORT TO WHUA AGM 17 JUNE 2015

Only 18 people attended the last WHUA AGM on 30 June 2014 which was disappointing. Since then, the WHUA Executive has met on 28 October 2014 and 12 March 2015.

A draft WHUA Vision document was presented at the last AGM by Jaime Hindle. Once again, it was recognised that there is a severe shortage of umpires throughout Wales. This is not an easy, quick task but WHUA and HW are working towards at least, doubling those currently, actively umpiring.

The meeting were informed that non-Executive personnel were seconded to encourage communication, membership and development. They were: Appointments, John Taylor, Jen Barton, Karen Evans and Alan Brookes. Coaching: Karen Evans, Marcus Powell and Dave Leighton. Commercial: Jamie Hooper. Unfortunately, Karen has had to step down but will be replaced (if she hasn't been already).

The Executive committee were appointed for their second year. They are: Chair, Jaime Hindle; Secretary, Carolyn Llewellyn; Treasurer, Ann Houlston. They will come up at 2015 AGM for re-election, so nominations are welcome. Sadly, Ann is stepping down as Treasurer at this AGM. She has given, very efficiently and professionally, her time and skill for many years to WHUA and we are all really grateful for all she has done.

WHUA and HW met in August and had a further meeting to implement future planning. They set out aims, plans, areas of responsibility and targets for all aspects of umpiring and officials.

To reach as many members as possible, WHUA have improved communication through the website and production of a regular newsletter.

An umpires coaches training evening took place on 16 March 2015 funded by HW. This was very well received. Those attending were: Jaime Hindle, Chris Brewer, Carolyn Llewellyn, John Taylor, Chloe Guy, Carol Lewis, Jen Barton, Marcus Powell and Abby MacArthur. Those present then took on the task of mentoring prospective Level 2 umpires and umpires at all levels, especially prospective Level 1 umpires who are in between their theory and practical training.

A pre-season umpire and player social meeting has been planned for Wednesday 16 September, 7.30 p.m. at The Haywain pub in Bridgend. The main topic would be an explanation and discussion of the FIH rules for the start of the season with a video presentation. Refreshments will be laid on and will be an ideal opportunity for a social gathering.

Well, I think I've had a good innings as WHUA Secretary (must be about 35 years). I remember attending meetings some years before the men and women joined. I've really enjoyed my time, meeting and working with people, encouraging, planning, gossiping! My claim to fame as development secretary was passing Dino Willox, Cathy Jones (then) and Marcus Powell at Level 1 – and look at what they've achieved now. However, I think its time to let the younger people inject some fresh, amazing elements to the umpiring and official scene. I will carry on for another year (if there are no nominations for my post this time) but would like to stand down as WHUA Secretary then. I will not lose touch completely of course, I intend to carry on as WHUA South Secretary (if they will have me) and still be umpiring and coaching as long as I can. Old habits never die.

Before I finish, I would like to thank all on the Executive and everyone who has given me their advice and support this past year. It is much appreciated.

Carolyn Llewellyn
WHUA Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT 2014/2015

The figure in the membership column is partly membership for last season and partly for this season as HW send a cheque for membership at various times.

The £94.40 in the miscellaneous column is a donation from Ian Wright, being part of the money he received for tutoring a Level 1 course.

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES FOR 2014/2015

317 members in total

- 79 North
- 220 South
- 15 Life Members
- 3 Individuals

National Appointments Report

Key points

- Thanks to all those umpires & officials on the National Panels that undertake appointments
- Thanks to Mark Staunton for working the male National Panel umpires
- Severe shortage of female umpires
- We have some had a new influx of officials – Michelle Boland, Darren Lock, Christian-Phillips Adams, Emily Davies, Joe Evans, Khloe Jarvis & Molly Cross.
- Congratulations to Abby MacArthur and Jamie Hooper for achieving their FIH Indoor Badges

Summary of appointments are attached

Blue = Welsh Tournament

Orange = EHF/GB Tournament

Green = FIH Tournament

* = FIH/EHF/GB Appointment

TD = Tournament Director, TO = Technical Officer, UM = Umpire Manager, NU = Neutral Umpire, VU = Video Umpire

10 – 12th October – EHL Round 1					
Barcelona					TO: Chris Bewer*
16th November Welsh Championships Semi Final – Men					
Whitchurch v Cardiff Uni				Marcus Powell & Kevin Roberts	
Cardiff & Met v Swansea Uni				Jaime Hindle & Jamie Hooper	
16 – 18th January – Indoor EHF Junior Championship (Men)					
Zelina				Will Drury	
31st January – Indoor Finals Women					
	Caerleon			Marcus Powell Cathy Wright Abby MacArthur Karen Evans Kevin Roberts	TD: Linda Treharne UM: Mark Staunton Judges: Anne Mullin, Michelle Boland, Kate Oultram
1st February – Welsh Indoor Finals – Men					
	Caerleon			Marcus Powell Jim Marchant Kevin Roberts Will Drury Cathy Wright	TD: Linda Treharne UM: Mark Staunton & Karen Evans Judges: John Taylor, Ian Wright, Darren Lock, Christian Phillips Adams

13 – 15th Feb – Indoor EHF Clubs Challenge 1					
Rotterdam				Jamie Hooper	TO: John Taylor*
20 – 22nd Feb – Indoor EHF Club Cup (Women)					
Siauliai (LTU)				NU: Cathy Jones*	
20 – 22nd Feb – Indoor EHF Club Challenge 1 (Women)					
Ankara (TUR)				Abby MacArthur	
20 – 22nd Feb – Indoor EHF Club Trophy (Women)					
Vienna (AUT)					UM: Karen Evans*
Saturday 28th March – Sunday 29th March				Umpires	Officials
Senior Women v Clifton	UWIC	Sat 28 th	14:00	Marcus Powell Jim Marchant	
Women's Cup Semi Final 1	Cardiff	Sat 28 th	12:45	Carol Lewis Chloe Guy	TD: Anne Mullin TO: Jane Price Judges: Michelle Boland, & Carolyn Llewellyn
Women's Cup Semi Final 2		Sat 28 th	14:30		
Men's Challenge Cup Semi Final 1 Whitchurch v Cardiff Met		Sun 29 th	14:15	Jon Prince Jeff Lee Mike Cleverly Marcus Powell	TD: John Taylor TO: Linda Treharne Judges: Darren Lock, Christian Phillips Adams
Men's Challenge Cup Semi Final 2 Swansea Uni v Bridgend		Sun 29 th	16:15		
Men's Trophy Cup Semi Final 1 Cardiff Met v Northop Hall		Sun 29 th	12:15		
Men's Trophy Cup Semi Final 2 Cardiff Uni v Whitchurch		Sun 29 th	10:15		
Sunday 29th March					
U18 Girls Clubs	Brecon			Clubs Providing	

Friday 3rd April – Sunday 5th April						
U16 & U18 Boys v Switzerland	Wrexham	Fri 3 rd	16:00	Joe Turner Kevin Roberts Jamie Hooper Joe Astley	John Taylor Ian Wright Dave Leighton + Young N. Wales Officials. UM: Ann Houlston	
			18:00			
		Sat 4 th	14:00			
			16:00			
		Sun 5 th	12:00			
			14:00			
Friday 3rd April – Sunday 5th April						
Senior Women v England Development	Cardiff	Fri 3 rd	17:30	Cathy Jones, Abby MacArthur & Chloe Guy	TO: Linda Treharne J: Michelle Boland & Darren Lock UM: Karen Evans	
		Sat 4 th	15:00		TO: Linda Treharne J: Carolyn Llewellyn & Darren Lock UM: Karen Evans	
		Sun 5 th	10:30		TO: Linda Treharne J: Carolyn Llewellyn & Christian Phillips Adams UM: Karen Evans	
14th April – GB Test						
GB v Germany	London		19:00		Judge: John Taylor*	
18th April						
U15 Girls	TBC			Clubs Providing		
Cup Final Weekend – 25/26 April						
Women's Cup Final	Cardiff	TBC	TBC	Steve Cox, Jon McCall, Marcus Powell, Jim Marchant, Edd Broad & Jon Prince	John Taylor Ann Houlston Linda Treharne Dave Leighton Ian Wright	
Women's Shield Final		TBC	TBC			
Women's 2 nd XI Cup Final		TBC	TBC			
Men's Championship Final – Cardiff & Met v Whitchurch		TBC	TBC	Cathy Wright, Chloe Guy, Laura Houlston, Carol Lewis & Abby McArthur	Darren Lock	
Men's Trophy Final		TBC	TBC		Michelle Boland	
Men's Challenge Final		TBC	TBC			

Saturday 2nd May – Youth Finals					
	Wrexham			Joe Astley Joe Turner Dave Leighton Chloe Guy Laura Houlston	
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June – Warrior Series					
Dragons v Cardiff & Met	NHC	Sat 2 nd	12:00	Jon McCall Jim Marchant	
Celts v Whitchurch	NHC	Sat 2 nd	16:30	Jamie Hooper Jim Marchant	
Dragons v Celts	NHC	Sun 3 rd	11:00	Jon McCall Jamie Hooper	
Cardiff & Met v Whitchurch	NHC	Sun 3 rd	16:00	Jon McCall Kevin Roberts	
Saturday 9th May and Sunday 10th May					
Celts v Cardiff & Met	NHC	Sat 9 th	10:45	Jaime Hindle Jamie Hooper	
Dragons v Whitchurch	NHC	Sat 9 th	15:00	Jamie Hooper Steve Cox	
3 rd /4 th Playoff	NHC	Sun 10 th	10:45	Steve Cox Marcus Powell	
Final	NHC	Sun 10 th	15:00	Jamie Hooper Steve Cox	

22 – 25 May – Outdoor EHF Club Championships Trophy					
Dublin (IRE)				Jaime Hindle	
22 – 25 May – Outdoor EHF Club Champions Challenge 1					
Wettingen (SUI)				Jon McCall	
22 – 25 May – Outdoor EHF Club Champions Challenge 2					
Lousada (POR)					TO: Neil Maylan*
22 – 25th May – Outdoor EHF Club Champions Trophy					
Minsk (BLR)					UM: Ann Houlston *
22 – 25 May – Outdoor EHF Club Champions Challenge 1					
Vienna (AUT)				Laura Houlston	
22 – 25 May – Outdoor EHF Club Champions Challenge 1					
Prague (CZE)				Carol Lewis	
Saturday 6th June & Sunday 7th June					
U16 Boys & Girls v Scotland	Wrexham	Sat 6th	13:00	Joe Turner Christian Phillips Adams Abby McArthur Carol Lewis	Dave Leighton Khloe Jarvis Emily Davies Joe Evans Molly Cross
5 – 11th July U18 Championship 2 (Women)					
Mori (ITA)				Chloe Guy	
6th – 12th July U18 Championship 2 (Men)					
Calais (FRA)				Jamie Hooper	
Prague (CZE)					
				Cathy Jones	
18 – 26th July – Junior Men's 7 National & Junior Women's 6 Nations					
Breda (NED)					Sheila Morrow (TD)
19th – 25th July – Outdoor EHF Club Championship 3 (Men)					
Lisbon (POR)				Kevin Roberts	
21st – 30th August – Outdoor EHF Nations Championship (Women)					
London (ENG)				VU: Cathy Jones	