

Welsh Hockey Umpires Association

Cymdeithas Dyfarnwyr Hoci Cymru

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13 JUNE 2016

MINUTES

1. Apologies

Mary Bainbridge, Tim Baker, John Bowers, Anthony Bridge, Jon Davies, Llinos Davies, Karen Evans, Vicky Fear, Cath Foster, Tesni Galvin, Medi James, Sheila Middleton, Angela Miles, Carolyn Moore, Sheila Morrow, Trudi Noake, Sharon Phillips, Judith Powell, Dave Skirrow, Bernie Wheeler, Jane Wheeler, Rachel White, Tracy Wood, Swansea University Hockey Club, Sue Noakes Hockey Club, Dave Leighton, Mark Staunton, Chris Brewer, Kevin Roberts, Marcus Powell, Linda Treharne, John Thomas, Peter Ganesh, Jamie Hooper, Jim Marchant, Geraint York, Colin Crayford, Kerin Bowen, Julie Pringle, Neil Maylan, Jan Kent, Martin Mumford, Sue Jones, Kate Oultram, Whitchurch Hockey Club, Lynda Bennett

PRESENT: North: Ian Wright, Mark Davies, Phil Leach, Carol Brookes, Nikki Ashcroft, Chris Harness.

South: John Turton, Jen Barton, Jon Prince, John Taylor, Darren Lock, Luke Rees, Abby MacArthur, Michelle Boland, Jon McCall, Chloe Guy, Hilary Williams, Mike Cleverley, Ayako Niina, Mike Riches, Anne Mullin, Christian Phillips Adams, Eleri Thomas, Janet Millar, Jaime Hindle, Kay Tyler, Jane Price, Carolyn Llewellyn, Jan Nelmes Thomas

2. Minutes of last AGM (17 June 2015)

These were accepted as a true record. (Available on request)

There were no matters arising

3. Reports

3.1 Chair

Jaime presented his report. (Available on request)

Under Item 2.4 Jaime informed the meeting that FIH considered Dr Dino Willox was no longer a Welsh umpire but Australian.

Carolyn was stepping down as WHUA Secretary at this AGM and was thanked for her many years' service to Welsh hockey.

Members were very sorry to hear of the death of Alan Brookes. Their thoughts were with Carol and his family. His contribution to Welsh hockey was recognised and much appreciated.

Jaime had been in touch with other countries to compare how they managed their umpires and officials. There were common issues re lack of umpires, umpiring more than one game, finance etc. WHUA would be looking at this in future.

There was a discussion on making umpiring a more attractive proposition to attract active umpires. Umpires expected to do more than one game in a day is not acceptable as it was not fair on that umpire and would not encourage more umpires to be available. It was suggested appointing to less leagues and paying umpires a fee plus expenses. However, WHUA would have to raise the funds in order to pay umpires.

Jaime to call an Executive meeting over the summer to discuss actions/suggestions to be considered for a proposal that will be submitted to hockey stakeholders in Wales ahead of next season.

3.2 Secretary Report

Carolyn presented her report. (Available on request)

3.3 Treasurers Report

Mike Cleverley presented his report. (Available on request). He reported that presently, funds were good but needed looking at in future.

If expenditure continues at the current rate and without a change in revenue streams/funding, we will quickly be eating into our reserves.

3.4 Appointments

John Taylor presented his report. (Available on request) He was thanked for his work, often in difficult circumstances.

3.5 Development

Phil Leach had been managing umpire courses for WHUA. He reported that generally, there were more women than men on level 1 courses. 53 had been qualified last season. Jaime requested a geographic male and female break down. There was now a better conversion rate from theory to qualification due to a more proactive encouragement. Discussed various ways to promote development of umpires, including the Leadership courses, players umpiring at 360 courses and involving schools. All to be looked at in future WHUA Executive meetings.

4. Hockey Wales Report

Phil Leach, Hockey Wales presented his report. (Available on request)

5. Election of Executive Officers

Executive Officers were elected for a term of two years. 2015/16 was their final year, therefore election of officers would be scheduled for the 2017 AGM.

Current officers were: Jaime Hindle, Chair, Carolyn Llewellyn Secretary, Mike Cleverley Treasurer. Carolyn was standing down as Secretary. Jon McCall had been nominated as Secretary in her place and as there were no other nominations, the meeting agreed to the appointment.

6. Any Other Business

John Turton requested for the sake of the environment, that reports were not sent out with the minutes but would be issued on request. This was agreed by the meeting.

Jane Price asked whether WHUA could introduce proxy voting, but was rejected by the Chair.

The North members asked what the procedure was in the case of complaints, disputes etc. Jaime to get in touch with the North representatives, Kevin Roberts and Dave Leighton.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.50