

Welsh Hockey Umpires Association
SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2013 7:00 for 7:30 pm

M I N U T E S

Held via video conference at Sports Wales National Centre, Cardiff and Deeside Leisure Centre,
North Wales

PRESENT: , Jen Barton, Chris Brewer, Alan Brookes, Helen Bushell – non-voting (Welsh Hockey) Mike Cleverley, Karen Evans, Chloe Guy , Pete Hardwick, Jaime Hindle, Jaime Hooper, Ann Houlston, Laura Houlston, Dave Leighton, Carolyn Llewellyn Jonathan McCall, Sheila Morrow, Anne Mullin, Kate Ultram, Gareth Price, Jane Price, Mike Riches, John Taylor, John Turton,

1. WELCOME

John Turton (Interim Chairman) welcomed all to the meeting. He explained that the meeting was conducted via video link because it would save people having to drive long distances for what was anticipated as a short meeting. John congratulated three people appointed to represent Wales at the Commonwealth games, 2014. Sheila Morrow as Technical Director for Womens hockey and Will Drury and Dino Willox as umpires.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following were received:- Don Adams, Mary Bainbridge, Lesley Bayne, Adrian Bennett, Lynda Bennett, Sheryl Black, John Bowers, Ian Brookfield, Julie Cook, Colin Crayford, Llinos Davies, Will Drury, Nick Fackrell, Cathy Jones, Jim Marchant, Neil Maylan, Angela Miles, William Moeran, Carolyn Moore, Grayham Passmore, Marcus Powell, Maggie Smith, Mark Staunton, Jack Steer, Linda Treharne, Dino Willox, Ian Wright,

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (25 November 2012)

John Turton explained why the WHUA Annual General Meeting had been postponed from September last year. There were no matters arising. The Minutes were taken as correct.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

As presented. A cheque for £2000 had been received yesterday for rules books. There was nothing to add.

5. BACKGROUND TO THE ACTIVITIES OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND PROGRESS

There had been a Vote of No Confidence for the WHUA Executive 12 months ago. Since then the WHUA and Hockey Wales had consulted the North and South Districts on a way forward. A small sub group (Jaime Hindle, Gareth Price, John Turton, Helen Bushell and Carolyn Llewellyn) was formed to work on a new WHUA Constitution and general matters. The Committee wanted to simplify the Constitution but still make it suited to the needs of umpires and officials in Wales. Documents were also produced, linked to the Constitution, the WHUA Plan Of Action, Membership Policy and Appointments Policy. These were separate to make it easier if any amendments were needed. The Constitution had been circulated widely with no adverse comments.

Any questions:- Alan Brookes asked was there any thought of proxy voting at the AGM. John Turton said there had been, but it was decided not to as it was thought if people want to vote they

should attend the meetings. The general feeling at the meeting on proxy voting was asked for and it agreed against proxy voting.

6. WHUA CONSTITUTION

A show of hands were asked for to approve the Constitution and this was carried. The new WHUA Constitution would now be taken to the Hockey Wales Board for approval.

7. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

John explained that there would only be voting for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary tonight. The Non Executive members (Coaching, Appointments and Commercial) would be voted on at the next Executive meeting.

Nominations had been received as follows:-

Chair: Jaime Hindle.

Secretary: Carolyn Llewellyn and Jamie Hooper

Treasurer: Ann Houlston

The meeting were in favour of the Chair and Treasurer nominations and a paper vote was carried out for the position of Secretary.

Carolyn was duly elected as Secretary as she had received the most votes. Jamie was thanked for standing.

8. MEMBERSHIP FEES

An increase to £17 per paying member was recommended and the reason for the increase was explained.

There was some debate on this subject with people for and against.

The proposed fee of £17 per member was approved and will be put in place for the season. Members can pay both WHUA and Hockey Wales fees together, to Hockey Wales, who will then forward the WHUA monies to WHUA. The new WHUA Executive will review membership fees, benefits and structure for the next Annual General meeting which is scheduled for June 2014.

Helen Bushell closed the meeting with thanks to everyone involved in the difficult work done over the last few months. John Turton was thanked for stepping into the interim chair role.

Jaime thanked the past WHUA Executive for their effort and time. It was now a good opportunity to move the organisation forward and welcomed any input. There was a need to develop umpires and officials at all levels, to make it attractive to become an umpire and to change. There were many playing umpires and there was a need to develop those as well. He was keen to look at other nations to see what they've done and compare. Also, to consult members and move forward from there.

Meeting ended 8.20.