



HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 11th April 2019 at Cheltenham Civil Service Club

1. Apologies:

Julie Aylmer, Tim Block, Steve Court, George Elliott, Shane Lovett, Colin Reed, Mark Richardson, Darrell Scarth, Mike Whittaker.

Present:

Anthony Bridge, Mike Buckland, Alison Cook, Terry Cook, John Cull, John Hammond, Simon Jackson, Dave Lennie, Jean Levy, David Lillywhite, Andy Marson, Mike Sheppard, Mark Readstone, Chris Tomlinson, Tom Wilson.

2. Approval of 2018 EGM notes.

Proposed by Chris Tomlinson, seconded by John Cull and agreed by all present.

3. Reports:

• Chairman

Report tabled, no questions.

• Secretary

Alison Cook (AC) advised normal secretarial duties and dealing with membership renewals.

• Treasurer

Mark Windsor (MW) unable to be present. David Lillywhite advised accounts presented at the EGM but the finances were healthy. Andy Marson complimented MW on his accounting procedures and said HGW was fortunate to have such a conscientious treasurer.

• Appointments Secretary

Report tabled, no questions.

• Chief Coach

Report tabled, no questions. .

4. Election of Officers

As David Lillywhite was standing down he remained in the chair for this item.

There had been one nomination for the post of Chairman, Terry Cook, so he was welcomed into this role.

There had been no nominations for Appointments Secretary so this would be discussed at the next committee meeting.

All other current officers were willing to stand for re-election and there had been no new nominees. It was proposed by David Lillywhite, seconded by Simon Jackson, that they be re-elected en-bloc. This was agreed unanimously.

5. Election of Lay Members

There were no nominations and as the three current members were willing to stand they were re-elected.

6. Presentation of Chris Tomlinson award

This was awarded to Mike Whittaker and would be presented to him as soon as practical.

A presentation was also made to Chris Tomlinson as after some 40 years of active involvement with HGW he has decided it is time to hang up his whistle in respect of panel appointments. As well as umpiring Chris served on the Committee as the Herefordshire county representative for many years and is a Life Member.

7. Any Other Business as permitted by the Chairman

AC asked to speak first and said that both David Lillywhite and Steve Court had given immense service to HGW and it was appropriate that they both be nominated for Life Membership of the Association. This was agreed unanimously.

Chris Tomlinson wished to record his thanks to both David and Steve for all their efforts over the years and particularly to Steve as sorting out umpires every week is not an easy task. He said it had been a privilege to umpire with HGW members over the years and he hoped to still be of use to local teams when they were short of an umpire.

Andy Marson also wished to record his thanks to David and Steve for their work over the many years they had been involved with HGW.

Meeting closed at 19:55.

REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SEASON 2018/19

So yet another season draws to a close, during which the Committee have again worked hard to keep the Association moving forward.

This has been my 11th and final season as Chairman and I am not going to comment on what has happened during the season as this will just duplicate some of the other reports. Instead I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to some others who have made huge contributions to HGW, not just during my time of office but for some time previously. I obviously cannot mention everyone so I hope those who do not get a mention are not too upset!

No "roll of honour" based on recent years could possibly not feature Steve Court, who is also standing down and is going to be a hard act to follow. I strongly believe that without Steve's efforts a few years ago this Association would have folded and he deserves a massive thank you for all his efforts over the years.

I would also like to thank Mark Windsor for his efforts as Treasurer over the entire period I have held office. Mark has kept a very close eye on our finances and we are lucky to have such a diligent Treasurer.

The final mention goes not to someone who has served on the Committee in recent times, but someone who has been umpiring for the Association for many years and who I am told is retiring. I am not certain how long Chris Tomlinson has been umpiring for the Association but it must be close on 40 years, it is now 31 years since I retired from playing and I remember Chris umpiring at Lansdown before I called it a day!

Changing the subject, most of you will be aware that there is a review underway at national level of the way in which umpiring is currently organised in the Country. This rumbles along slowly but I assume you will have all recently received a questionnaire regarding what you want from an Umpiring Association. If you have not already guessed this is directly connected with England Hockey's aim of having one body overseeing all the umpiring in the country and there is already a meeting being arranged for the "Vision" group (of which I am a member) to discuss the results. There is no chance of any major changes for next season, but I strongly suspect there will be some radical changes on the not too distant future.

I wish my successor well.

David Lillywhite
11 April 2019

HGWHUA - APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY REPORT SEASON 2018/2019

1. This season I have made 239 (last year 265) individual appointments, not counting re-arrangements and cry offs. I have not been able to cover any of the school matches or DCM 2 and C2. However, in general, I get the impression that both you and the clubs have been content with the way appointments have been handled. Unfortunately, some clubs have had at least 3 games UTA.

2. Welcome to the new guys on the block Shane Lovett, Matt Gardner, Mark Richardson, and Evan Hughes and a returning Jerry Tranter and Dave Merrell. Iain Johnston and Chris Tomlinson have retired and I thank them both for their commitment and their wise counsel over the years. Currently we have 23 panel umpires of which 12 are West (including Mike Buckland and Simon Jackson).

3. I could not have done this job without the active help of all the HGWHUA members taking appointments, in particular those who have stepped in to cover fixtures at short notice, so please all take a pat on the back.

4. We have been extremely well served this season by those doing watching/coachings. My thanks go to Dave Lennie, Darrell and particularly Terry Cook for the number that they have done. It makes my life so much easier to have up to date information on how umpires are performing. I am sure that Dave will say

more.

8. Once again many thanks for your support, without it this job would be impossible. Finally, I have been Appointments Secretary for 17 years and as you are aware I am standing down at the AGM. I will savour my time with HGWHUA and all those that I have umpired with. All the best going forward.

Steve Court
Hon Appts Sec
HGWHUA

8 April 2019

Chief Coaches Report season 2018 -2019

A busy Season during which the Coaching team managed to watch all but 2 Umpires, (this was down to availability of coaches on given weekends). I have been impressed with the standard and increased consistency from all I have watched. The standard of umpiring has been praised by several coaches who have contacted me during the season, well done all! This season we have lost Mark Readstone, Mike Buckland and Simon Jackson on promotion to the West, congratulations to all of them and good luck for the future.

May I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Coaching team for their assistance and support throughout the Season, and for the high quality of reports submitted.

Hopefully you will all have a restful Summer and come back ready for the challenge of the new Season in September.

I am content to remain in post if that is the wish of the Association.

Dave Lennie