



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION
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**Minutes of the committee meeting
Tuesday 4th October 2016 @ Cheltenham Civil Service Sports Club**

Present:

David Lillywhite	DL	Chairman
Alison Cook	AC	Secretary
Mark Windsor	MW	Treasurer
Steve Court	SC	Appointments Secretary
Mike Sheppard	MSH	Gloucestershire County Rep
Terry Cook	TC	Lay Member & Herefordshire County Rep
Shaun Cullimore	SCu	Lay Member

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Caroline Maddocks, Mike Smith, Peter Wheatley</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>Agreed.</p>
3.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>The missing headset is still missing.</p> <p>Action point: SC to contact Steve Burton</p> <p>SC still to contact clubs to seek their views as to having an umpire liaison officer</p> <p>Action point: SC</p> <p>Arranging an Umpire developer course is still to be done.</p> <p>Action point: DL & MS</p> <p>Full member email addresses to PW – still to be done.</p> <p>Action point: AC</p>
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Chairman – nothing to report that isn't on the agenda</p> <p>Secretary – AC still receiving membership forms. The 5 full members that hadn't responded were discussed and suitable action advised. She will send one more reminder to associates. For information 2 of those given free first year membership had re-joined. After that AC & MW will liaise to agree the finalised list for 2016/17 and details will then be updated on the website.</p>

	<p>AC queries how long hard copy membership forms should be kept and it was agreed 3 years.</p> <p>Action point: AC & MW</p> <p>Treasurer – the headsets had been paid for and received and were in the process of being distributed. MW had produced an updated members list which would be finalised with AC in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Appointments Secretary – report tabled, see reports annexe.</p> <p>Chief Coach – report tabled, see reports annexe. SC thought there should be more than 4 watching reports, he will check with PW.</p> <p>Action point: SC</p>
5.	<p>Lay Members</p> <p>TC - none SCu - none</p>
6.	<p>County representatives</p> <p>TC (Herefordshire) – Pitch at Bridge Street, Leominster is being replaced. A couple of new Level 1 umpires moved into the area.</p> <p>MSh (Gloucestershire) – Gloucestershire are keeping the active list. Level 1 course at Lansdown on 6th November, Bourton & Sherborne course at the start of the season was cancelled due to low numbers. The Level 1 course feedback from the associate member consultation had been passed to EH.</p> <p>CB (Wiltshire) – report tabled, see reports annexe.</p> <p>It was agreed AC would contact EH reminding them of the need to send information to the counties as HGW did not cover all umpires. It would be helpful if Gloucestershire and Wiltshire did the same.</p> <p>Action point: AC</p>
7.	<p>West Umpiring sub-committee - items of note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUAG is not working properly and is looking for a new secretary • Headsets for all West umpires are being considered • West are not pursuing the active list and whilst it is not essential to update the list held by Peter Lovell it would be helpful to do so. • The working party set up to look at umpire recruitment had not come up with any answers.
8.	<p>League matters</p> <p>Hockey Wales have updated their disciplinary rules to reflect the changes EH have made regarding the technical red card. Their RCRF will need to be updated on the website.</p> <p>Action point: AC</p>
9.	<p>Feedback from HUA conference</p>

	<p>There was a general discussion and HGW were following good practice by encouraging all Level 1 course participants to join HGW by giving their first year free. It was agreed that the conference notes would be published on the website.</p> <p>Action point: AC</p>
10.	<p>Umpire Development/Recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club evenings had been postponed as the preferred Chippenham date was not available. Now looking at week commencing 31st October. SC would ascertain what was available at Chippenham clubhouse and then DL would ask AC to book CCSC venue. Provisional date for the Umpire Developer course would be advised at those meetings. <p>Action point: SC, DL & AC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An information leaflet to be provided on the website that explains how an umpire progresses from Level 1 to Level 2. MS has a form of words he uses for the women so he will provide a draft which can be circulated and when agreed published on the website. It was felt this would be helpful so those who wish to progress to Level 2 understand the commitment needed. <p>Action point: MS then all</p>
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>AC asked if the introduction on the website could be amended and it was agreed that this could be done in conjunction with the umpire progression document (see item 10).</p> <p>Action point: AC</p>
13.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 29th November @ CCSC, Cheltenham.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9:05</p>

Reports Annexe

Appointment Secretary

- I now have 13 non West panel umpires.
- Averaging 10 per Saturday available. You will have seen the impact on appointments.
- Hoping that Dave Merrell and Pete Hay will return to the fold shortly.

Steve

Chief Coach report

Not a huge amount to report, as it is still very early in the season.

Only 4 watching reports received so far, all from myself. Some good performances from both established and new members, albeit on non-league matches.

The main thing to report on is the Umpire Coaching afternoon that we held at Chippenham HC on Sunday 18th September. This was organised mainly by John Cull with the help of Mike Smith. Club umpires from Chippenham, Swindon, Devizes, West Wilts and Marlborough came along to watch Chippenham men playing Swindon men – both teams were quite strong, but not full 1st XI's.

The match was umpired by 2 of Chippenham's more experienced club umpires. The umpires split into 4 groups of 4 or 5, and the groups rotated round between John Cull, Mike Smith, Dave Lennie and myself, so that they got 4 different views on the umpiring of the match. We then held a de-brief afterwards in the club house, where the umpires could ask the 2 match umpires about their decisions, and could ask the coaches anything they wanted.

It was a useful afternoon, and we were able to "push" membership of HGW as a means of progression. The umpires were very happy with what we did with them, and asked if we could do more – but, some found the level of the men's match rather high and asked if we could do the same on a lower level ladies match.

It was also good to see Mike Smith on the road to recovery.

Thanks to all who helped with this afternoon, and to John Cull for organising it.

Peter Wheatley

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Wiltshire Report

- John Cull arranged an umpire coaching course at Chippenham that was led by a number of HGWUA umpires and local clubs sent umpires to observe a game (Swindon v Chippenham Men) whilst talking through decisions with the HGWUA umpires. It was really well received and there are plans to hold another similar day after Christmas, using some gnarly old 3rd team players to make it a bit more like the sort of game you get when newly qualified!
- As a result of the above Dave Lennie has volunteered to get more involved with Wilts CHA to see how umpire development could be taken forward.....I will report more on that in person next time.
- Chuck Baker reported on the new Red card rule and EH statement about active lists. He had not been informed by EH of changes. When I enquired at EH why Wilts had not been told, I was advised that all communication for Wilts goes to HGWUA. I apologise if I missed passing this on, but will make more effort to ensure that Chuck receives everything in future.