



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE  
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION  
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**Minutes of the committee meeting  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at @ Cheltenham Civil Service Club GL51 9SL**

**Present:**

<b>David Lillywhite</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Alison Cook</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Steve Court</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Appointment Secretary</b>
<b>Peter Wheatley</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>Chief Coach</b>
<b>Mike Sheppard</b>	<b>MSH</b>	<b>Gloucestershire County Rep</b>
<b>Terry Cook</b>	<b>TC</b>	<b>Herefordshire County Rep</b>
<b>Shaun Cullimore</b>	<b>SCu</b>	<b>Lay Member</b>
<b>Mike Smith</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Lay Member</b>

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Steve Burton, Mark Winsor
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting</b>  Agreed
3.	<b>Matters arising</b>  Headset apparently held by Steve Burton was still missing. MS to speak to him.  SC still to contact clubs to seek their views as to having an umpire liaison officer.  The draft copy of the poster is available and so can be updated if required.
4.	<b>Reports</b>  <b>Chairman</b> - None.  <b>Secretary</b> – None.  <b>Treasurer</b> – MW not present but had circulated the financial summary. It was agreed that only current plus last two financial years information be provided when sent to the committee. DL concerned that a fairly large surplus especially when the Kickstart contribution of £500 written back and we needed to look at how this could be reduced. Two options were to invest in a 3 way headset so a coach could be included and to give a single unit to all regular umpires. If the latter was done then the recipients may need to sign an agreement as to conditions of use and return.  <b>Action points:</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MW to streamline financial summary for committee usage.</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DL to speak with Charles Hallows as to cost and supply of headsets.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Appointments Secretary</b> – report tabled. .</p> <p><b>Chief Coach</b> – report tabled.</p>
5.	<p><b>Lay Members</b></p> <p><b>MS</b>  <b>SB</b> - no report but he has advised he will not be standing for re-election at the AGM  <b>SCu</b></p>
6.	<p><b>County representatives</b></p> <p><b>TC (Herefordshire)</b> - One level 1 successful assessment. Possible level 1 course being organised provided sufficient interest.</p> <p><b>MSh (Gloucestershire)</b> - A Level One Umpire course is being hosted by Bourton &amp; Sherbourne Hockey Club at Cotswold School on Saturday 16th April 2016. There is no further information about the course and participants yet.</p> <p>Umpire cards have started to be returned, out of the more than 190 sent out, 25 have been returned so far.</p> <p><b>CB (Wiltshire)</b> not present.</p>
7.	<p><b>West Umpiring sub-committee</b> - no meeting held so nothing to report.</p>
8.	<p><b>League matters</b> - TC advised that at the area meetings there was to be a discussion as to whether an unassessed umpire can be used at Tier 5 (DCM &amp; Central 2) rather than Tier 6 as now.</p>
9.	<p><b>Feedback from development event @ Wotton under Edge</b> – Thanks to DL for arranging this. There were 4 umpires per coach and those present agreed it was a good event. After their post-match refreshments umpires Dave Lennie and Mark Winsor joined the group for further discussion. DL was concerned that of the six full members given a personal invitation two could not even be bothered to reply.</p> <p>A general discussion followed as to membership and AC agreed to send an email to all associate members before the AGM to ask what their views and expectations were regarding HGWHUA.</p> <p><b>Action point: AC to email all associate members.</b></p>
10.	<p><b>AGM arrangements</b></p> <p>This is to be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Cheltenham. Everyone prepared to stand again except for Steve Burton. AC would advertise the vacancy when sending out the paperwork. The Chris Tomlinson award was discussed and a decision made.</p> <p>AC raised the point that at present the membership fee was agreed at the EGM but by that time the renewal forms had been sent out and monies paid. Whilst it</p>

	was never going to be an issue it was her view that the membership fees should be dealt with at the AGM. This was agreed.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Pre-season meeting</b> - to be discussed at the July meeting.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any other business</b> - AC had received a request from two associate members to be considered for level 2. The process was they had to be full members of the association, take neutral appointments and be coached and assessed. SC said he would reply to them.
<b>15.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>  To be agreed after the AGM
	Meeting closed at 8:43

## Reports annexe

### **HGWHUA - APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY REPORT COMMITTEE MEETING 16 FEB 16**

Since last half season we have lost Mike Buckland and Alison Cook both injured.

Up to and including Sun 14 Feb I have made 79 appointments not including any changes.

Presently I have 14 non West umpires on the panel. I need between 20 to 22 umpires on heavy weekends. Weekly availability averages 10 to 14. You can therefore deduce that most weeks will involve us not being able to cover 2 or more games.

Note again that this season Conference North will not be immune and I have already had to drop Hereford from the first weekend. As last year I will run a roster so the pain is shared equally. Grid attached.

Steve

Appts Sec

### **UMPIRE COACHING REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> FEB 2016**

Not a huge amount to report since the last meeting. The season has been continuing at pace and reports have been coming in steadily about our members. As always, my thanks to the coaches for their time and their useful and honest reports and to Steve for his appointments that bring umpires and coaches together.

The main item to report on was the coaching day that we offered at Wootton-u-Edge HC for their cup match against Tulse Hill on Sunday 7th February. In the event two coaches (myself and Darrel Scarth) looked after 8 umpires, 3 members and 5 others, for the afternoon. The match was quite a good one, with plenty of action and some fast and skilful play – probably a level above what our members normally experience week in week out. The weather, on the other hand, was foul, with a couple of heavy very cold showers! There were plenty of talking points, and certainly my group were full of questions about decisions and interpretations of the rules. John Cull had to cry off ill, and I hope that he has made a full recovery by now.

It was a shame that more of our active members couldn't turn up for the event – but, given the commitment that they had already made by umpiring on the Saturday, it is not a total surprise to me. To get only 8 people out of a huge total membership (including Associate members) is really not that good, and this would have been a good opportunity to advance the knowledge and understanding of those who turned up.

Peter Wheatley  
15th Feb 2016