



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE  
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION  
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**Minutes of the committee meeting  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 @ Cheltenham Civil Service Sports Club**

**Present:**

<b>David Lillywhite</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Alison Cook</b>	<b>AC</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Mark Windsor</b>	<b>MW</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Steve Court</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>Appointments Secretary</b>
<b>Terry Cook</b>	<b>TC</b>	<b>Lay Member &amp; Herefordshire County Rep</b>
<b>Shaun Cullimore</b>	<b>SCu</b>	<b>Lay Member</b>
<b>Caroline Baynes</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>Wiltshire County Rep</b>

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>  Mike Sheppard, Peter Wheatley
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>  Agreed.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters arising:</b>  As the Umpire Developer training is now available online there is no longer a need to organise a course.  <b>AC action point</b> - Umpire contact details item on website not yet done.  <b>PW action point</b> – Contact with Gloucester regarding an HGW training game. Status unknown
<b>4.</b>	<b>Reports</b>  <b>Chairman</b> – nothing to report that isn't on the agenda  <b>Secretary</b> – nothing to report  <b>Treasurer</b> – accounts updated to 31 <sup>st</sup> January had been circulated and included payment of £525 for the rule books. Since that date the annual website charge of £294 had been paid, all clubs had paid their first half season charges and Mark Readstone's shirt had been provided. MW was happy with the overall financial position.  <b>Appointments Secretary</b> – report tabled, see reports annexe. SC advised that he had 2 spare headsets and Mark should have 4 with Shaun Cullimore's awaiting return. They would need to be used intermittently to keep them usable.  <b>Chief Coach</b> – nothing received

<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Lay Members</b></p> <p><b>SCu</b> - none  <b>TC</b> - none</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>County representatives</b></p> <p><b>TC (Herefordshire)</b> - The new pitch at Leominster is currently being laid but it is unlikely to be available prior to the end of the season. He has been approached by an umpire from Hereford who has indicated his wish to join the panel next season.</p> <p><b>CB (Wiltshire)</b> – No umpiring report at last county meeting. Level 1 course being held at Corsham in May. CB said she had access to the EH umpiring database so was able to check for numbers etc although she would not necessarily be able to do this immediately. This offer was appreciated. She will also check how information is cascaded regarding new umpires as there still seem to be problems with information coming to counties.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><b>West Umpiring sub-committee - items of note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ben Redwood is the new administrator for RYUAG.</li> <li>• Looking at offering assistance to local umpires by way of a West appointed umpire officiating locally and then moving on to watch colleagues. If this happens it will not be until 2017/18 season.</li> </ul>
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>League matters</b></p> <p>TC advised of the report made by the West umpires representative to the Committee regarding whether the possibility of a League rule that all umpires had to be a member of their county umpiring association. There was a general discussion around this and the impact it would have on HGW.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><b>Umpire Development/Recruitment</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the information regarding the online umpire developer training would be cascaded to clubs through their county representative.  [Note: Subsequent to meeting it was agreed information would also be placed on the website.]</p> <p>Following on from item 8 concerns were raised that if HGW had an influx of members it would be difficult to offer them anything except information, rule books and access to meetings and coaching events. We struggle to offer anything to our current associate members and would need to consider other ways of support but this may be possible due to the resultant increase in fee income.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Update to website.</b></p> <p>MW reported that the website could be updated to a mobile friendly version for a one-off cost of £120.00. This was agreed.</p> <p>AC reported she still had to amend the introduction but this would be done when the progression to Level 2 document was finalised. She was asked to send the document to committee members and ask for comments.</p>

<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>AGM arrangements including Chris Tomlinson award</b></p> <p>AGM confirmed for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. All those present were willing to stand for re-election. DL advised this would be his last year. SC also said he would be stepping down at the end of next season and that a replacement would need to be found who could shadow him so as to allow a smooth transition.</p> <p>The Lay Member vacancies to also be included in the email and we need to look at the constitution for a possible amendment to the AGM so as to allow Associate Members to hold a committee post.</p> <p>MW proposed that membership fees remain unchanged and this was agreed.  <b>Action point: AC to contact PW re his intentions. The notification of AGM email to include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The upcoming Appointments Secretary vacancy</b></li> <li>• <b>The Lay Member vacancies.</b></li> <li>• <b>The proposed amendment to the constitution</b></li> <li>• <b>No change to membership fees</b></li> </ul> <p>The Chris Tomlinson award was discussed and SC suggested it should be awarded posthumously to Mike Smith as he had done a lot of work with newly qualified and new panel umpires including mentoring. This was agreed and SC would speak with John Cull to seek Sonya's approval. If this was not agreed then it was felt it should be awarded to Chris Tomlinson for his services to HGW over at least 30 years.</p>
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>SC advised that Darrell's coaching headset had been returned to Charles Hallows to be checked as it was not working. The intermittent problem with others could be resolved by changing the white leads and some were being held in reserve.</p>
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>To be confirmed after the AGM</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8:55..</p>

## **Reports Annexe**

### **Appointment Secretary**

So far this half season I have made 77 appointments not including changes. This last weekend we go to 3<sup>rd</sup> change!!! Grid is attached.

Currently I have 10 West and 14 panel umpires available. Last year it was 8 and 17.

As last year I am running a roster so the pain is shared equally.

Thanks again to Darrell and Dave Lennie for their coaching work.

*Steve*

### **Chief Coach report**