



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION
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**Minutes of the committee meeting
Tuesday 24th November 2015 @ The Kingsdown, Swindon**

Present:

David Lillywhite	DL	Chairman
Alison Cook	AC	Secretary
Mark Windsor	MW	Treasurer
Steve Court	SC	Appointments Secretary
Peter Wheatley	PL	Chief Coach
Mike Sheppard	MSh	Gloucestershire County Rep
Terry Cook	TC	Herefordshire County Rep
Caroline Maddocks	CM	Wiltshire County Rep
Shaun Cullimore	SCu	Lay Member
Mike Smith	MS	Lay Member

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
1.	Apologies: Steve Burton
2.	Minutes of previous meeting Agreed
3.	Matters arising AC advised all minutes now on the website as are the relevant updated disciplinary forms and the News page has been updated. MS had the individual Chris Tomlinson award trophies and DL presented SC with his for this year. Has not been a West Umpires meeting so MW still has to speak with Peter Lovell regarding his communication directly to umpires rather than via the County reps.
	Reports Chairman: DL advised nothing that wasn't on the agenda Secretary: AC reported that the membership renewal process is now complete although the occasional new member form was still being received. Treasurer: MW reported there was £2,604.71 in the current account and £3,072.97 on deposit. He had reconciled the membership details with AC and numbers had increased this year with an additional £178 in fees. £100.00 grant received from West Umpires in respect of the pre-season rules presentation. Shirt requests had been received from Simon Jackson and Michael Buckland. Still concerns over a missing headset last seen with SB; SC to follow this up.

	<p>Action point: SC to contact SB with regard to the missing headset</p> <p>Appointments Secretary: SC had issued his report, see Reports Annexe</p> <p>Chief Coach: PW had issued his report, see Reports Annexe</p>
5.	<p>Lay Members</p> <p>MS: nothing to report apart from bringing with him the permanent Chris Tomlinson award trophies.</p> <p>SB: not present and nothing provided to AC</p> <p>SCu: nothing to report</p>
6.	<p>County representatives</p> <p>TC (Herefordshire) has had one positive response from a Level 1 course attendee (Warminster) and they are in the process of being mentored with a view to a formal assessment game in December.</p> <p>MSh (Gloucestershire) Report provided – see reports Annexe. MS also advised that the Gloucestershire had offered to host a round of the 2016 county championships.</p> <p>CM (Wiltshire) Nothing had been advised to her by Chuck Baker. A subsidised Level 1 course was being held in January at Melksham tutored by Tony Wilcox. They were struggling with assessors and CM was advised that Chuck should have a list of all Level 2 umpires and any of those could assess.</p>
7.	<p>West Umpiring sub-committee</p> <p>MW advised no meetings – next ones are 7th December dedicated to budgets and operating procedure and then 20th January for the next full meeting.</p>
8.	<p>League matters</p> <p>TC advised that following feedback there would be no change to League rules with regard to formalising the need for clubs to provide an official to monitor the timing of green cards.</p>
9.	<p>Umpire development/Recruitment</p> <p>SCu talked through the report from the working party that had been previously circulated. Many points of view were expressed with a lengthy and full discussion taking place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise that clubs are generally not going to push their umpires forward. • Club umpire drive needs resources put against it and this will need to come from committee members. • Consideration of clubs having an umpire liaison officer. • Any approach to the League for umpiring issues would need to come from the West Umpiring Committee representative. • Identify those associate members who may have development potential and work with them on an individual basis. • Organise a development event at the Wotton under Edge Trophy game on

	<p>7th February. Open to all Associate members max 20 to 24 with four coaches with refreshments afterwards and a possible discussion with the umpires about the game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible poster redesign <p>Action points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC to contact clubs to seek their views as to having an umpire liaison officer. • DL to discuss with Wotton under Edge about HGW running a development event at their Trophy game on 7th February. AC to then circulate all associate members. • TC to look at existing poster and whether it needs updating. MW will see if he has the original or it may be held by Hugh James.
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>15th/16th February depending on room availability @ CCSC.</p> <p>AGM 21st/22nd March depending on room availability @ CCSC.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9:05</p>

REPORTS ANNEXE

APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY REPORT - COMMITTEE MEETING 23 NOV 15

Appointments to 28/11 have been published. December will be published shortly.

So far (21/11) I have made 154 appointments League & Cup, not including changes. Last season at this stage it was 181. Grid attached.

I need between 18 to 26 umpires a week. Currently I have 25 available of whom 8 are West. Weekly availability averages 12 to 17 non West. You can therefore deduce that most weeks will involve us not being able to cover 2 or 3 games. Note that this season Conference North has not been immune.

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

Thanks again to Darrell for his coaching work.

Steve

Appts Sec

UMPIRE COACHING REPORT FOR COMMITTEE MEETING, 24th NOVEMBER 2015

With about 1/3rd of the season gone so far, I have already received 19 Coaching and Assessment reports, covering 13 of our active members. This is a very good rate of coverage. I have been pleased with both the detail and depth of the reports, and also their honesty. The coaches are not afraid to state things as they see them, and it is good to hear that the members seem happy with what they are hearing. The majority of the reports have been positive and indicate that our members are covering their matches at least competently, and often very well indeed.

It is a shame to hear that James Self has decided to take a break from umpiring. Hopefully, after a pause to re-charge his batteries, he might re-appear with us in the future. That apart, things have gone well, and it is good to see Nick Grimshaw back with us again.

My thanks as always go to the coaches who work so hard on everyone's behalf, and also to Steve Court for his incessant work arranging to pair off coaches and umpires for our benefit.

Peter Wheatley

24/11/2015

Gloucestershire Representative - 24th November 2015

The Level One Umpire course HGWHUA organised went ahead on 11th October 2015 at Balcarras School in Cheltenham. There were 17 nominated for the course, of whom 16 attended. I have broken down the club affiliation below and I believe that up to 14 umpires took advantage of the offer from HGWHUA.

Lansdown	2
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Cirencester	2
Winchcombe	3
Blockley	1
Stourport	1
Wotton-under-Edge	1
Newent	2
Bredon School & Colwall & Malvern (1)	2
Shipston	1
Salisbury	1

West Hockey Association Umpiring Committee

A request was sent to England Hockey for details of the list of umpires held by England Hockey. An example of the figures are shown below, together with a comparison of the reports made by the County or HUA representatives at the last meeting.

	County Reports			EH Figures		
	assessed	unassessed	total	assessed	unassessed	total
Avon	344	64	408	13	5	18
Devon	218	62	280	341	131	472
Gloucestershire	145	50	195	289	98	387
Herefordshire	44	7	51	46	28	74
Cornwall	n/a	n/a	n/a	119	50	169
Dorset	n/a	n/a	n/a	141	51	192
Somerset	n/a	n/a	n/a	438	111	549
Wiltshire	n/a	n/a	n/a	286	82	368

There is a distinct difference between the records held by EH and what the counties and HUAs are administering on the ground. Gloucestershire has four Level One umpires and one unassessed umpire with Herefordshire addresses. There is one from Wiltshire.

Mike Sheppard
24th November 2015