



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION
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**Minutes of the committee meeting
Monday 27th July 2015 @ The Kingsdown, Swindon**

Present:

David Lillywhite	DL	Chairman
Alison Cook	AC	Secretary
Mark Windsor	MW	Treasurer
Steve Court	SC	Appointments Secretary
Terry Cook	TC	Herefordshire County Rep
Mike Smith	MS	Lay Member

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
1.	<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Steve Burton, Shaun Cullimore, Carolyn Maddocks, Mike Shepherd, Peter Wheatley</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Agreed</p>
3.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>DL advised only given one headset by SB. AC advised working with SC and past minutes would be on the website by September. MW advised that the concerns regarding the late call off of cup games had been raised at West Umpires and this was being taken forward by Charles Hallows.</p>
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>Chairman - DL advised that in view of his recent appointment as West Chair of Selectors he was standing down as West umpire representative to the Men's League. A Level 1 course at Balcarras in early October is planned and is being advertised.</p> <p>Secretary – AC reported that membership renewal forms would be sent out shortly along with details of the pre-season meeting.</p> <p>Treasurer – MW advised that there had been a loss for the season 2014/15 of £424 but this was taking account of the Kick Start set aside and there were the costs of the rule books (£405). There was a small surplus on the appointments fees against expenses although there were still two umpires who had not claimed. It was agreed these would not be chased any further but paid if a claim submitted.</p> <p>Accounts were agreed for presentation at the EGM with proposals that there would be no increase in fees to Clubs, currently £15 per umpire, and no change to the mileage rate, currently £0.25. This would be reviewed during the mid-season</p>

	<p>break.</p> <p>Appointments Secretary. SC advised that there were 19 teams to appoint to this coming season, one less than last year. He had 18 to 20 non West umpires but there were two or three possible new umpires coming on to the Panel. The roster system would be in place as previously with teams having to take turns with no appointments. This would include Conference North (Tier 3) and it was likely these teams would see more 'no appointments' than last year when it was only once.</p> <p>Chief Coach. PW not present and no report provided in advance.</p> <p>Membership Working Party. Nothing happened since the last HGW meeting. Agreed that this should be chased to see what progress was being made and to ensure a report comes to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action point - AC</p>
5.	<p>Lay Members</p> <p>MS had sourced a trophy to be kept by the recipients of the Chris Tomlinson award that could be kept. Agreed to purchase six and to have one engraved for SC.</p> <p>SB not present SCu not present</p>
6.	<p>County representatives</p> <p>TC (Herefordshire) has organised a rules seminar on 10th September for any umpire or player who wishes to attend. All umpires had received details of the rule changes. He raised the issue of Peter Lovell contacting certain of the county umpires to check their details and activity and asked if this was a West initiative. MW/DL were not aware of anything and following general conversation it seemed that not all umpires were being contacted. Agreed that this is something that the County Umpiring Secretaries should be doing, not a West function.</p> <p>Action point: MW to raise at next West meeting</p> <p>MSh (Gloucestershire) had provided a brief report advising that on the GHA Level One Register 99 have returned cards, 29 one season overdue, 14 two seasons overdue and will be moved to inactive list in due course.</p> <p>Level One unassessed: currently 57 on list, 49 of which were added this season.</p> <p>CB (Wiltshire) not present.</p>
7.	<p>West Umpiring sub-committee</p> <p>MW advised that nothing has happened that has any relevance to HGW.</p>
8.	<p>League matters</p> <p>DL had raised the possibility of the home club providing a match official to assist with timing of green cards. At the League meeting it had been agreed that something should go on their website with a request for feedback from umpires and clubs so as to discuss at their November meeting.</p>

9.	<p>Website</p> <p>The email form David Lane had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed there was no reason to change. The website is considered to be a Notice Board and not inter-active.</p>
10.	<p>Pre-season meeting</p> <p>Confirmed as 8th September at the Cheltenham Civil Service Club. Nick White is the speaker and the start time for that element of the meeting will be approx. 8:15. It was agreed refreshments would be provided and AC to ask for confirmation of attendance when sending out details.</p> <p>Action point: DL to check on equipment needed.</p>
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>None</p>
15.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>5th/6th or 12th October depending on room availability @ CCSC.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8:58</p>