



**HEREFORDSHIRE GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WILTSHIRE  
HOCKEY UMPIRING ASSOCIATION  
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**Minutes of the committee meeting  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 @ Cheltenham CSSA**

**Present:**

<b>Terry Cook</b>	<b>TC</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>Dave Lennie</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>Chief Coach</b>
<b>Shaun Cullimore</b>	<b>SCu</b>	<b>Lay Member</b>
<b>Simon Jackson</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Lay Member</b>
<b>Mike Sheppard</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Gloucestershire Rep</b>

<i>Item Number</i>	<i>Agenda Title</i>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Apologies.</b></p> <p>Anthony Bridge, Tom Wilson</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting.</b></p> <p>Agreed.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Matters arising.</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Reports.</b></p> <p><b>Chairman</b> - TC expressed his thanks to David Lillywhite and Steve Court for all they had done for the Association over the past 11 and 17 years respectively.</p> <p><b>Secretary</b> - AC asked whether full members needed to fill in a renewal form. It was required last year due to the GDPR paragraph but as long as a reminder was in the renewal email than that should now be sufficient. Agreed that no form necessary.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> - MW had circulated the financial statement prior to the meeting. The only activity since then was the insurance renewal. It was confirmed rule books had been ordered but nothing had been heard with regard to when they would arrive.</p> <p><b>Action point: AC to check position regarding rule books.</b></p> <p>Bank account signatories were reviewed, currently F Hubber, D Lillywhite, A Marson &amp; M Windsor. It was felt signatories should be current committee members and after discussion committee agreed that Terry Cook and Mike Sheppard would be added and Messrs Hubber, Lillywhite and Marson would be removed.</p>

	<p><b>Action point: MW to obtain the relevant form(s) from the Bank and progress.</b></p> <p><b>Appointments Secretary</b> – Steve Court had sent a recent email with the current position regarding available umpires.</p> <p><b>Chief Coach</b> – DL advised that the work being done by the current coaching team was excellent and the standard of reports was high. Only one umpire did not receive a formal watching last season, Mike Whittaker, and this would be rectified early in the coming season.</p>
5.	<p><b>Lay Members</b></p> <p><b>SCu</b> - nothing to report.</p> <p><b>SJ</b> – nothing to report.</p>
6.	<p><b>County representatives</b></p> <p><b>MSh (Gloucestershire)</b> – nothing to report.</p> <p><b>TC (Herefordshire)</b> – no change to numbers since the last meeting.</p> <p><b>TW (Wiltshire)</b> – nothing tabled but MW advised TW had contacted him to ask about numbers and bandings for our insurance policy as they might be looking to insure all their Level 1 umpires.</p>
7.	<p><b>West Umpiring sub-committee</b></p> <p>First meeting since June 2018. A document had been presented to the Ladies League for discussion as to how to encourage clubs to provide umpires in to the neutral pool due to the probable inability to appoint to all the West Premier games. Not a concern for HGW but need to keep a watching brief.</p> <p>New EH umpiring website (OMS) that will initially cover National League and West appointments. The data transfer has started and it is scheduled to go live in August. A financial package is included but no indication as yet as to how this will work and what contribution may/will be required from the umpiring associations. The intention of EH is that this will then cascade downwards but MS advised that there had been no agreement given by West Umpires to EH that the county associations had 'signed up' to this.</p>
8.	<p><b>Committee vacancies</b></p> <p>There had been no volunteers for Appointments Secretary. Discussion as to how to move this forward and what we would do if the post remained vacant. Agreed the default position was that the appointments would be done by the Chief Coach in conjunction with the Chairman. AC offered administrative support if required. Also agreed it was important to manage expectations of the clubs and umpires and that if necessary a communication to be sent out before the start of the season so that everyone involved knew the situation.</p>
9.	<p><b>Umpire Recruitment &amp; Development</b></p> <p>TC advised he had been to Cirencester to assess a Level 1 umpire and had coached a couple of others.</p>

	<p>AC advised that she had been at the Ladies League ALM and a question had been asked about umpire development which indicated there was interest and perhaps HGW should be looking at also encouraging lady umpires to do some of our games as part of their development for West.</p> <p>MW felt club umpire queries should go through their Club Umpire Development Officer (CUD) Perhaps get all CUD's together to discuss what is needed and they disseminate the information within their clubs.</p> <p>DL said going round individual clubs was too great an expense but the problem is that CUD's would want to keep umpires within the club. Possibly have a session in each of the Counties and invite the CUD's to that.</p> <p>SJ asked about 13-18 year olds umpiring the younger age group tournaments. As RYUAG is now active nominations could be made to them.</p> <p>MS gave the position regarding the West school tournaments where 3\4 spaces reserved for young umpires.</p> <p>The general consensus was that the personal approach was the best if a promising umpire seen on the circuit and this should include Ladies.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Pre-season meeting</b></p> <p>It was felt a meeting would be beneficial given the possible rule changes. The date of 23<sup>rd</sup> September was agreed and booked. DL to lead the presentation.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any other business.</b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> September (EGM &amp; pre-season meeting)</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9:10</p>