

**Minutes of a Meeting of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Hockey Association held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at Wakefield HC starting at 1900hrs**

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The meeting commenced with a minute's silence to remember Tony Moffatt and think of what he meant to you and the wide world of hockey.

**Present** Ray Everitt, Tony Moore, Bridget Petty, Jon Bray, Roger Lomas, Andy Tapley, Dik Skippings, Phil Thomas, Andy Pettigrew, Angela Riley, Anne Bryant, Julie Blogg

**Apologies** Phil Stublely, Judith Nicholson, Angie Clay, Nigel Herd, Heather Douglas, Ruaridh Stewart.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting on 2nd December 2016. Matters arising: one men's club were very late in making their payment in fact being so late that they were disaffiliated by EH, they then paid within 24 hours so they did not miss a match. Some sort of penalty must be threatened so they do not feel they can do this. RL will put a letter together to the club stressing the seriousness of this situation.

**Hon Treasurer's Report**

Potential healthy surplus this year although there are probably some more bills to come in but any large ones have been accounted for. There was no expenditure carried over from last year so that is why this season is looking quite healthy.

RE wondered if we kept this healthy surplus we could offer discounted fees for next season. It was agreed by all that this is a good proposal but would only apply to clubs who pay on time or early. A raft of league fines due to go out, invoices will be going out and a spreadsheet will be given to RL so he knows who is on the list.

**Hon Secretary's Report & Correspondence**

EH AGM Calling Notice received, Sue Bodycombe is up for re-election as President as is Chris Todd as vice president and we support these. We will await to see if there are any other nominations before confirming our support elsewhere.

Confirmation requested for the date of the Ladies North County Tournament – AB will email this. RE to send letter of congratulations to Lee Barron on his success as an Indoor Umpire having officiated at the highest level in international tournaments.

**Report from EHB – Heather Douglas**

Comprehensive report received from Heather. Yorkshire above the national average for increase in player numbers which is excellent news.

AT added that at a recent EH board meeting it was highlighted that we do not have sufficient information / data on injuries. At International level this is gathered but at grass roots level, this is not officially gathered. There is a form for admissions to hospital at National League level and they are considering a system of how this data could be gathered.

The thought is that hockey does not have an issue but unless the data is collected, we won't know.

**Report from NHA**

Nothing to report from the North.

However, it was mentioned that the last time many people saw Tony was at the North Meeting on the Monday before he was taken ill on Friday. He was in very good spirits at this meeting. RE asked how we would get info from the RCC - Andy Tapley will ensure we are kept up to date.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Discipline – Ray Everitt**

Ray submitted a chart containing the Red cards for this season.

Red card Div 4 North game - no info forthcoming. RE investigating

A goalkeeper got a red card and the rest of the team walked off in protest. No appeal allowed as they were too late in their response.

#### **Competitions – report from Roger Lomas**

Men's and Ladies leagues are running fairly smoothly. One player has played for two separate clubs which they cannot do. Also a senior club cancelled their second team but played lower teams so they will be dealt with.

Clubs to be reminded that they cannot play down in the last four games of the season.

Next season we are starting a week later as Easter is later so first team cups can be played on the 10th Sept and other cups on the 17th and the league will start on the 24th Sept and the week before Xmas is not being used.

Doncaster is running part of the finals weekend so once the teams are known the games will be allocated.

The newsletter is coming soon, w/c 8th February.

#### **Schools & Youth – report from Phil Thomas**

Phil submitted a comprehensive report and highlighted the following.

Ann Marshall has taken over as Chairman of the NPC.

Meeting on 28th January regarding Youth Competitions Review was very well attended by Yorkshire Thanks to Andy for the website and YHUA for help with matches.

22nd Feb Player Pathway review at Harrogate Pavilion - to review how the Player Pathway goes forward from here. Attendance from all Yorkshire clubs should be encouraged.

#### **Yorkshire Umpires - report Richard Skippings**

Level 1 assessments proceed slowly.

The North Div 2 SE - Ladies Div neutrals will cease from the start of next season.

YHUA would like each club to have their own umpire developer and one free place will be offered to each club. YHA will pay for all. Competitions would like to make it a rule that you have to have an Umpire Developer as part of the rules to compete in the Yorkshire Leagues. But this might be difficult if you only have one umpire in your club. Those smaller clubs could either join together or come under the umbrella of a larger club.

RL proposed that larger clubs should be told that they must send someone on this course and then we discuss how we deal with the smaller clubs later.

AP thinks that all clubs should be encouraged to attend. He also mentioned that some counties use neutral scheme umpires to do mentoring.

Julie B mentioned that Phil Bootland in his role at YHUA is very keen to help with this. Also we could call on our FIH umpires, as we are blessed with many and they are very helpful.

Jon B asked what we are doing with Junior Umpires and what are we doing to get them involved. PT said that they are encouraging young umpires in the Youth Leagues. RS mentioned that there is the Regional Young Umpires Group and they provide umpires for various youth tournaments where they are coached by experienced umpire coaches.

**Website Manager – Andy Pettigrew**

AP didn't have a lot to say, the website is running fine, getting great response from clubs who input the vast majority of the results by 10pm on Saturday night.

AP speaking to Neil Harrison about things they need to get going, the main thing is getting rid of all the individual registrations. Fixtures secs remain separately registered. Player registration is being worked on.

**AOB**

RE would like people to consider what Yorkshire should do in memory of KAM that suitably celebrates what was important to Tony and his love of hockey.

Dinner fixed at the Holiday Inn on Friday 13th May.

RE would like the minutes of executive meetings to be published on the website. This was agreed.

BP mentioned that Pam Hardaker has been shortlisted at the Leeds Sports Awards on 3rd March.

Julie Blogg asked if we should drop the printed handbook but we will keep it for another season.

Next meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

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