



NPUA AGM
Saturday 31 August 2013
Loughborough University

1. Minutes

Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising from the previous AGM.

The minutes were proposed by Rob Brownbridge and seconded by Ian Hay, voted for unanimously.

2. Apologies

The Secretary received numerous apologies from many members who were unable to attend the AGM, including John Gawley MBE.

3. Officer's Report

The Chairman's report was provided by Val Sassall at the beginning of the Conference earlier in the day, therefore it was not repeated.

Richard Kirk provided a summary of the NPUA accounts in relation to the finances circulated with the Delegate's pack, prior to Conference 2013.

The full report can be found on our website:

http://www.npua.co.uk/downloads/AGM%20notes_730.pdf

In summary

Income and Expenditure

- Income has increased due to the one off income in relation to the sale of the Olympic tickets amounting to £15,648.
- Donations from members were £1,212 THANK YOU.
- Expenditure has been monitored carefully during these difficult economic times and the reasons for the significant increase are a one off cost of Olympic tickets at £15,460 and a larger expense on kit this year due to the launch of the new shirts.
- Development initiatives include an element towards the cost of the post match kit that members are being provided with. Further discussion around how best to spend the development element of each members subscription is planned for later in the conference as the success and take up of the development groups has been much lower than anticipated.
- A surplus has been achieved again this year through careful management and we hope that the session tomorrow on development opportunities will enable your Executive to use the development element of your subscriptions effectively and in the way that the membership would like it to be put to use.

Balance sheet:

- Debtors at the year end relate to a few prepaid costs and sundry amounts due from members re kit sales.
- Creditors relate to 4 or 5 balances not paid out by the year end which have subsequently been paid.
- Deferred income represents monies saved by members for



Conference and subscriptions in 2013/14. Conference was £10,820 and subscriptions received in advance were £3,450. Once again thank you – it all helps to manage the cash flow situation.

Development

The deliverables that we wish to allocate this to are as follows in no particular order as we recognise all are important:

- IDG and Promising groups
- Coach development
- Coaches and selectors convergence day
- Selectors and assessors development
- Los Reyes
- Umpire management training costs in respect of EHF and FIH
- These are all cost centres that we identified when applying for our budget from EHB this year and which we would ideally like to produce worthwhile delivery on. Our budget has been increased by 14.29% from 2012/13 although it is 85% of what we asked for in total as there is an element of EHB providing further funding on specific topics that we asked for.

Paul Box-Grainger asked a question concerning the Association being a transient membership so do the reserves need to be so high, which was also asked at the last AGM.

Richard Kirk responded that the aim is usually to have reserves as high as annual turnover, but this is not the case for the NPUA and we do not have such an objective. However, this does not mean that they are too high.

Richard confirmed that the Executive Committee had hoped to provide another development opportunity during the summer to the EuroNations which was anticipated to come at some expense to the Association, but this was not taken up by the members so that is why we have a greater reserve than planned.

The finances and accounts were proposed by Stephen Cox and seconded by Jim Marchant. They were unanimously agreed.

4. Election of Chairman

Martin Twist was the only proposal for the position as Chairman. He was proposed by Nick Padget and seconded by Rob Argent. He was voted for unanimously.

5. Election of Officers

Before the voting took place there was a question from Frances Block regarding how we elect a Deputy Chairman, as she was not aware of how people stand for the position.

Val Sassall responded and clarified the information provided at last year's AGM where the position was originally proposed. At the time no one was willing to stand for the position so the Executive Committee reserved the right to co-opt someone into the position during the season. This was not taken up as an option during the season but members of the Executive Committee



were encouraged to utilise this position for the 2013/14 season. All positions were advertised back in December 2012 when it was flagged to the membership that several positions needed filling as a result of several Executive Committee members stepping down at Conference 2013.

It was recognised that next year individual positions could be more explicitly advertised.

A second question was also asked from Frances Block questioning why more information is not made available about each person who is nominated.

Val Sassall responded that this is a difficult situation when our membership are not willing to volunteer for roles and questioned if we should really expect more from those that do volunteer and are unopposed.

Dave Dowdall suggested that even when there is only one person standing for a position they could be required to state what they will bring to the role and why they would be a good choice, which should be published on the website. This was agreed as a useful suggestion.

Hannah Sanders was proposed as Deputy Chairman by Paul Walker and seconded by Joanna Forrest. This was voted for unanimously.

Sean Edwards was proposed as Secretary, replacing Hannah Sanders who has stepped down from this role. Sean was proposed by Dave Dowdall and seconded by Mark Everard. This was voted for unanimously.

Richard Kirk was proposed as Treasurer by Andy Higgins and seconded by Daran Cass. This was voted for unanimously.

6. Election of Executive Committee (non portfolio)

There was a question from Terry Lees concerning the limit for the number of non-portfolio Executive Committee members. Martin Twist confirmed that there was no such limit as it was removed from the constitution to allow greater flexibility.

These nominees were taken as one block and voted for as such.

Darryl Hoffman was proposed by Rob Argent and seconded by Nick Padget
Frances Block was proposed by Dawn Henning and seconded by Hamish Jamson

David Ellcock was proposed by Matt Harrison and seconded by Hannah Sanders

Mike Davidson was proposed by Mark Everard and seconded by Daran Cass

Mark Williams was proposed by Caroline Fenn and seconded by Terry Lees

They were voted for unanimously.

7. Subscriptions

The Executive Committee proposed that the subscriptions should remain the same as the previous season:



Subscriptions as tabled:

Honorary Vice President	0.00
Full Member – Umpire	125.00
Full Member - Non Umpire	125.00
Young Member	32.50
Indoor Only Member	54.00
Visiting Umpires	0.00
Candidate	0.00
Coach Candidate	125.00
Associate Members	5.00
Young Umpire	5.00
Reserve Umpires	0.00

These were proposed by Richard Kirk and seconded by Margaret McLoughlin and voted for unanimously.

8. AOB

There was a question submitted prior to the Conference from Peter Worrall regarding subscriptions. The question was read out:

I am sorry that I will not be at conference. Please would you raise it on my behalf.

The main argument that I have is that we all take part in the Association and we all make a contribution. I just feel that for an assessor and a coach their contribution is less so their subscription should be less. I would suggest 2/3 of the full sub for coach & assessor.

Val Sassall reminded members that we are all equal regardless of status and role.

Jo Pennycook disagreed with Peter's question, but reminded members that all members should derive a benefit from what they seek to put in. Members and the Association should look to ensure they continue to gain benefit from the input they volunteer. Val Sassall agreed with this and referred back to the earlier presentation that highlighted future priorities and activities for the season ahead.

Barry Smith made a statement and did not require an answer – he disagreed with Peter's question and suggested that the assessor policy should be reviewed to reduce the likelihood of minimising a member's participation.

Val Sassall took this opportunity to clarify that the budget in 2013/14 should allow for 300 plus appointments for watchers.

Margaret McLoughlin asked for clarification that NYUPL funding is separate from NPUA's. This was confirmed, as NYUPL and the NPUA's budget for development are separate and the NYUPL's is managed by an EHB committee. It was noted that any appointments to the National Programme for NYUPL members are paid for from the NPUA's appointed budget as provided by EHB.



In answer to Peter's question he made a proposal of 2/3 of a full sub for watchers. This proposal was rejected.

Martin Twist also wanted to note thanks to those members who are stepping down from the Executive Committee, including:

Annika Midwinter
Karen Evans
Lili James
Sarah Chapman

Martin also took a moment to thank Val for all her hard work over her two year term as Chair of the Association, and particularly her efforts on the coaching strategy, which has moved the Association forward a considerable distance. We are a stronger Association as a result and it is a credit to her.

The AGM was closed at 15.53.