



NPUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday 2 September, 19.50

Venue: Loughborough University

Attendees: Hannah Sanders (HS), Martin Twist (MT), Lili James (LJ), Richard Kirk (RK), Sarah Chapman (SC), Tim Benford (TB) and Richard Wood (RW)

Apologies: Dave Dowdall (DD), Sandy Richards (SR) and Karen Evans (KE)

In DD's absence HS chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record.

2. Matters arising

- **IDG Review:** HS in process of drafting a survey via Survey Monkey to review IDG for 2010/11. HS to coordinate review of Men's and DD to coordinate review of Women's IDG even though he will no longer be Chairman.
- **Insurance policy:** it was confirmed EHB insurance does cover all games where international umpires are officiating on behalf of England. A matrix to be compiled to clearly outline coverage for members, whether at international, national or regional/county level to improve transparency [Action: TB]. HS to add news item to website to remind members to ensure they check they are insured as it is part of their Level 3 eligibility [Action: HS]
- **NPUA homepage:** review of homepage and explore possible redevelopment [Action: new webmaster, MH]
- **Development group lead:** description of role to be created to attract someone from membership to take this forward on a constant basis [HS]
- **Umpire management appointments for coaches and assessors:** review process [Action: to be taken up at next Executive Committee meeting when there is more time for discussion]

3. Executive Committee positions

- HS provided an update that the only members to be nominated for the Executive Committee at the AGM are Sean Edwards and Annika Midwinter, who the Executive Committee will welcome if the membership elects them.
- RW has indicated he no longer wishes to remain as WebMaster for the NPUA website. Matt Harrison [MH] has offered to take on the role of WebMaster but will do so without becoming a member of the EC. His offer was accepted and the EC wishes to thank RW for all his hard work and hours as WebMaster.

4. Finances

- HS and RK provided an update on the budget for 2011/12, which will be discussed in full at the AGM with the membership.
- The EC confirmed that the petrol tariff for members will be increased to 24p, from 20p per mile.
- It was also confirmed that the NPUA subsistence allowance at tournaments will continue and is greater than that offered to EHB volunteers.
- New umpiring shirts are on hold until the new EC has been elected. RW to confirm final date for ordering new shirts in order to arrive for the 2012/13 season with distribution at Conference 2012. [Action: RW]

5. Conference 2011

The EC briefly discussed any outstanding preparations for Conference 2011, such as who was staffing the Members' Shop and registration.

6. Awards

There was a short discussion concerning a Lifetime Membership category, which will be considered for an amendment to the Constitution at AGM 2012. However, the EC intend to review the options and criteria before a final decision is made.

7. AOB

- **Radios:** it was confirmed that further research into other options to source radios will be conducted, with a view to decide if other radio sets will be approved for use in the National Programme. [Action: TB to conduct analysis of new mics]
- **Selection meetings:** the EC approved the first EHUSP meeting venue and cost, as per the annual process [Action: RK to feedback guidance].

Meeting closed at 20.56