



NPUA AGM
Sunday 6th September 2015
Warwick Conferences

1. Minutes from the previous AGM, held on Saturday 31st August 2014

The 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 as an accurate reflection of the meeting by Dawn Henning and seconded by Nick Bennett. They were approved unanimously.

2. Apologies for absence

The secretary received numerous apologies from many members who were unable to attend the AGM.

3. Indoor Umpire of the Year

The meeting began with Frances Block being presented with the Indoor Umpire of the Year award by co-winner Lee Barron, who was presented with his award at the gala dinner the previous evening. Congratulations to Frances and Lee, who both umpired their respective Indoor World Cup finals this season.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman's report was provided by Martin Twist. He summarised the topics that would be the key focus areas for the Executive Committee in the coming season:

- Selection
- Liaison with EH and Regions
- EHL club engagement
- Match Official engagement

The Chairman thanks Steelcase for their generous sponsorship over the last eight years, and in particular Rob Jenkins who has helped to facilitate the excellent relationship with Steelcase. The search for a new sponsor is underway.

On behalf of the EHOPC, the Chairman urged all members to increase their availability levels, particularly on double header days,

The Chairman recorded his thanks to Paul Box-Grainger, David Ellcock, Darryl Hoffman and Mark Williams who are all stepping down from the Executive Committee at the AGM. All have made significant contributions to the association during their time on the Executive Committee.

The Chairman finished by thanking all the volunteers within NPUA who put significant time into taking the association forward.

Liz Pelling asked whether an information pack could be produced for members to approach potential sponsors. The Chairman confirmed that this could be done.

5. Treasurer's report

NPUA Treasurer Richard Kirk provided a summary of the NPUA financial reports following the prior circulation of the full NPUA accounts, which are available on the NPUA website.

Dawn Henning asked whether Warwick Conferences was a more expensive venue than Loughborough University. The Treasurer confirmed that Warwick Conferences was approximately £5,000 more expensive,



but approximately £2,000 additional revenue was received at the latest conference, so the net difference is only £2,000.

The accounts were proposed by Mark Everard, seconded by Caroline Frye and approved unanimously.

6. NPUA Subscriptions

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

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| • Honorary Vice President | £0 |
| • Life member | £0 |
| • Full member – umpire | £125 |
| • Full member – non umpire | £125 |
| • Indoor only member | £54 |
| • Young member | £32.50 |
| • Coach candidate | £125 |
| • Young umpire | £5 |
| • Associate member | £5 |
| • Visiting umpire | £0 |
| • NPDP umpire candidate | £0 |
| • Reserve umpire | £0 |

Dawn Henning asked whether the association should consider increasing subscriptions based on the deficit made this year. Martin Twist explained that the association has made a surplus in recent seasons so this is not necessary in the short term, but the Executive Committee would review this over the course of the next season, particularly taking into account the sponsorship situation, and consider an increase next year.

The subscriptions were proposed by Richard Kirk on behalf of the NPUA Executive Committee, seconded by Emma Shelbourn and approved unanimously.

7. Election of Officers

The election of NPUA Officers, listed below, was taken as one block and was voted for unanimously.

- Chairman – Martin Twist
 - Proposed by Paul Walker
 - Seconded by Lee Barron
- Deputy Chairman – Mike Davidson
 - Proposed by David Dowdall
 - Seconded by Emma Dodd
- Secretary – Sean Edwards
 - Proposed by Emma Dodd
 - Seconded by Helen Sargeant
- Treasurer – Richard Kirk
 - Proposed by Simon Gillett
 - Seconded by Andy Higgins

8. Election of Executive Committee (non-portfolio)

The re-election of existing NPUA Executive Committee members, listed below, was taken as one block and voted for unanimously.

- Frances Block
- Mark Everard
- Clare White

The Executive Committee also received proposals for two new members:

- Charles Hallows
 - Proposed by Nick White
 - Seconded by Campbell Reeman
- Voted for unanimously.



- Jonathan Hull
 - Proposed by David Ellcock
 - Seconded by Martin Twist
- Voted for unanimously.

9. Any Other Business

Andy Higgins asked whether the Executive Committee were aware of any potential changes to the league structure of the England Hockey League. Sean Edwards confirmed that the EHUSP had asked him to raise this at the most recent EHL League Committee meeting. In the build up to the Olympic Games, there are no plans to review the league structure, despite feedback from various parties, including clubs. However this is something that the EH Performance Department may consider after the Olympic Games.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12:52 with thanks to all for their attendance.