

**NPUA Executive Meeting  
Thursday 17th January 2019  
Conference Call**

**In Attendance – David Monger (DM), Mark Everard (ME), Richard Kirk (RK), David Elworthy (DEI), Charles Hallows (CH), Rebecca Woodcock (RW), Rachel Williams (RWi)**

**Apologies – David Ellcock (DE), Ed Westbrook (EW), Jonathan Hull (JH), Leila Sacre (LS), Martin Twist (MT)**

**Meeting Open - 19:35**

1. Update on new umpiring structure discussion – ME
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] – ME will reply to the regions' latest response in the "Servicing the National Conference 2019/2020" thread by CoB 18<sup>th</sup> January
    - i. In that he will ask them to submit the names of their proposed C Panel umpires, as well as propose Regional Assessors capable of judging those umpires, by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Those Assessors will be accepted at face value
    - ii. They will be asked to perform cross-region watchings of the nominated umpires. The NPDP budget will be used, if required, to help facilitate those watchings
    - iii. All umpires that successfully pass a watching will be placed on the C Panel, and be classed as NPUA members as of 1<sup>st</sup> September. The fitness test for the panel will be as proposed by the region's in their latest response
    - iv. All members of the C Panel would be invited to conference (at a cost to be determined)
2. New OMS (IT system) – DEL
  - a. Once data and image right contractual issues have been resolved, England Hockey will announce their preferred supplier - either TEX Solutions or Who's The Umpire (WTU)
  - b. Initial testing of the successful bidder is now aimed at February for the NPUA
3. Vision in Umpiring Pledge - ME
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - ME has returned a "signed" copy of this document to DEI on behalf of NPUA
4. 2017-18 NPUA Awards
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - All the awards were distributed by 20<sup>th</sup> January
5. 2019 Conference - RW
  - ✓ Scarman at Warwick is now reserved for NPUA on the proposed weekend of 7-8<sup>th</sup> September
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] – DM to put a "RESERVE THE DATE" news item on the web-site, and ask again for volunteers to help organise the conference
  - b. [ACTION] – RW to liaise with RK on the cost
6. Website Updates - DM
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] – The range of photographs that are on the web site will now not be updated, as it is proving to be extremely difficult to complete. Consequently, instead of expending more time on the issue, it will instead be set-up correctly in the new system
7. Radios - CH
  - ✓ The existing NPUA stock of radios will be used for new members as they come on-board
  - ✓ Once that stock has been exhausted, new members will be asked to continue using their regional Umpire Talk radios
  - ✓ Any new members that don't have a radio that match with the Umpire Talk radios will be issued with a pair of the "motorbike" radios, so they can use those with their colleagues
  - [ACTION] - CH to work with DEI on what quantities of a replacement radio solution would be required for NPUA for the 2019-20 season onwards. DEI will then accelerate the conversation within EH on where the required funding might come from
8. NPUA Operating Model for Development Funding - EW
  - ✓ EW, DEL, and ME have met twice to look at the currently available statistics around umpire coaching/assessments and produce a PR centric view of the impact such activities have on umpire progression into, and through, the organisation. This is particularly relevant when looking at how the organisation will have to be re-worked in order to facilitate the expanded league structure
  - Draft #2 of that view is almost complete, and should be circulated to the Executive by, latest, early next week. A colleague of Ed's is a statistician and is just double checking the maths and assertions. He's suggested we look at making forward predictions based on the data to support / prove the analysis, and while there are now two case studies ready for inclusion, ideally there would be two more
  - [ACTION] - once circulated, the Executive should take time to review the output and come to the next meeting ready to discuss how it might be further refined
9. Sponsorship
  - a. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - the proposed sponsorship information package has been sent to the entire association membership to see what leads (either directly or indirectly) might be unearthed
10. AoB
  - a. BUCS League
    - i. ME will formulate a response back to BUCS relating to their plans to introduce National Leagues and the request for support from NPUA to appoint umpires to these matches

b. Club Hospitality

- i. [ACTION - COMPLETED] – EH have sent a friendly reminder to clubs, prior to the re-start of the outdoor season, of the need to welcome umpires to their club prior to the match

**Meeting Close – 20:36**