

**NPUA Executive Meeting
Thursday 28th February 2019
Conference Call**

In Attendance – David Monger (DM), Mark Everard (ME), Richard Kirk (RK), David Elworthy (DEI), Charles Hallows (CH), Leila Sacre (LS), Rebecca Woodcock (RW)

Apologies – David Ellcock (DE), Ed Westbrook (EW), Jonathan Hull (JH), Rachel Williams (RWi), Martin Twist (MT)

Meeting Open - 19:34

1. New OMS - DEL
 - a. Who's The Umpire (WTU) have been chosen as the provider of the centralised Officiating Management System
 - b. The milestones going forward are as follows:
 - i. 13th March - test site available for East region HUA
 - ii. End-of-March - every other regional HUA will have a functioning site to use for the remainder of the season
 - iii. Middle-of-April - a financial module will be available for every HUA, that RK will firstly beta test
 - iv. End-of-April – a functioning site will be available for NPUA to use for the remainder of the season, depending on the resolution of a question regarding the domain name transferring
 - v. TBC - a full-day's training for super users and an informative message to go to the personal area (only) for active umpires
2. Radios - CH
 - a. The situation does not appear to be quite the 'cliff edge' scenario that has been discussed previously
 - b. Seemingly, if we have a view, twice a season, on our radio requirements then we can maintain a tactical, working, position with the current radios, while we work with EH on the strategic, replacement, solution (and they are pulling together a piece of work around radios / other suppliers and a software based option).
 - i. 1 Batch: Order in August for Start of Season
 - ii. 1 Batch: Order in December for Second half of Season
 - iii. The Technical Support for faulty/repair to device will continue with the Workshop down in Southampton. This will continue for the foreseeable future. As usual, tickets will need to be logged through www.helpdesk.umpiretalk.com
 - c. [ACTION] - CH to work out what quantities of radios would be required for NPUA for the 2019-20 season onwards. DEI to work out further details for possible strategic, replacement, solutions (including a software based solution for mobile phones)
3. 2019 Conference – RK
 - ✓ Scarman at Warwick is now reserved for NPUA on the proposed weekend of 7-8th September
 - ✓ The proposed prices for attendees were accepted, with one, small, change being that the price for a "day only" attendee will be £70
 - [ACTION] - ME to draft a "Welcome to Conference" explanatory note for new C Panel umpires. That same message will then be tailored for the other panels
 - [ACTION] - RW to follow-up with Warwick on a price for a "social / dinner only" attendee
4. AoB
 - ✓ The creation of the C Panel, in conjunction with the regional HUAs, is now on-going, and conversations with EH are back on-track
 - ✓ The job spec for the appointment administrator is being finalised, and will then go to market
 - a. The new selector structure, and selection panel process, is WIP at this time
 - b. There is also a new marking scheme being considered for next season, and is also WIP at this time.
 - i. [ACTION] - ME to raise with the working group concerns around availability / roll-out of the marking scheme in relation to OMS. Principally, clarity is required on whether the new marking scheme is required on the test site
 - c. [FYI] - RK will meet with DEI on 24th March in order to finalise the NPUA budget requirements for the 2019-20 season
 - i. [ACTION] - Before 24th March, ME and DE to agree on a synopsis of how umpires have been supported, and umpiring generally has been driven forward, over the course of the 2018-19 season
 - d. [FYI] - Discussions are on-going around the possibility of using video clips from Galvanised in the NPUA app, and, if possible, the suggestion is to consolidate all available video clips into the single source of the NPUA app. EH are comfortable with both elements of this approach.
 - e. BUCS League
 - i. NPUA have responded back to BUCS regarding their plans to introduce National Leagues, and the request for support from NPUA to appoint umpires to these matches. BUCS are yet to comment on the response.
 - a. BUCS are working on proposals for further clarity before coming back to NPUA. This is being headed by Dan Tilley from BUCS, with Aaron Campbell and Alicia Luckner (BUCS Hockey Development Manager) supporting with workload

Meeting Close - 20:25