

NPUA Executive Meeting

Wednesday 26th August 2020

Zoom

In Attendance - David Monger (DM), Mark Everard (ME), Sean Edwards (SE), Richard Kirk (RK), Rebecca Woodcock (RW), Karen Fynn (KF), Charles Hallows (CH), A J Small (AJ), David Ellcock (DE), Rachel Williams (RWi), Ed Westbrook (EW)

Apologies - Jonathan Hull (JH)

Meeting Open – 19:05

1. Deteriorating Coach Behaviour
 - i. [FUTURE ACTION] - Before the start of the 2020-21 season, the Executive should make clear, in conjunction with NDP, how we can, and should as necessary, deal with inappropriate team and/or coaches' behavioural traits
2. EH AGM Resolution
 - i. [ACTION] - ME, on behalf of NPUA, to vote in favour of the proposal from EH, on how to re-structure the game away from the current county / region basis, at the EH AGM on 15th September
3. External Web Site
 - i. [ACTION] - A Trello board has been created in order to house the documentation that will, ultimately, be transferred onto the new website. That website should go-live by 30th September, so once it has then whatever documentation is left will reside on OMS (and DM will speak to David Elworthy to understand how those documents, whatever they might be, can be uploaded)
4. Future Strategy
 - i. Given the agreement that, whilst NPUA will retain responsibility for appointing umpires to all levels of the National League, in the weeks that NPUA is struggling with availability, the regions will look to provide an umpire for the home team in the Conference divisions, a follow-up meeting was held with the regions. A seemingly good working arrangement has been arrived at on this point, along with a widening of the opportunity to share coaching appointments
5. NPUA App Content
 - i. [ACTION] - 100+ clips now edited, categorised and ready to upload to Vimeo and the app. EW will have uploaded all of these, and tested them, by the end of the week, ready for publication at conference and wider e-mail promotion thereafter. Any clips used in conference sessions will be added (where possible) after the event
6. Radios
 - i. Post the successful testing and packaging of 150 replacement radios CH will post the packages to members tomorrow. The e-mail to members, asking them to double check their home addresses on OMS, has resulted in six updates
7. 2020 Conference
 - i. There will be no recipients this year of merit, lifetime achievement and honorary VP awards, and the 'winners' of the respective umpiring panels this past season, along with the Umpire of the Year award, have been determined
 - ii. The final few videos are in the process of being completed and the technical solution has been finalised (Zoom). Consequently, the Delegates pack / meeting links will be distributed w/c 31st August
8. Fitness Test for 2020-21 Season
 - i. 41 successful tests to date (34 Cooper via Strava, 7 (5 Bleep & 2 Yo-Yo) via South fitness event). 3 self-test results rejected, two of which have been re-done. So far, the use of Strava has been encouraging and the main feedback would be ensuring members stop their watches at the 12-minute mark
 - ii. [ACTION] - AJ to ensure NPUA Candidates and NPDP members are allowed to join the 'NPUA' club on Strava
 - iii. [ACTION] - DE to remind assessors of the need to assess the fitness of umpires in any watching

9. Finances

- i. The final accounts for 2019-20 have been submitted (and will be included in the calling notice for the 2020 AGM (see below))

10. AoB

- i. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - Given that all members of the Executive are willing to continue, DM to set-up the Executive meeting series for 2020-21
- ii. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - ME to e-mail EH to understand how many of the NPUA members have completed the Participants Agreement (as part of the COVID-19 Return to Play arrangements)
- iii. [ACTION] - DM to e-mail all members with the calling notice for the 2020 AGM (to be held at 7pm on 23rd September via Zoom) by 31st August
 - N.B. There will be changes to the constitution proposed, including that the timeframe for submitting complaints against Association members be increased to 14 days from the time of the event in question, and that later submissions can be accepted with the agreement of the Association Chair
- iv. [FYI - Kit]
 - The additional green umpiring shirts are still planned for delivery mid-September
 - The online shop will also be updated mid-September to allow members to buy spare green and orange shirts
 - Stephen Cox is waiting on a 400-match milestone shirt, which has been ordered. However, there is no 400-match logo for the embroiders to use – JH will send a separate note on this
 - Indoor milestone shirts have still not been ordered as JH is waiting for an updated 'matches completed' list, which ME will send to him tomorrow (27th August)
- v. [ACTION] - This season will be Colin Barthorpe's last as one of the two appointments secretary. Consequently, we ideally need to find a replacement candidate by YE, in order that a handover process can happen over the course of the second half (so including end-of-season appointments)
- vi. [ACTION] - Several amendments to OMS, to better facilitate the making of umpiring appointments, remain outstanding with WTU. Consequently, DM and Matt Harrison (as the NPUA Webmaster) will use the next OMS Super User forum with EH (scheduled for 7th September) to seek clarity on when these can be expected

Meeting Close - 20:15