



## Minutes of the EHUOPC Meeting Held on 11 May, 2021

### Attendees:

Liz Pelling (Chairman) (LP), Annette Badger (AB), Lee Barron (LB), Colin Barthorpe (CB), Dawn Bonner (DB), David Ellcock (DE), Mark Everard – (ME) Debbie Garner (DG), Simon Gillett (SG), Suzanne Howard (SH), Mark Jarvis (MJ), Rob Jenkins (RJ) Tony Kelleher (TK), Chris Peart (CP), Gary Stent (GS).

The Meetings opened at 19:30 on May 11, via Zoom conferencing

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None

LP welcomed Rob Jenkins back to EHUOPC. RJ will be taking on the role of appointments co-ordinator for Premier and Division 1, International, ad-hoc games and tournaments from July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 2. Minutes of 12 October 2020

No matters Arising not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

It was noted that EHUOPC had also met on three occasions via Zoom since December meeting by way of an update on the 'return-to-play' scenarios for season 20/21. No minutes taken, but all outcomes communicated by NPUA Exec via WTU messaging.

### 3. OMS Update

EH will introduce a new league management system alongside OMS. Beta testing is currently ongoing and an introduction meeting was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> for webmasters

**Action: Matt Harrison to keep us posted via LP**

### 4. NPUA Exec Update – ME

ME thanked the panel leads for their support during this extraordinary season.

EHUOPC/Panel leads for next season:

It's impossible to put words down to express our thanks to Colin Barthorpe for his dedication and service to NPUA as he retires at the end of June. EHUOPC expressed overwhelming thanks to Colin on behalf of the association, quite simply the best!

Annett Badger is retiring from NPUA and hockey and is thanked for her service and wished well  
All others prep

All other EHUOPC members are willing to stand for the following season and Exec will consider roles at its next meeting and advise EHUOPC/members accordingly.

Exec will be sending a note to all clubs at the start of the season with information regarding responsibilities, especially important as soon as clubs are known with the extension of the league to 4 conferences. Notes to umpires and support personnel will also be sent pre-season with useful information, particularly the discipline code, and the marking system and fitness criterial boxes **ACTION: ME /DE.**

### Appointing Next Season 21/22

Umpire appointing: Agreed the principal that NPUA will appoint an 'away' umpire to games in the 4x conferences, plus fill as many home fixtures as possible on an equitable basis. New areas to appoint the 'home' umpire, using the system trialled, but not used often, last season.

Support appointing: NPUA to work with current regions as they transition to areas, to identify potential L3 assessors and coaches to facilitate a 'fast-track' approach to build resources needed to develop the talent pool of umpires and support.

**ACTION: Exec to coordinate with the areas and set up a meeting with to discuss process and timings for appointing, noted awaiting contacts of new area contacts from EH**



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**ACTION: RJ/CP/LP to Agree dates for appointment tranches (using 20/21 document as a guide, subject to confirmation of season strat date)**  
**ACTION : LP to set up 'area' umps on system**

England Hockey Officiating 'club'

Sean Edwards help a preliminary meeting via zoom with NPUA members to introduce the new set-up for officiating in England, and distributed notes to members after the call. More updates will follow, when know.

Fitness testing for 20/21: To be discussed by Exec at next meeting and circulated to members.

### 5. EHUSCC Update – DE

Last meeting held on 27 April, 2021

High Performing umpires document, as discussed at coaches and assessors session led by PBG and MJ, now signed off and will lead topics for Conference.

Euro Hockey5s and U16 events have been postponed by EHF. U18 pending.

### 6. Appointments Update – CB/CP

CB – busy with Eng and GB appointments. 26 April to 19 May – 20 fixtures on the system.

CP – bringing RJ up to speed with CB. Fixing anomalies.

RJ - Some issues with multi-date appointing, so Futures Cup and UK School games just showing on OMS for the start date. Mason Wright to contact umpires.

Season 21/22 start date to be advised by EH.

May 16<sup>th</sup>: Oxford v Cambridge Varsity appointments: Zoe Hall & Clare Barwood, Women's & Isaac Charles & Jack Harris, Men's.

### 7. Coaching & assessing Update – MJ

Paul Gallop is returning to play. Remove as a coach candidate

Two x zoom meetings with support teams, the Umpire Manager forum and the Performance umpiring session

**ACTION: MJ will write to correspond with current candidates re next season intentions**

### 8. Panel discussion(all):

Carrying over of marks from season 20/21.

As a reminder to members, EHUOPC noted that when measuring performance for panel promotions, marks from prior seasons also form part of the overall consideration. The exception to this is for A star and B star umpires, where guidance requires that two marks to the necessary mark & game level (a mark of 9 or 10 on Prem or Div 1 games) is needed for promotion 'within' a season, and membership on the panel is over a maximum of two full seasons.

Given the extraordinary season, it was agreed that all A star and B star umpires whose time of panel was technically up, would be carried over to season 21/22, and those who joined panels in 20/21 would be extended to 22/23 as needed. Any marks to the required grade would be carried over to season 21/22.

NPDP; Candidates: It was restated that from now on, Areas could nominate candidates as and when ready and not just in July and December. NPDP remains twice yearly and a two-year programme.

**Action: SG to write to current regions to see if any NPDP/candidates known for 21/22 season and advise re new candidate process.**

Regional Reserves: The new system for appointing Regional Reserves worked well when needed and will be continued as league expands for 21/22. A reminder how it works. CP assigns a game to the Area and the Area then discusses and advises the nominee



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**Panel updates since last meeting:**

Mark Everard has retired from umpiring men's premier and is moved to the A panel.  
Matthew Pilgrim and Anne Bartley are moved to the reserve panel.

**9. AOB**  
None

**10. Date of next meeting:**

August 10, via Zoom 7:30 – 9:30 (DB to send invite post NPUA Exec meeting)

The meeting Closed at 9:25pm

With thanks to Dawn Bonner for Zoom access



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### Appendix 1:

#### International Umpires

Pro League Panel	Bruce Bale, Dan Barstow, Hannah Harrison
International Elite Panel	Nick Bennett, Sean Edwards, Emma Shelbourn, Paul Walker, Rachel Williams
Advancement Panel	Ben Peters, Rebecca Woodcock, Cathy Wright
International Panel	Jake Charles, Harry Collinson, Toni-Lee Lambert

#### Men's Panels

##### **Premier Panel** (Selector Responsible - Tony Kelleher) 20

Bruce Bale (FIH), Lee Barron, Dan Barstow (FIH), Nick Bennett (FIH), Daran Cass, Will Champness, Sean Edwards (FIH), Ady Green, Matt Harrison, Andy Higgins, Mark Jarvis, David Monger, Nick Padget, Gareth Perry, Campbell Reeman, Dan Reid Martin Twist, Paul Walker (FIH), Nick White

##### **A Star Panel** (Selector Responsible - Tony Kelleher) 8

James Barnes, Isaac Charles, Jake Charles (FIH), Matt Claxton (AUS), Matthew Parry, Andy Poulain, Neil Smith, Mason Wright

##### **A Panel** (Selector Responsible - Gary Stent) 20

Robert Brownbridge, Harry Collinson, Stephen Cox, Nku Davis, Johnny Downer, Mark Everard, Jack Glover, Hannah Harrison (FIH), Nick James, Rob Jenkins, Trevor Norman, Ben Peters (FIH), Andrew Pring, Kevin Roberts, Richard Shaw, Pritpal Sihota, Daniel Stewart, Rowan Tejura, Lia Waine, Julian Warburton, Edward Westbrook

##### **B Panel (Starred)** (Selector Responsible - Gary Stent) 8

Richard Bishop-Laggett, Steve Cronin, Chris Duerden, Ashley Freeman, Peter Hammond, Jack Harris, Christian Phillips Adams, Arevinth Sarma

##### **B Panel** (Selector Responsible - Lee Barron) 22

Simon Allen, Jade Bloomfield, Aaron Campbell, Conor Carmody, Simon Carr, Amar Chudasama, Jaime Cox, Ryan Croxon, James Freeman, Brett Friskney, Jonathan Gillespie, Charles Hallows, Sam Harrison, Jonathan Hull, Zak Longstaff, Charlie Moggach, Alexander Nelson, Huw Richards, AJ Small, Steve Smith, Neil Tallentire, James Wakeland

##### **C Panel** (Selector Responsible - Annette Badger) 16

Alex Bandurak, Tony Bond, James Carter, Dave Eggleton, Adam Genga, Jane Hallett, Nick Lockhart, Tim Martin, Steven Mayhew, Neil McInnes, Nick Meakin, Alan Miller, Iain Noon, Stephen Parker, Chris Seeley, Matt Watts

##### **NP Development Panel** (Selector Responsible - Simon Gillett) 7

Cellan Griffiths, Peter Mackintosh, Tom Marks, Chris Rockingham, Liam Sutton, Alisdair West, Sam Williams

##### **Candidate Panel** (Selector Responsible - Simon Gillett) 13

Robin Davis, Gerrit Ferran (USA), Rick Goddard, Martyn Harvey, Darran Illidge, Mike Lakinski, Peter Lemon, David Merrell, Graham Morrison, Jo Spooner, Greg Wines, Graham Woolcock, David Wright

##### **Reserve List** (Selector Responsible - Liz Pelling) 4

Frances Block, Rod Cook, Jonathan McCall, **Matthew Pilgrim**,

##### **Regional Reserve List** (Selector Responsible - Liz Pelling)

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##### **Premier Panel** (Selector Responsible - Tony Kelleher) 18

Stephen Cox, Hannah Harrison (FIH), Annette Harvey, David Haynes, Dawn Henning-Reeman (FIH), David Howell, Rob Jenkins, Gemma Jones, Gill Lord, Andy Poulain, Dan Reid, Helen Sargeant, Emma Shelbourn (FIH), Janice Tasho, Clare White, Rachel Williams (FIH), Rebecca Woodcock (FIH), Cathy Wright (FIH)

##### **A Star Panel** (Selector Responsible - Tony Kelleher) 4

Karen Fynn, Jane Hallett, Ann Hopkins, Neil Smith

##### **A Panel** (Selector Responsible - Suzanne Howard) 12

Eric Dickinson, Elysee Enness-Laporte, Rick Goddard, Jonathan Hull, Andy Lord, Lena McCrae, Christopher O'Hagan, Tony Rollins, Pritpal Sihota, Julie Spice, Joanna Spooner, Julian Warburton

##### **B Panel (Starred)** (Selector Responsible - Suzanne Howard) 4

Clare Barwood, Nikki Butcher, Charles Hallows, AJ Small

##### **B Panel** (Selector Responsible - Dawn Bonner) 16

Colin Anderson, Stuart Fenton, Mike Graveson, Zoë Hall, Teresa Jolly, Mark Kendrick, Toni-Lee Lambert (FIH), Jim Marchant, Chloe McCall, Lucie Mulliss, Mark Oldfield, Steve Perruzza, Adursh Ruparelia, Saul Shohet, Annette Thorpe, Kevin Twissell

##### **C Panel** (Selector Responsible - Debbie Garner) 21

Cate Adamson, Helen Bennett, Paul Bradley, Anthony Bridge, Andy Brookes, Robert Cann, James Carter, Elise Charlton, Stuart Freeman, Kevin Hopkins, Caroline Illing, Bob Jordan, Rajiv Khanna, Sophie Parker, Chris Peart, Steven Rice, Louise Robinson, Sue Row, David Savage, Paul Sexby, Martyn Shuttler

##### **NP Development Panel** (Selector Responsible - Simon Gillett) 1

Sheryl Nokes

##### **Candidate Panel** (Selector Responsible - Simon Gillett) 3

Rochi Bailo, Gerrit Farran, Paul Masterson, Jane Taylor

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**Anne Bartley**, Frances Block, Holly Redpath, Lia Waine

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