



Minutes of the EHUOPC Meeting Held on 5 Oct, 2021

Attendees:

Liz Pelling (Chairman) (LP), Lee Barron (LB), Dawn Bonner (DB), Nku Davis (ND), David Ellcock (DE), Debbie Garner (DG), Simon Gillett (SG), Suzanne Howard (SH), Mark Jarvis (MJ), Rob Jenkins (RJ) Tony Kelleher (TK), Louise Knipe (LK) Chris Peart (CP), Gary Stent (GS).

The Meetings opened at 19:30 on Oct 5, via Zoom conferencing

1. Apologies for Absence

Mark Everard (ME)

2. Minutes of 23 Aug 2021

No matters arising not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

3. GMS Update

The first weeks of GMS have not been without issue, but thanks to the support of Matt Harrison and the Exec, we agreed to a minimum workable solution for a month, after which we should get back to end of season 20/21 system status. It should also mean a return to the screens for panel leads as before.

4. NPUA Exec Update - ME

Exec has passed on its thanks to the appointing team once again, and to members who are awaiting news of games on a week-by-week basis. Clubs will be reminded to enter feedback as soon as the system permits.

NPUA Conference

Conference was well attended each day during weekend of September 4/5 and the organising team was thanked for the huge amount of work it takes to put on.

5. EHUSSC Update - DE

Meeting held on 13 Sept.

- Matt Harrison has joined the EHUSSC committee.
- The Characteristics of High Performing Umpires document has been well received and will remain the key driver for performance and is already being reflected in reports from support.
- A document is being prepared for Key Characteristics of umpiring support for implementation next season.
- A discussion paper on Olympic umpiring was tabled.
- The women's IDG are having a mentoring session around a pro-league game.
- Potential for an Indoor development group at finals is being discussed.
- Working with the areas on developing support via appointing to games where area umpires are appointed.

6. Appointments Update - RJ/CP/LP

Everyone is well aware of the challenges faced by the appointing team, which means that currently, versus the batches previously agreed, appointing is being done on a week at a time basis until the GMS system is more than a minimal tool. Times of games took a while to be added - some are still missing, and a few umpires are still not receiving emails from clubs.

Availability is probably at about 55-60% now, but every weekend is struggle and we are grateful to those umpires either doubling up, or agreeing to do both days. More men's fixtures are now moving to Saturday, with some late games and far reaching matches the most difficult to appoint to.



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Areas are responding very well to providing umpires to appointed games with very good two-way conversations. Up to Oct 3, we have had 17 in the women's game, and 4 on the men's.

BUCS appointments – thanks to those who are helping, some games hard to appoint to as late in the evening making travel back home very late.

7. Coaching & Assessing Update –MJ

Nku Davis and Mark Staunton have been added to the assessor panel.

The importance of pre-season preparation was discussed at length, and that members need to take responsibility for match readiness. It was agreed that assessments on game one of the season will be considered next season.

8. Panel discussion(all):

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, where guidance requires that two marks of 9 or 10 on Prem games is needed for promotion 'within' a season; and membership on both panels is over a maximum of two full seasons.

Milestones:

Congratulation on behalf of the association to Rob Jenkins for reaching 500 National League games!

Panel updates since last meeting:

Each panel lead gave feedback on their respective panels. The following changes were noted:

Women

a) Premier/A* – LK

Louise held a pre-season briefing for the panels which was very well attending
How umpires call the teams discussed again, and agreed a chat with captains ahead of games

b) A Panel /B*- SH

SH provided a full update on the panels.

c) B Panel – DB

DB provided a full update on the panel

Colin Anderson is promoted to B star panel

d) C Panel – DG

DG provided a full update on the panels.

Men

a) Premier A* – TK

TK provided a full update on the panels.

b) A Panel/ B* – GS

GS provided a full update on the panels.

c) B Panel – LB

LB provided a full update on the panel.



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AJ Small – promoted to B Star panel

d) **C Panel – ND**

ND provided a full update on the panel.

e) **NPDP / Candidate / NYUPL**

James Rollins achieved his L3 and is placed on the Men's B panel

Gerrit Farran achieved his L3 and is placed on the Men's B Panel

Reserves and Regional Reserves (LP)

Oliver Jones returned from umpiring and is placed on the Men's A Panel

9. **AOB**

OPC expressed thanks again to all the appointers!

10. **Date of next meeting:**

7th December @ 7:30pm, Via zoom

The meeting Closed at 9:30 pm

With thanks to Dawn Bonner for Zoom access