



Minutes of the NPUA AGM Held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 – via Zoom

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### Meeting Open - 19:05 with 49 (full) members in attendance

1. Apologies – Sue Howard, Conor Carmody, Jo Spooner, Rob Cann, Iain Noon, Nick Lockhart, Gary Stent, Debbie Garner, Hamish Jamison, Ann Hopkins, Pritpal Sihota, Robert Brownbridge, Nikki Butcher, Jonathan Gillespie, David Monger, Mia Dewing, David Savage, Martin Twist
2. Present – Mark Everard, Rachel Williams, Richard Kirk, Ady Green, AJ Small, Alan Miller, Alex Bandurak, Angela Buckley, Angus Porter, Annette Golding, Lee Barron, Charles Hallows, Chris Duerden, Chris Rockingham, Colin Anderson, Colin Crayford, David Eggleton, David Elcock, David Howell, Dawn Bonner, Ed Westbrook, Gemma Jones, Andy Higgins, Jackie Gibbs, Jamie Cox, Janice Tasho, Jason Horne, Julia Sharpe, Jonathan Hull, Jono Goold, Julia Sharpe, Julian Warburton, Kevin Hopkins, Lewis Gibson, Liz Pelling, Mark Davidson, Matt Harrison, Neil Johnson, Nick White, Nick James, Nick Meakin, Nick Padget, Paul Bradley, Paul Smith, Rob Jenkins, Sam Krasner, Simon Webb, Tom Cox, Isaac Charles

### 3. Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes were proposed by Rachel Williams as an accurate record of proceedings and were seconded by Charles Hallows

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings by 91% of the meeting, with 2% rejecting them and 7% abstaining.

### 4. Chair's Report

Following the previous curtailed season, we were hoping for a smoother year in 2021/22; however, that proved to be a little too much to ask.

We had quite a few covid cancellations with both games cancelled and also umpires having to pull out of games, this cause the OPC quite a few headaches during the season. I sit on a committee that adjudicates on whether games can be postponed and there were quite a few games, which were not cancelled that could have been if the request had been granted.

With all this in mind I need to thank Liz, Rob and Chris for managing all of this and to all the umpires who doubled up on numerous occasions.

The exec have been working hard behind the scenes, putting on Webinars for umpires and coaches, including during the recent Commonwealth Games, we are hopefully soon going to launch a new solution to the App, we have been looking at this as the App keeps dropping off the App store and is not the most efficient use of members funds, so watch this space.

There was a new venue for conference this year and from a personal point of view I thought it was fantastic, a huge thanks to Sean and Bex for all the hard work that went in to brining it all together.

Next September we are going to have a celebration of our 20 year Anniversary, there is going to be a Gala dinner, location is most likely going to be in Nottingham, we will be inviting previous members to join in these celebrations so if you have contact details of any previous members please let Rachel know and we will make sure they are on the invite list.

Hopefully, this year will be easier from an appointing point of view with the changes that we have made to the OPC structure plus the addition of an extra appointer for the weekend fixtures, welcome to Chris Blogg, we have also added a new BUCS and midweek appointer which Julian Warburton has kindly taken on for us.




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Sean and I have been working very hard speaking to EH all summer to increase our mileage rate, which has been at the same figure all the time I have been with NPUA, we finally heard this week that the rate is now 30p per mile which is a 25% increase on the current rate.

Hope you all have a great season, please keep your availability up to date to make it as easy as possible for our appointers

## 5. Association Accounts

We ask that members put in their expenses onto the system in a timely manner so we can make informed decisions to know where we are financially in the year. It is not necessarily required to claim, but just to have the note in.

There are around 900 entries to update the milage rate on GMS which will be done in the coming days.

The finance report was sent across to the membership. The finance reports are scrutinised every year, consideration given to pay for an audit next year. Decision made to take this away and add it to our next agenda for exec meetings.

The accounts were proposed by Richard Kirk and seconded by Liz Pelling. They were accepted as an accurate record by 98% of the meeting, with 2% abstaining

## 6. Association Subscriptions

The proposed subscription levels for the forthcoming season are as per the below – no amendments are proposed:

Honorary Vice President and Life Members	Nil
Full Member – Umpire	125.00
Full Member – Non-Umpire	125.00
Indoor Only Member	65.00
Coach Candidate	125.00
Young Member	32.50
Associate Member	5.00
Young Umpire	5.00
NPDP and Candidate	Nil

This reverts to the category of membership when they are admitted so if before the end of December a full membership and reduced if after December

Visiting Umpire	Nil
Reserve Umpire	Nil

We have a policy currently that if a member undertakes very few appointments yet has been regularly available we reserve the right to reduce the subscription to the level of any potential travel claims. As in precious years, if the season is curtailed then a pro rata membership level may be determined and applied accordingly at the discretion of the Executive as elected by the membership.

The mileage rate has been raised as a point of business and is determined by EH. This has been raised with EH as we have had the same rate (24p/mile) for 10 years at this stage. We have been able to facilitate a rise to 30p/mile and the current agreement is that this will be reviewed annually by NPUA and EH in line with the fuel prices. It should be noted that to enable this the clubs will be asked to pay larger entry fees to EH.



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Usually £50 is held for conference each year. In view of this coming years 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner, this will be split 50/50 so £25 goes towards conference and £25 towards the gala dinner.

Query raised from the floor about EHO membership levels and discounts based on NPUA membership due to insurances already being paid. ME will keep the membership updated.

The subscription charges were proposed by Richard Kirk and seconded by Dawn Bonner. They were accepted by 92% of the meeting, with 8% abstaining.

### 7. Election of Officers

Mark Everard, Sean Edwards, Richard Kirk and Rachel Williams are all happy to continue in their current roles (Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary respectively):

**i. Mark Everard** Proposer: Lee Barron Seconder: Rob Brownbridge

The re-nomination of Mark as the Association Chairperson was accepted by 96% of the meeting, with 4% abstaining.

**ii. Sean Edwards** Proposer: Nick Padget Seconder: Hannah Harrison

The re-nomination of Sean as the Association Deputy Chairperson was accepted by 100% of the meeting.

**iii. Richard Kirk** Proposer: Jamie Cox Seconder: Andy Higgins

The re-nomination of Richard as the Association Treasurer was accepted by 100% of the meeting.

**iv. Rachel Williams** Proposer: Rob Jenkins Seconder: Ed Westbrook

The re-nomination of Rachel as the Association Secretary was accepted by 100% of the meeting.

Rebecca Woodcock, AJ Small, Jonathan Hull, Ed Westbrook, Julian Warburton, David Ellcock and Charles Hallows are all prepared to continue in their non-officer roles.

The nominations of these non-officers were accepted by the meeting (as a block), and all were duly re-elected to the Executive, with 100% of the meeting voting for.

Simon Webb was proposed and seconded by Rachel Williams and Isaac Charles, respectively, to join the Executive in a non-officer role. Their nomination was accepted by 94% of the meeting, with 6% abstaining.

### 8. AOB

**With no items raised from the meeting floor, the meeting was closed at 19:32**