

**NORTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF 12TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY, 7 JUNE 2012 AT HALIFAX HOCKEY CLUB**

Present:

Council/Executive:

Miss E. Ellison	President/Chairman
R. Lomas	Deputy President
C. Reece	Hon. Secretary
A.O. Moore	Hon. Treasurer
Mrs A. Bryant	Vice President
Mrs C. Regan	Vice President/Ulverston HC
J.M. Scrinì	Vice President/LHA
K.A. Moffatt	RCC
D.H.C. Darling	E.H. Board Member/Performance
Mrs E. Marchant	Welfare
Mrs A. Riley	YHA
C.R. McL. Todd	NHUA
Mrs J. Nicholson	HHA
C. Cameron	Cumbria HA
Mrs A. Edwards	LCWHA
N. Herd	YHA
P.G. Thomas	Performance
S. Barlow	GMHA (W)
Mrs P. Standish	LWHA
P.L. Thomas	LHA

Other:

L. Butcher Leeds HC/EHB RM

Clubs:

S. Brittle Urmston HC

1) President's Welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all members to stand in remembrance of Tim Wilson, a past NCHA/YCHA President, Derek Bellerby from Yorkshire and Kishor Solanki one of our North Umpires, who had passed away during the year. She highlighted a number of clubs, who had been successful at National/Regional Level: Gateshead 1st who won the Men's Trophy, Bowdon who won the Women's Masters Plate O35s Final. Arnold who won the Final of the U16 Schoolgirls Final, Wakefield who won the Final of the U16 Girls Club Championship. Yorkshire Men for winning and retaining the County Championship title and to Lancashire Women who won the North County Championship, the North Men Over 45's were runners-up and thanked Jon Randell-Paley for all the good work he has performed organising the team over several years.

North members were also recognised in the recent EHB Awards: Performance Umpire of the season – Hamish Jamson who will also be officiating at the Olympics soon. Club member of the season Kelvin Briggs from Alderley Edge and congratulated Alderley Edge HC runners-up in the European Club of the year competition.

She reported that Humberside and Sheffield and District HA's had dissolved and merged with Yorkshire, and that Lancashire Men and Women have also merged.

EE - concluded her final year in Office by thanking Council and Executive for all their support. Also to all the organisers who work so hard to ensure that Hockey takes place at all age groups, all the umpires, all the coaches - a huge thank you to you all as without these willing volunteers hockey would not take place to the high standard that it does in our Region.

2) **Apologies for absence:**

Hon. Life Members

W.A. Bolton, G. Hall, M. Robson, D.W. Trotman, P. Noblett, Miss M. Birtwistle, B.L. Mercer, Miss J. Blackburn, Mrs F. Walker, Miss E. Grant, J.J. land, Gp Capt J.K Craven Griffiths OBE, I.H. Forster, I.H.C. Watson, P.G. Richardson, M.D. Roff, A.M. Cheetham, J.R.H. Sale, Mrs Pickersgill, K. Stephenson, N. Hughes, Miss G. Knowles.

Council

WFN Ball (Cheshire), D. Miller (Vice President/DHA), C. Kingscott (RDA), A. Parker (Information Officer), Matt Harrison (Information Officer),

Clubs

Bowdon HC (Howard Bray), Brooklands Poynton HC (Charlotte Jackson), Deeside Ramblers HC (Olivier De Braekeler), Macclesfield HC (Mark Hadley), Newcastle HC (Maria Henderson), Whitley bay & Tynemouth HC (Janice Hutton), Wigan HC (Tom Hickson).

3) **Appointment of Tellers**

It was agreed by the meeting that tellers would only be appointed if required.

4) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were approved and accepted without amendment.

5) **Hon. Secretary's Report**

CJR provided a report, a copy of which is filed permanently with the minutes. Reporting that this is a time for change for us with a new Hon. Secretary in place (appointed in January), and that later we shall appoint a new President and Deputy President. We have also seen Chris Darling retire as Non-Exec Director of EHB, and we have been grateful for the service he has done for the North in that role. We wish Andy Tapley well as he succeeds Chris.

Once again we have not had any real traumas, and have not lost any clubs in the affiliation process, which seemed to be more straightforward this year, and the process was better managed from the centre, with regular contact with us the Counties and leagues.

Anne Bryant and Peter Wharton as New Honorary Life Members season, the MBE was awarded to Dorothy Best in the New Year Honours list. The revamped EHB team of Lynne Dobison, Julie Longden and Lewis Butcher have settled well into their roles.

CJR concluded thanking Amanda Parker and Matt Harrison for their efforts and support for the New North HA Website.

6) **Hon. Treasurer's Report**

AOM referred to the accounts for year ended 31 March 2011, which had been circulated in draft format beforehand and confirmed that these figures had now been audited and there were no amendments. The accounts show a surplus of £9,999 most of which is attributable to the JRPC activity. He, recorded thanks to Chris Darling, Dave Miller and Trevor Marshall who had undertaken much of the JRPC accounting.

AOM proposed and the meeting accepted that the club/team levies should remain at £11.00/£2.50 for a further season.

AOM proposed and the meeting accepted that the audited accounts are adopted.

7) **Sub-committee Reports**

a) Competitions

AB provided a detailed, report a copy of which is filed permanently with the minutes. She recorded that a team had withdrawn from the league in the last few days, which may lead to a play off, the Leagues have gone well despite the disruptions caused by the Weather. The Women's League new structure comes into effect for next season. She congratulated Ben Rydding Ladies and Wakefield Men who had gained promotion to the North Conference League. Yorkshire Men have retained the County Championship.

NHWL and NHML New rules were accepted by this Committee and ratified by the North Executive. A Sub group is looking at communising the NHWL/NHML. New rules have been received from the Moette NEL and the NWHL – which are yet to be considered.

RL recorded the successes of the North Masters Teams, The Over 60s were second, The Over 65s were fourth, An over 70s team played in the inaugural divisional tournament and finished second. He also recorded that regular get together's throughout the season have helped develop Grand Master hockey throughout the North, and they are planning to have a Web Page for Master's Hockey.

CC recorded that Lancaster University have a new indoor facility that should be considered for future indoor competitions. Dan Barstow has gained his FIH "crown" and is now a FIH Grade One umpire

b) Umpires

CT provided a detailed, report a copy of which is filed permanently with the minutes. He recorded that his report is growing longer each year with the successes of North Umpires. Hamish Jameson has been appointed to the 2012 London Olympic Games. Dan Barstow has gained his "FIH" Crown and is now a FIH grade one umpire. He recorded the success of the North young umpires.

He thanked Mike Talbot Secretary, Appointment Secretaries (Annette Badger and Ken Stephenson), Deputy Appointments Secretary, Matthew Simpson for his valuable contribution. Christine Regan for her excellent work as Chair of the Selection Committee in ensuring that our umpires continue to be assessed and coached appropriately. CT thanked Eunice Ellison and her RYUAG Committee members for all the hard work put in with our Young Umpires.

Now that Tony Moffatt has retired from the post of NHA Secretary, he has decided to stand down as a member of the NHUA Management Committee. On behalf of NHUA, and thanked Tony for his immense contribution.

C) Performance Committee (DHCD)

DHCD provided a detailed, report a copy of which is filed permanently with the minutes. The report detailed the enormous amount of work this committee does, the JRPC which has 85 Staff working in three centres. The shortfall of funds of the previous year has this year accumulated a surplus. Leeds and Manchester have a full complement of Staff, whereas Durham employed as many staff to cover lower numbers. He recorded that the JAC/JDC tournament was organised by Judith Nicholson (East), Elaine beech (West) and Judith masterminding the finals.

8) Other Reports

a) Discipline Officer

In the absence of Chris Kingscott, CJR recorded that there had been an increase in the number of incidents compared to last season - 47 (2011/12) and 34 (2010/11). The number of red cards is similar for both seasons - 35 (2011/12) and 31 (2010/11) but there was a significant increase in the number of MMOs and disrepute charges this season. Also, the disrepute charges tend to involve more than one player, for instance one of the Northumberland disrepute charges resulted in the suspension of 10 players and an umpire.

b) Information Officer

In the absence of Amanda Harrison and Matt Harrison, CJR recorded, that set up and the support for the website was far greater than expected, however, the website is working well and continuing to be developed.

c) Welfare Officer

Elaine Marchant confirmed that she had nothing adverse to report. She drew attention the Protection of Freedom Act 2012 Compliance report (A copy was provided and is filed with the permanent Minutes. It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next Executive meeting, and also KAM should raise at the next RCC meeting.

d) Regional Consultative Committee

KAM provided a detailed, report a copy of which is filed permanently with the minutes.. RCC recorded key points in his reports, Insurance – NHA drew attention to the fact that the package provided by Perkins Slade appeared to be “out of the market”. For example, NHUA had transferred to Ecclesiastical Insurance and obtained “like for like” cover at a saving of £1,600 in a premium previously of £2,500. EHB are currently examining this but it is unlikely that any conclusion will be drawn before most clubs/counties/associations will be invited to renew by Perkins Slade later this summer. It might well be worthwhile making enquiries direct with Ecclesiastical. EHB 3 year plan – the RCC was invited to input into the priorities for the next funding round. Board structure – the funding providers are likely to require a change in the structure of the Board going forward. RCC have been invited to contribute to a review of the numbers of executive and non-executive directors and how they may be elected in the future. The RCC received a presentation on the National Hockey Archive (www.hockeyarchives.co.uk) by Mike Smith. Market – club histories; individual histories/obituaries.

e) Regional Manager

LB verbally presented a report, in which he summarised the work of the North EHB and Officers in supporting the initiatives from EHB to increase participation by maximising the impact the London 2012 Olympics.

f) England Hockey Board

DHCD verbally presented a report, in which he Summarised the work and initiatives being undertaken by the EHB in preparation for the London 2012 Olympics.

9) Election of Officers

Nominations for the following officials were taken en bloc and duly elected by the meeting:

- President R. Lomas
- Deputy President Mrs. C. Regan
- Honorary Secretary C. Reece
- Honorary Treasurer A.O. Moore
- Vice Presidents Mrs. A. Bryant, Miss E. Ellison, D. Miller, and J.M. Scrin.

10) Appointment of a qualified Auditor

AOM proposed Peter Clark ACA (Fraser Clark) – this was agreed by the meeting.

11) Amendments to NHA Constitution

KAM Explained the rational for the proposed changes to the constitution as tabled in the agenda these were accepted by the meeting.

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Hon. Secretary

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President

June 2013