



**NORTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, 13 JUNE 2017 AT HALIFAX HOCKEY CLUB**

**Present:**

**Council/Executive:**

C. Regan	President
J.M. Scrinì	Deputy President/LHA
C. J. Reece	Hon. Secretary/RCC
A.O. Moore	Hon. Treasurer
Annette Badger	Vice President
Mrs A. Bryant	Competitions
Chris Darling	Co-Opted
Jon Bray	Yorkshire HA
Ann Marshall	Performance
C. Todd	EH-VP/Cheshire
Tony Taig	Masters
Tony Shutt	NHUA/Cheshire
Alison Willoughby	Welfare

**In Attendance:**

**Clubs:** Newcastle University, Preston

**1) President's Welcome**

CER opened the meeting; opened the AGM requesting a minute's silence in respect for senior north people who have passed away since the last AGM.

Arthur Cheetham: Former President Lancashire, and North Council Representative

John Epps: umpired for many years in Cumbria & North West league, latterly becoming a National League TD and also a Stalwart of Bowdon Hockey Club.

Cliff Hassall: Preston HC and Lancashire HA stalwart

Adrian Starr: Former Northumberland & Durham HUA Chairman and President

Bill Bolton Monday 29th May, A Former President of Northern Counties HA. and Cheshire, Cheshire Chairman 1992-1997,

Cheshire Treasurer 1966-1976, Cheshire Match Secretary 1987-1992 and

Cheshire Team Manager 1988-1992

Bill Was a Stalwart of Alderley Edge Hockey Club, Hon Secretary 1957- 1965, President 1977-1979,

President 1989-1992.

As we are not quorate, we will continue with the AGM, and any decisions made will be ratified at the next council meeting, add to the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

**2) Apologies for absence:**

**Hon. Life Members:**

Judith Nicholson, Mike Talbot, Jocelyn Blackburn, Monica Pickersgill, Peter Richardson, Ian Watson, Marie Birtwhistle, John Land, Mike Roff, Pat Wigglesworth, Miss Fiona Walker, Liz Grant and Gill Cussons.

**Council/Executive**

W.F.N. Ball (Bowdon/Cheshire HA), Amanda Parker JP DL (Information Officer), Ann Edwards (LHA), Eunice Ellison (LHA), June Birrell (LHA), Roger Lomas (Immediate Past President/Sheffield Hallam), Chris Kingscott (Discipline), Colin Cameron (NHUA/Cumbria).

**Clubs**

Liverpool Sefton, Huddersfield Dragon's,

- 3) **Appointment of Tellers**  
It was agreed by the meeting that tellers would be appointed if required.
- 4) **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
These were accepted as a true record, there were no matters arising.
- 5) **Hon. Secretary's Report:** CJR recorded once again the Notice and relative documentation was available on the NHA website, and emailed with only a few notices sent out by post, saving time and money.  
**EH Affiliation** – once again all North Clubs completed the process without any major problems.

**EH Relationship Managers:** we continue to have a good relationship with the RM's. we have two new RM's Harriet Tebbs and Gary Johnson, who were initially appointed on secondments and have subsequently been offered permanent positions. CJR recorded that he had face to face meetings with Harriet and Gary, plus extremely positive feedback from the Counties. CJR recorded that there will not have a EH admin officer based at the EH office, Weetwood, however, EH will keep the office operational. Elaina Leithead (Midlands Administrator) now covers the North Region Administration. DHCD recorded, that in all other EH North appointments, A North Executive member had been on the interview panel. This had not happen this time but wished to remind EH that North personal would like to be on the next panel for future appointments.

Life Members: Council have appointed one this year: Chris Reece

We have had three council meetings and one Executive (Annual Finance/Budget Review) this year, the Council meeting in September was preceded with EH Consultation with Sally Munday and Rich Beer (England Hockey) which was well attended by Clubs and volunteers.

CJR all reminded those present that NHA Sub-committees and Counties should have their meetings at least 2 weeks prior to Council meetings.

- 6) **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** AOM presented the Annual Accounts for the Association for the period ended, the accounts have been circulated prior the AGM, AOM recorded: our income amounted to £22,044 and expenditure was £21.328 leaving a small surplus of £716. Our reserves increased by just under £8K as our Single System – Player Pathway PC activities produced another surplus as a result the higher than budgeted participants at the PC's. Once again we had an annual budget/finance review which is proving invaluable with more and more requests for monies. Although we continue to demands for support for various activities, Masters Hockey, Umpire Development, Provision of Technical Officials, Indoor Hockey and Under 21 Girls. Umpires put in a request for £500 towards the cost of new radios, (which was agreed at the 2017 budget review), CJR recorded that the Radios were purchased earlier than originally planned – as they managed to purchase the radios at the previous seasons price. The Executive have recommended that we maintain the club levy at £14.00, proposed AOM Secunder JMS, approved.

- 7) **Sub-committee Reports**  
**a) Competitions:** AB submitted a report, a copy of which kept permanently with the minutes, recording it is a lengthy report but fairly explanatory, she has now stood down from the role after several years, and Gawaine Hogg was appointed the new Chair, at the council meeting immediately prior to this AGM.  
Men's County Championship: Yorkshire retained the title.  
Men's County Championship 2018: this is the 60<sup>th</sup> year (Diamond Jubilee) of the competition, and it would be good if all of the Counties in the North could enter a team (both Cheshire and Lancashire did not enter in 2017), JMS recorded that Lancashire will definitely enter a team next year.  
JMS recorded:  
EH Men's Trophy DidsburyNorthern lost 4-3 to Blackheath Elthamians in a shoot-out, after the game finished 1-1.  
Ben Rydding Men's Masters over 50s Cup lost 2-0 to Reading  
Men's Masters over 50's Trophy Timperley 2 - 4 Formby  
Men's Master O50s Shield Bowdon defeated Bournemouth  
EH Vase Final Brigg lost to Southampton 3-1  
Women's O35s Trophy Harleston Magpies 8 - 0 Timperley  
Ladies Masters O45s Plate Driffeild lost Taunton Vale 2-1 in shootout

AB recorded: A successful joint league summer meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Wakefield H.C.

CER thanked AB for services to the North.

**b) Umpires:** AKB submitted a report, a copy of which kept permanently with the minutes, adding: League appointments next season (Women's) is going to be very challenging as there is a shortage of Women's umpires and umpires wishing to umpire women's matches, this is also a problem Nationally. Unfortunately, we have been victims of our own success with several umpires progressing to NPUA (National League). North RYUAG which is most important in the development of young umpires, the Chair and Secretary have stood down, although the secretary has now agreed to stay on, and after advertising the Chair vacancy on the web we an expression of interest. Thank for the radio funding it is very much appreciated.

We have produced an Umpire Coach Protocol and Pathway with has been adopted by England Hockey.

**c) Masters:** Tony Taig submitted a report, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, adding: We have gone from not hosting any tournaments in the North to hosting many; also can Counties promote to increase participation and competitions.

**d) Performance Committee:** AM submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, recording: there is a new single system player pathway process, with new performance centres with the focus on quality and elite hockey players, there are four PC's in the North Fylde, Durham, Leeds and Manchester. Key development is the Academies, there are challenges North and Nationally, where it is essential to keep older juniors.

JBy raised that he understands and working group is being set up by EH, but has concerns about the applications and appointments, AM recorded that she has already raised this with EH.

JBy raised concerns about the North PC's essentially with the influence of Nottingham based players and keeping a County identity.

## 8) Other Reports

**a) Discipline Officer:** Chris Kingscott (not present), submitted a report, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes. CJR gave a brief overview of the report, adding that although the North Wales Discipline comes under the auspices of Cheshire it is recorded separately for the statistics.

This year there have been 58 Red Card/MMO's last year the total was 53.

This year has seen the introduction of the new red card process, which has had positive feedback.

Also there are red cards and appeals in process which have not yet been concluded.

**b) Information Officer:** Amanda Parker (not present), submitted a report, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes,

**d) Regional Consultative Committee (RCC):** CJR submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, recording:

EH Regional Strategy Consultations: EH have now held consultations with of the regions: North 26 September, Weetwood - Leeds and was well attended, feedback from Sally Munday and Rich Beer is that consultations have been invaluable as EH develop their 10-year strategy.

Affiliation - Review of the 2016 process

97% of clubs made payment on time this year compared with 83% last year. The total affiliation numbers were up, with rises in both junior and female affiliations; the men's numbers had remained static.

Junior Competitions: England Hockey have set up a working group, North Representatives are: Lewis Butcher and Bev Barstow, Chris Todd has been appointed as the RCC representative on this working group.

**e) Relationship Manager:** The RM's (not present) submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, CJR recorded that any question now or later then he will pass on to the RM's

TS requested a correction on page 2: Umpire Development Course should be: Club Umpire Development Course

**f) England Hockey Board:** CJR gave a verbal report: recording:

**EH Proposals regarding the motion passed at the AGM to review the Governance Structures:**

EH are to set up a Project Board (PB) which is to include a RCC representative, also Andy Tapley (EH N-NED) will be appointed on this group. It is expected that this project will take a number of years between 3-5 years.

The competition review is ongoing and National League Clubs have been involved in discussions on options to change the EHL.

AT has requested a review of the website as he has concerns that access to practical stuff around competitions – particularly junior is not easy, clarity of information.

EH Awards Dinner Sat 20th May at the Athena in Leicester) over 500 people attended, (Unsung Hero - Fran Loffler-Thompson - Fylde H.C. Coach Impact - James Cunliffe - Liverpool Sefton HC). However, no North Clubs nominated themselves for this award, although there were good North nominations in other categories, we must encourage clubs next year to nominate.

NAGS funding has now been approved.

Men's & women's teams join Hockey Pro League: New Tournament Announced following the England Women's match Vs the Netherlands on June 11<sup>th</sup>. This Tournament is due to be launched in January 2019. The Hockey Pro League will provide teams with a way of qualifying for the Olympics, both the England men's and women's teams will become Great Britain in the two years prior to the Olympic Games. It will see the nine best men's and nine best women's teams from around the world play each other home and away every year, across a total of 144 games. The fixtures will take place in national stadiums, week in, week out, from January to June.

Also: Glasgow will play host to Pakistan's men in this League.

- 9) **Election of Officers:**  
 Nominations for the following officials were taken en bloc proposed EE and seconded AP and duly elected by the meeting:  
 President Mrs. C. Regan (Year 3 of 3)  
 Deputy President J.M. Scrinì  
 Immediate Past President R. Lomas (Year 3 of 3)  
 Vice President: Annette Badger  
 Honorary Secretary C. Reece  
 Honorary Treasurer A.O. Moore
- 10) **Appointment of a qualified Auditor/Examiner:**  
 AOM proposed Peter Clark ACA (Fraser Clark) – seconded
- 12) **AOB**  
 CJR has scheduled meeting Dates for Council and Executive, have been circulated prior to this AGM

Meeting 8.20pm

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 Hon. Secretary

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 President

June 2017