



# BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the eleventh Annual General meeting held on 31 May 2012

**Present** D Tobin (in the Chair), C Clarke, R Dobson, M Dillow, D Jenney, S Marshall, M Power, A Sparrow, M Sweers, L Turnbull, and A Youl

**Apologies** B Evans, H Farrar, D French, S Honour, N Horton, A Howse, S Keys, D Lennie, M Mathews, K McKinnon, R Merrick, D Monger, J Patel, K Platt, H Rutherford, M Rutherford, S Seabrook, and T Wainwright

### 2012.1 Previous minutes

The minutes of AGM held on 26 May 2011 were approved.

2012.1.1 Matters arising but not already on the agenda

2011.4.3 D Jenney had accepted Council's invitation to become BHUA President

### 2012.2 Reports

Appended to these minutes are reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Appointments Secretary, Level 1 and Young Umpire organizers and the County Discipline Officer, Copies of these can be found on the Handbook & Downloads page of the BHUA website.

Points particularly noted in these and oral reports included that:

- D Jenney was co-opted as BHUA President ;
- Bruce Evans, Kevin Platt and Ray Munns had all sent BHUA good wishes;
- the Association's finances are healthy despite higher cost per appointment and the loss of potential income from kit. Next season mileage rate would have to rise;
- slightly fewer of appointments had been made than last season;
- almost all requests for appointments were met, thanks to members doubling up, made possible by some clubs adopting later or earlier start times;
- several members were upgraded during the season, Mark Rutherford passed his South screening watching, and Dave Monger began umpiring in the National League;
- Jim Patel; Andy Sparrow, David Tobin, Simon Seabrook, David Jenney, David Rump, Lyn Turnbull and Neil Wainwright all coached our members during the season;
- some members are not using from coaches' feedback to improve;
- for next season, two radio handsets would be bought for coaches to talk to umpires during appropriate games;
- there were fewer cases for the County Disciplinary Officer to consider; but there was an emerging trend of unacceptable behaviour of some team coaches, and of some of our members when watching games;
- several Level 1 courses had been held, and assessments were continuing;
- a number of young umpires were emerging and want to go further. It was that some would umpire junior games with an experienced colleague.

### **2012.3 Annual subscriptions**

It was agreed to set the annual subscription for 2012/2013 at £15.

### **2012.4 Election of Officers**

2012.4.1 The following had been duly proposed and seconded by Council prior to the meeting but no other nominations had been received so the candidates were elected all unopposed to serve until the 2012 AGM:

<b>President</b>	D Jenney
<b>Chairman of Council</b>	D Tobin
<b>Secretary</b>	R Dobson
<b>Treasurer</b>	S Seabrook
<b>Appointments Secretary</b>	A Sparrow
<b>Chairman of Selection and Coaching Committee</b>	J Patel
<b>Members</b>	M Dillow, M Rutherford, and L Turnbull

2012.4.2 It was noted that under BHUA Rule 3.4, Council has the power to fill the two vacancies for Members of Council.

### **2012.5 Other Business**

2012.5.1 Tributes were paid to A Youl who had stood down after 11 years as B&OHUA and BHUA Treasurer, and one-time Auditor.

Andy had been made a Life Member at the 2009 AGM.

2012.5.2 David Tobin expressed concern, in an otherwise successful season, that the poor behaviour of some coaches had been unacceptable.

Also worrying was that some members were making derogatory comments when watching colleagues umpire. Others were not listening to our coaches.

2012.5.3 David Jenney thanked members for making him our President, and paid fulsome tribute to his predecessor Alec Graham.

2012.5.4 Council was asked to consider ways of marking 50 years of B&OHUA and BHUA.