



## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of the twelfth Annual General meeting held on 27 June 2013

**Present** D Tobin (in the Chair), C Clarke, R Dobson, M Dillow, G Evans, D Jenney, H Farrar-Hockley, D Monger, M Rutherford, S Pearce, A Sparrow, S Seabrook, and A Youl

**Apologies** P Adams, R Busse, I Cox, M Crump, B Evans, S Coleman, C-Y Ho, A Howse, I Knox, D Lennie, M Ling, M Mathews, K McKinnon, K O'Linn, S Marshall, J Patel, M Power, H Rutherford, N Skelton, M Sweers, A Taylor, L Turnbull, D Wignall and S Wolfrey

#### 2013.1 **Previous minutes**

The minutes of AGM held on 31 May 2012 were approved.

2013.1.1 Matters arising but not already on the agenda

2012.5.4 Marking our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. An attempt to hold a dinner in May proved fruitless, but another attempt will be made.

#### 2013.2 **BHUA Rules and constitution**

2013.2.1 Council proposed to change the end of financial year by one month to include the effects of all the end-of season appointments. To make this possible, Council proposed the following changes to our Rules.

Rule 4.1 Replace 31st May with **30th June** to read:

- 4.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than **30th June** each year with not less than 21 days written notice being given to each Member and the business of the meeting shall be as follows:...

Rule 4.4 Replace **March 31st** with **April 30th** to read:

- 4.4. Rules may from time to time be altered and other Rules made at an Annual General Meeting by the vote of two thirds of the Members present and voting, provided that notice of any proposed alterations or additions have been sent to the Secretary not later than **April 30th** in each year, and that particulars of the proposed alterations or additions are given in the notice convening the meeting.

Rule 6.6 Replace 31st **March** with **30th April** (twice) to read:

- 6.6 If, after **30 April** in any year a Member is owed monies by the Association in respect of expenses or otherwise then prior to payment of such sums to the Member, the Treasurer shall be entitled to deduct an amount equal to the annual subscription for the year in settlement thereof, unless prior to **30 April** the Member has advised the Treasurer in writing or by e-mail that they do not wish such a deduction to be made.

Rule 8.5 Replace **1st April** with **1st May** and **31st March** with **30th April** to read:

- 8.5. The Association's financial year shall start on 1st **May** and finish on **30th April** of the following year.

2013.2.2 The proposed changes were unanimously approved by this meeting.

2013.2.3 The revised Rules will be published on the BHUA website.

### 2013.3 Reports

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

Points in further oral reports included:

- Chair Thanks to everybody for attending this meeting; members who take appointments for their support and tolerance towards necessary late changes; the Council for their efforts, especially the Appointments Secretary, Treasurer and Level 1 Organisers; and David Jenney who, as President, dealt with an appeal arising from a game that the Chair was involved in.
- Treasurer Our finances are healthy; the newly-adopted computerized accounting system is making the job of Treasurer easier; 'Coaching' now has a separate budget which will provide a radio set for Young Umpires and three sets for coaches/umpires; South-style umpiring shirts will be bought for all members currently taking appointments.  
A summary of the audited accounts will be posted on the BHUA website.  
Warm tribute and appreciation is due to Andy Youl for all his work as the preceding Treasurer over several years.
- Coaching & Selection Committee Several regradings are in the pipeline for early next season; advice will be sought and published about suitable equipment and suppliers for anyone wishing to buy their own radios; Coaches may invite umpires to use a radio and would provide advice and guidance. No-one will be required to use a radio.
- Secretary Gareth Evans identified the need for, and then developed, a Privacy Policy for BHUA; all active members should have received a copy of the 2013 edition of the Rules of Hockey.

### 2013.4 Annual subscriptions

Agreed: to set the annual subscription for 2013/2014 at £15.

### 2013.5 Election of Officers

2013.5.1 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 2014 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

2013.5.2 There were no nominations from the floor for the two remaining places. These places can be filled by co-option.

### 2013.6 Other Business

2013.6.1 David Tobin acknowledged for some members there is a tension between the needs of BHUA and their club, especially to satisfy Ladies league requirements.

2013.6.2 David Tobin warmly thanked David Monger for agreeing to give a talk immediately after this AGM.