

Sussex Hockey Umpires Association

AGM 7:30pm - Thursday 15th June 2017

Southdowns Club, Lewes.

Jacob Taplin presented Young Umpire trophy for 2017 to Josh Pinnard.

Present

Paul Shackman, John Murphy, Alan Grey, Mike Acott, Andy Brookes, Ian Anguige, George Deaves, Max Coles, Mark Cranley, Trevor Burchell, Barry Mackay, Tim Clay, Glyn Crees, John Colban, Andy Vokes.

Apologies for absence

John Moss, David Miller, Mark Lester, Carol Peddlesden, Stuart McConachie, Jonathan Scott, Vince Thomas, Jean Hewitt, Jill Brotherton, Nigel Budden, Kenneth Stark, David Colbourne, Helen Woodcock-Downie, Tim Holt, Robin Lush, Tony Barber, John Beales, Alan Brundle, Jeremy Bunday.

Minutes of the previous AGM

Proposal, that the minutes of the previous AGM, 17th June 2016 are accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed by Tim Clay and Seconded by Max Coles.

Matters arising

There were none.

Chairman's Report.

In Memory

We were saddened on two occasions this season.

Firstly by the death of Peter Savage who has been a good friend to many of us and a tireless worker and strong advocate for the association for many years.

Secondly was the death of Tom Waterhouse who will be known to all who umpired at Eastbourne for a friendly greeting, the offer of a drink and much discussion after the game.

Both will be missed.

Congratulations

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to the following:

Frances Block who, yet again has been one of our leading umpires and who has been short listed for the forthcoming Olympic Games

Kieran Jones for promotion to the full NPUA panel

Josh Pinnard for his selection to the In 2 Hockey Finals

Administration

A large part of this work is carried out by Mark Cranley - Secretary, Ian Anguige - Treasurer and Glyn Crees - Membership Secretary.

The website continues to be developed and now provides a comprehensive service to our members and to the clubs.

The administration of the association runs extremely efficiently thanks to the work of the committee who spend many hours ensuring that every aspect of the association is up to date and provides the best possible service to the membership.

Appointments

The appointments are at the heart of what the association does, and indeed does so well, thanks to the immense work of Tim Holt and Allen Filer.

This season they have made 842 appointments and have covered every game for which there have been requests for umpires.

These appointments have included both league and cup games within the County and also National and Regional cup and Vase fixtures.

It has been noted that some clubs are still not notifying umpires of their fixtures and, indeed, there was an occasion when a cancellation was not notified to the two umpires concerned.

This matter will be addressed with the clubs prior to the start of the new season.

This season has seen the necessity for all Sussex Men's clubs receiving appointments to place an umpire in the pool.

This has been an important step to help us in the recruitment of umpires and although not completely successful it has proved an important step and is something that we will look to build upon in the coming seasons.

Selection and Coaching

Thanks to the efforts of Trevor Burchell and Barry Mackay who have undertaken the vast majority of coaching and assessments.

Although we have a good number of coaches and assessors all too often these people are required to umpire which results in their being unavailable for coaching and assessing.

We are very mindful of this and will be looking at ways in which we can utilize the skills that our members have to offer.

Junior Umpires

Alan Grey continues to provide high quality young umpires and whilst not all of them will want to give up playing to umpire full time, we are always hopeful that some of them will be attracted by the thought of umpiring that they will join as full members of the association.

Sponsorship

Thanks to the hard work of John Moss we have successfully raised nearly £1000 which we will look to spend in supporting our young umpires as they make progress in their umpiring careers.

SxHUA Awards/Training Evening

The training evening will take place at Crawley Hockey Club on Thursday 21st. September.

The evening will start at 7.30pm with the presentation of our awards and be followed by the Introduction to the New Season led by Kevin Burge.

Our award winners are:

Junior Umpire of the Year: Josh Pinnard.

Most Promising Newcomer(s): Jason Chan & Tim Clay.

Most Improved Umpire(s): Kenny Stark & Stuart McConachie.

Achievement Award: Kieran Jones.

Cup Finals

Co-ordinated by John Murphy, both the Men's and Ladies finals were very successful events and I congratulate the many members of the association that were either involved in the organization of the finals or were invited to umpire.

The standard both of organization and umpiring was very high and reflects well on the association.

Level 1

Again this year there has been a lot of work undertaken in running Level 1 courses and assessing candidates.

Ian Anguige, Alan Grey and John Murphy have given much of their time to this and are hopeful that, eventually, some of those that they have trained will come through to umpire on the county panel.

Clubs

We continue to work hard to develop our relationship with the clubs for whom we umpire.

Club of the Year awards go to the following:

Ladies: East Grinstead 2's

Men: Eastbourne 1st XI

Congratulations to both clubs, fully deserving of their awards.

Conclusion

This has been another year of development and progress which has been driven by the efforts of a very hard working committee.

It is not just the time that they spend attending meetings but all the work that they do on a day to day basis.

I am extremely grateful to all of them for their work that encourages and supports the development of the association.

Paul Shackman

Secretary's Report.

No report.

Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts.

Ian Anguige Hon Treasurer; proposed to reduce fees to clubs by £1 from £22 to £21 – Seconded by John Murphy.
All but one member was in favour - Trevor Burchell.

Discussion was then held in relation to Rule books and it was proposed by Hon Treasurer that we do not provide rule books per say but put them on the web site for people to order still free of charge - Seconded by Andy Brookes. All were in favour.

It was decided that the Committee will look at the subject of subscriptions.

Hon Treasurer then proposed that a match fee of £6 and 25p per mile remained unchanged for the season 2016/17. The treasurer's ultimate aim is to remove the match fee completely as we are one of the only counties in the country to pay this. Glyn seconded this. All but one member was in favour, the one against Trevor Burchell.

The yearly Accounts were presented for adoption and were proposed by John Murphy and Seconded by Mike Acott.

Election of officers and Council members.

There have been no additional nominations for Council member posts and all present incumbents are willing to continue in post for the year 2017/18.

In view of this, the election of Council Officers and Council Members is proposed en-bloc.
Proposed by Council.

President – Richard Atkinson
Chair – Paul Shackman
Secretary – Mark Cranley
Treasurer – Ian Anguige
Chair of selector Men – Tim Holt
Chair of selector Women – Richard Atkinson
Appointments Men – Tim Holt
Appointments Women – Allen Filer
Young Umpire Co-ordinator – Alan Grey
Level 1 Co-ordinator- John Murphy
Membership – Glyn Crees
Welfare – Ian Anguige
Committee member – Frances Block
Committee member – Will Chetwood
Committee member – John Moss

AOB.

There was none.

Meeting closed at 2006hrs.