

Sussex Hockey Umpires Association

AGM 7:30pm - Thursday 7th June 2018

Southdowns Club, Lewes.

Alan Grey – Presented Jess Harris with the Sussex YU trophy. Many thanks to Jason Chan for his efforts.

Present:

Paul Shackman, Mark Cranley, Keith Rogers, Dave Shields, Tim Holt, John Silver, David Colbourne, Peter Behrens, Nigel Cannon, Robin Lush, Jason Chan, Geoff Laker, John Beales, Max Coles, Will Champness, John Moss, Andy Brookes, Alan Grey, Chris Rockingham, Jeremy Bunday, George Deaves, Ian Anguige, Andy Vokes.

Apologies for absence

Glyn Crees, Gaynor Grout, Rebecca Williams, Paul Whittington, Paul Harris, Dave Whatley, Carol Peddlesdon, Andrew Hough, Tim Clay, Dusty Miller, Roy Gurney, Neil Skates, John Proctor, Dave Whatley, Martin Lewis, Sue Thomas, Martin Heady, Nigel Budden, John Colban, Steve Jenner, Fred Brotherton, Helen Woodcock-Downey, Jean Hewitt, Alan Brundle, Duncan Wood-Allum, Mark Lester, Allen Filer, Nicole Ouzman, Mike Acott, Ken Veness, Richard Atkinson

Minutes of the previous AGM

Proposal, that the minutes of the previous AGM, 15th June 2017 are accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed by John Moss and Seconded by Ian Anguige.

Matters arising

None

Chairman's Report.

In Memory

It is with sadness that I report the death of John Gawley.

A tireless worker both for Hampshire and The South, many will remember the friendship and helpfulness that he showed to those of us looking to advance our umpiring careers.

Congratulations

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to the following members:

Josh Pinard has now passed the assessment and is now on the NYUPL and is being coached towards his Level 2 Umpire Award

Jess Harris, Myles Edwards and Josh have been selected to umpire at the Performance Centre matches at Reading and Bournemouth on 1st and 8th July.

Mark Cranley has, for the second successive year, received the SCHUA award as the Umpire of the Year as voted for by the clubs

And finally, to all members who have reached the next level within the HUA structure.

Administration

Mark Cranley carries much of the administration burden and our efficiency is down to his hard work.

The committee has met five times during the course of the recent season and the main emphasis has been on ensuring that we are ready to meet whatever challenges may be faced in the next couple of years.

As many of you will know, England Hockey is undertaking two major overhauls of the game.

The first is the reorganization and enlargement of the National League and the second is an investigation in to the governance of the game and how this may be altered.

No definite proposals have yet emerged about either but we have moved to protect our assets by altering the constitution and you will have seen the proposed change that we wish to make.

The website continues to be developed though we are now holding off on any further changes and innovations as we are uncertain as to how or indeed if the current Tex Solutions system will fit in to any changes that England Hockey want to make to fit any new governance plans.

Finance

Our finances are in very good order thanks to the hard work of Ian Anguige.

Ian will furnish full details of our financial position and recommendations for next season in his own report.

Appointments

These are, of course, at the centre of everything that we do and the Association is extremely fortunate to have Allen Filer and Tim Holt as our Appointments Secretaries.

A total of 970 appointments were made during the recent season; 366 for the ladies, 602 for the men and 2 mixed.

Often the appointments secretaries are working under great pressure as they have to wait until the South have issued their appointments before they are able to finalise their own plans.

This will explain why sometimes the appointments come rather later than we would wish but there is little point in publishing appointments only to withdraw them and rework them because the South have taken all the Sussex umpires on their lists.

It is imperative that all umpires keep their availability up to date so that the appointments accurately reflect the availability that is shown on the website.

Sunday appointments have proved especially difficult this year due to a lack of availability.

Thanks must be recorded to all the umpires who volunteered their services to fill the slots that were created by the high number of games that were rearranged due to the very bad weather experienced during the season.

This was a huge effort to get these games played and without such offers of help I am not certain how we would have completed the season by the cut off dates.

Alan Grey again produced a number of high quality junior umpires to meet the needs of the county age group tournaments and it is to be hoped that a number of them will step up to umpire senior hockey in the very near future.

Level 1

The work of developing future umpires continues guided by John Murphy, Ian Anguige and Alan Gray.

What we have to improve is maintaining contact with the successful candidates and helping them to develop their umpiring skills to a point where they would be ready to take the step on to the County panel.

Coaching and Selection

Thanks to the sterling work of Trevor Burchell, John Silver and Richard Atkinson we have been able to support an increased number of umpires.

We still do not have the availability that will allow us to develop a full programme of coaching and assessing and we will be unable to properly solve this issue until we are able to recruit additional umpires.

Cup Finals

Both the men's and ladies cup finals were very well run events.

Under the direction of Ian Anguige a team from the association made certain that all ran to time and, with assistance from Eastbourne HC (men's) and East Grinstead (ladies) the events proved very successful.

Clubs

We continue with the work to strengthen our links with the clubs.

To this end I am very pleased that John Murphy has taken on the role of Club Liaison Officer and it is hoped that, with John's enthusiasm and already strong links with the clubs, we will create an even better relationship in the future.

The winners of the award for Teams of the Year are:

Men: Eastbourne 1stXI

Ladies: South Saxons 1stXI

Sussex HUA Awards

The following are to be the recipients of our awards for this season and we offer them all our congratulations

Junior Umpire of the Year: Jess Harris

Most Promising Newcomer: Will Aldous

Most Improved Umpire: Glyn Crees

Services to Umpiring: Frances Block

After a distinguished career Frances has decided that the time is right for her to hang up her whistle and to concentrate on other areas of her life.

Frances has, for many years, been a source of inspiration to young umpires with ambition to further their umpiring careers.

We congratulate Frances on her achievements and are delighted that she has agreed to remain a member and to help our promising umpires in their development.

Awards and Training Evening

This is provisionally arranged to take place at the Crawley Hockey Club clubhouse on Thursday 13th September.

7.00 for 7.30pm start.

The guest speaker will be Steve Godwin, Chairman of Selectors for SCHUA.

He will talk about the role of the coach/assessor in how they set out to assist an umpire in their development and what the umpire should expect from a coaching/assessment.

David Shields, County Disciplinary Officer will speak about red cards and the correct procedure for the recording of these.

The Committee

I would like to pay tribute to the members of the committee and the work that they do.

Much of it is hidden from view but makes a huge contribution to the successful running of The Association and I wish to thank the members, on everyone's behalf, for their dedication and hard work.

Secretary's Report.

No report.

Treasurer's Report and adoption of accounts.

Ian presented his report to the meeting and Open the floor to questions.

DC – Accounts could have been presented earlier. IA's response that the end of year was only a few weeks ago and the meeting is a week earlier than usual.

DC – Radio – does everyone we appoint have radios – Not everyone will have a radio. I.e. Brighton have 2 between 4 umpires to rotate. Discussion re the provision of additional radios.

Committee are aware that there will be requirement for replacement or repair.

Cost? 30 radios - £3000 suggestion to have an additional line in expenses for radio.

IA proposal – that we reduce the fee to clubs from £21 to £20 Seconder – Chris Rockingham

13 for
1 abstained
8 against.

Match fee that we pay to umpires – I would suggest the match fee for one game £6 - £9 for two.
Mileage to stay at 25p per mile.

Dave Shields, states that the committee can change the fuel rate mid term if fuel rate rise. If his memory serves him right.

Also, he disagrees that expenses rate should be reduced for a double header. Discussion regarding the expenses.

Following Discussion IA states that he is happy to keep the fees at £6 & £6.

Committee to look at fine for clubs and umpires in September

PS - Expenses to stay the same. John Moss seconded 25p per mile and should petrol continue to increase committee have the power to review and increase if necessary.
All in favour except David Colbounre who abstained.

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 2018/19.

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

President – Richard Atkinson – appointed by Committee.
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

Proposal David Colbourne Seconded - Will Champness.

Election of Honorary members – none.

Constitution.

Amendment item 23 Paragraph B of the constitution has been done to protect assets of the association from being appropriated by any other organisation that does not have the interests of Sussex Hockey umpiring and its promotion as its core value.
This is due to an exercise that is going on which is looking at the governance of Hockey and as part of that the governance of hockey umpires. We are not the only association doing this our neighbouring Counties are also following suit.

Andy Brookes has a concern that any money would go back to the clubs when it is in fact the members money.

PS - If it happens then it would likely to do so at the end of the season and the expenses would be paid without the subscription for the following year.

J.Mo - This in fact give us control of our assets whereby the current constitution could allow loss of our assets.

Discussion re this item.

Proposed Dave Shields
Seconded Ian Anguige

All in favour.

AOB.

Sue Crake - I would also like to ask about the umpire comments that teams give each week. Is it possible to see these comments? I personally think that feedback is a good tool in improving. PS no for the simple reason that the clubs often do not give feedback beneficial.

Discussion.

The feedback is a guide and not a definitive tool to umpire feedback. Negative comments and scores are followed up to ascertain why they have been received.

Meeting closed at 2025hrs.

SUSSEX HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION YOUNG UMPIRES REPORT 2017/18

This season has been a promising one as more clubs are encouraging players to try umpiring. Both the Ron Easton & the Sussex Into Hockey Tournaments had a good turnout of Y.U's. What I would now like to occur is more of the promising ones come through to umpiring at County level. I therefore ask clubs to let me know of their better Y.U's

Congratulations to 3 Young Umpires:-

JOSH PINARD - who is now on the National Y.U promising list

JESS HARRIS - Sussex Young Umpire of the Year and now on the South list for July coaching opportunities.

MYLES EDWARDS - His first year at county level but highly promising. Also on the South list

I must pay a special tribute to JASON CHAN who has umpired county games over the past three years. His contribution has been exceptional and I wish him all the best in the future.

Thanks to those adult umpires who have ensured that we can cover county matches and schools tournaments throughout the season. John Murphy stood in for me at the final 2 county triangulars in May – Thanks John for this and your support

On two occasions this season coaches from other counties made comments about umpiring by Young Umpires. The coach from one county congratulated the Y.U's in a highly positive way and the other from another county was as negative as he could be. We must encourage all coaches to accept that Y.U's are developing their skills as are all players. I hope the South Junior Committee stress this to all Counties.

ALAN GREY June 7th 2018



**Sussex Hockey Umpires' Association
A.G.M. Accounts Report
Financial Year June 2017 to May 2018
Income & Expenditure**

	2017/2018	2016/2017
Income		
Subscriptions	3,140	2,730
Club Fees	20,597	20,944
Club Fines	324	391
Level One	750	750
Association Kit	858	1,418
Member Donations (Bursary Fund)	536	252
Young Umpire Donations (Sponsorship Fund)	275	155
Total Income	26,480	26,640
Expenditure		
Appointment Expense Claims	18,003	17,598
Council Members Expenses	509	339
Level One	0	15
Rule Books	163	0
Trophies	484	474
Insurance	167	175
Association Kit	779	1,144
Website	2,294	1,954
Room Hire	134	116
Audit Fees	0	(264)
England Hockey HUA Conference	0	100
Junior umpiring costs to recharge to Sussex HA	0	0
Other expenses to recharge to Sussex HA	-0	0
Other Expenses	674	971
Umpire Radios (Bursary Fund)	(33)	772
Young Umpire Shirts (Sponsorship Fund)	0	130
Total Expenditure	23,154	23,524
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3,326	3,116

Balance Sheet

	May 2018	May 2017
Current Assets		
Bank and Cash Accounts	17,858	14,617
Sundry Debtors	821	718
Prepayments	176	167
Total Assets	18,654	15,502
Liabilities		
Creditors	174	115
Accruals	910	1,144
Total Liabilities	1,085	1,259
Net Assets	17,570	14,244
Financed By		
Accumulated Surplus from Previous Years	14,244	11,128
Surplus This Year	3,326	3,116
	17,570	14,244

Split of Funds as at May 2018

	Brought Forward May 2017	Income (2017/2018)	Expenditure (2017/2018)	Carried Forward May 2018
Bursary Fund	1,180	536	(33)	1,749
General Funds	12,239	25,669	23,187	14,721
Sponsorship Fund	825	275	0	1,100
	14,244	26,480	23,154	17,570