

SCHUA Umpiring Committee MeetingDate: 21st January 2016

Venue: John Wilkinson

Meeting Opened at: 19:45



Present			
President – John Wilkinson (JW)	X	Member – Mary Burn (MB)	
Secretary – Mason Wright (MW)	X	Member – Andrew Kelly (AK)	
Treasurer – John Wilkinson (JW)	X	Member – Nick Meakin (NM)	X
Appointments Secretary – John Burn (JB)	X	Member – John Oakley (JO)	X
Dev & L1 Register – Dave Charles (DC)		Member – John Seabrook (JS)	
County Discipline – Steve Mayhew (SM)	X	Member – Sheryl Nokes (SN)	X

Item	Minutes	Action
Apologies	Mary Burn, Dave Charles, Andrew Kelly, John Seabrook	
Matters Arising	MW appointed as Secretary SN appointed as Member Without Portfolio	
Correspondence	<p>Previous email conversation RE: Level 1 register and handbook. SCHUA administers the L1 register, but there is a need to “sharpen up” and stop loopholes from being exploited like this again. ULOs also need to be responsible for making sure umpires are developed and appointed to appropriate levelled games, including making sure the umpire is on the active register. JB to adapt the ERHUA ULO description to send to Suffolk ULOs.</p> <p>JW suggested that our assessing standards are too high, and possibly means we are discouraging new umpires. Thoughts on the matter were brought to the table, including club ULO responsibilities to priorities getting assessment opportunities for prospective umpires ahead of playing commitments. A push to recruit more female umpires should be a focus.</p> <p>SM highlighted that the part of the constitution that highlights life membership needs to be removed, to avoid confusion with active status and subscription fees. MW to look into this. JW also highlighted that SYUAG members had no subscription fee.</p> <p>Inactivity due to extenuating circumstances was addressed (i.e: maternity, illness or injury). It was reiterated that a break of <12 months resulted in no loss of activity; 12-24 months required reassessment; and 24+ months required an umpire to re-sit the Level 1 course. Club ULO must notify the county if a long period of inactivity is due from an umpire. DC to review umpire activity.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>MW</p> <p>DC</p>

	<p>Post L1 assessment, umpires have 12 months to complete their three games to remain active, not the remainder of the season – i.e. umpires who are assessed near the end of the season are seen as active for that season.</p>	
Treasurer	<p>Balance stands at £2452.74.</p> <p>JW to organise and sort the Schools & Youth invoice. JW has a supply of blue and yellow SCHUA umpiring shirts. Barrie Whelpton and John Adams have received their green SCHUA pool shirts – this has been the only bill paid.</p>	JW
Pool Secretary & Indoor	<p>Andy Hepburn successful on gaining Level 2 status, therefore is now not often available for SCHUA. Richard Heading is once again active for the SCHUA pool. JB highlighted we are the “victim of our own success” and have a need to recruit new umpires – JB presented a few names of prospective pool umpires.</p> <p>Three new indoor umpires recruited. One has passed his level 1 assessment, assessment pending for the remaining two. Appointments have been made for the first few weeks for Div 1 & 2.</p>	
Umpire Development	<p>Level 1 course planned for Framlingham did not take place. Two level 1 indoor courses we run, with SCHUA gaining three new umpires for the indoor programme.</p> <p>Isaac Charles to be put forward to ERHUA for assessment for a Men’s panel. MW to contact Chris Row.</p> <p>Nick Meakin was successful on regaining his Level 2 Indoor status; Dave Charles was successful on gaining his Level 3 Indoor status; James Meakin gained his Level 1 Indoor status. Isaac Charles was put forward for National Youth Indoor competitions by ERHUA.</p>	MW
SYUAG	<p>James Meakin has passed his level 1 indoor and outdoor assessments.</p> <p>Boys schools tournaments over the next couple of weeks. Appointments have been made. In2Hockey county finals coming up in February/March.</p> <p>It was suggested we speak to the school coaches at the U16 school finals (26/01) and look to see if they have any young umpires in their teams that may be interested in developing their skills as part of the SYUAG.</p>	
ERHUA	<p>Alan Baker was unfortunately unsuccessful with his NPUA assessment.</p> <p>SM reported that there is a shortage of umpires on both sets of panels, and ERHUA are looking for a push in candidates to keep numbers up.</p>	

	<p>ERHUA are employing the L2 Candidate coaching and assessing pathway, and asking England Hockey to further the information on this pathway before working new coaches through the system, as the pathway has been delayed in its delivery by England Hockey.</p> <p>All umpires have been asked to report if pitches are not up to scratch, i.e. lights or quality of pitch. JB to email this information out to umpires.</p> <p>SM also reported that the issue with players urinating by the pitch has been covered in the ERHUA meeting. It is not down to the umpires to police, but the team manager/coach.</p> <p>ERYUAG were congratulated by the EH Performance Manager on their performances and organisation at the JRPC events at the end of September.</p>	JB
SHA	No meeting.	
Website	<p>Automated emails from the website have not been sent out, although Tex Solutions should have now sorted this issue.</p> <p>JB highlighted how impressed he has been and how much easier it is to make umpiring appointments in conjunction with the higher associations.</p> <p>DC to organise administrator rights for MW and the role of secretary.</p>	MW
AOB	<p>SCHUA dinner is booked at the Belstead Brook Hotel on the 11th of March. The plan is a three-course meal, with the cost to be confirmed. JW to negotiate a price with the hotel.</p> <p>SN asked about active games on the website, and it was clarified that is the ULO who has to push umpires to register their games.</p>	JW
Next Meeting	Tuesday 27 th April Venue: TBC	
Meeting Closed	21:22	