



# East Region Young Umpires Action Group Committee Meeting Minutes – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

East RYUAG

Meeting Opened: 23:40

## 1. Attendance

Chair / Secretary	Will Davey	WD	✓
Appointments Coordinator	Mason Wright	MW	✓
Chief RYAUG Coach & Suffolk Young Umpire Development	David Charles	DC	✓
A&A Representative	Debbie Garner	DG	
Young Umpire Mentor Representative	Jake Charles	JC	
Young Umpire Representative	Isaac Charles	IC	
Young Umpire Representative	Zoë Hall	ZH	
Welfare Officer & Lincolnshire Young Umpire Development	Yvonne McCartney	YM	✓
Cambridgeshire Young Umpire Development	Alex Mayes	AM	✓
Essex Young Umpire Development	Gemma Shepherd	GS	
Herts & Beds Young Umpire Development	Tony Rollins	TR	
Kent Young Umpire Development	Katy Peart	KP	
Norfolk Young Umpire Development			

## 2. Apologies

Debbie Garner; Jake Charles; Isaac Charles; Zoë Hall; Gemma Shepherd; Tony Rollins

## 3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

The proposed meeting of RYUAG Chairs at Futures Cup did not take place. Further email correspondence relating to the NYUAG and the New Player Pathway have been exchanged, but not much more is known

DC ran an indoor training course at #indoorhockey17 and was a success

## 4. Indoor Hockey

A very successful first day for the RYUAG at #indoorhockey17. On day 2 (tomorrow), 6 members will be assessed for their Level 1 Indoor Award after taking part in the training course run by DC. Good luck to them all

Discussion about more indoor hockey umpiring opportunities for RYUAG members, such as umpiring the junior clubs and school's competitions in the region. **Action:** WD to approach Chris Row and Debbie Garner for this to be taken to A&A Committee

## 5. Safeguarding & Welfare

Information has been coming from England Hockey in light of the recent claims made against the FA. England Hockey are working on new Safeguarding material for umpires, which will be confirmed in early 2017. We must ensure at least 2 over 18's (preferably coaches) are appointed to each event

If anyone is approached or requires assistance with Safeguarding in hockey, they should be referred to Yasmin Dyer at England Hockey's Safeguarding department

## 6. East In2hockey Finals

MW has received an email from Fiona Wheeler, asking if RYUAG will be appointing to the East In2hockey Club Finals on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017. RYUAG has agreed a team will be appointed. Structure and numbers of the team will be similar to that of last years.

It was agreed WD will be Umpire Manager and DC will lead Young Umpire Coach development at the event. It will also be very important to highlight the event Welfare Officer

## 7. JAC's & Performance Centres

It has been confirmed that some JAC age groups will not be appointed to, due to the number of umpires available. It has been confirmed with the playing side that we will look to appoint to the Under 17, Under 16, Under 15 boys and girls, with priority given to the older age groups

More details are emerging about the new Performance Centres. Venues within the East are Culford School (Bury) and Merchant Taylors School (Northwood). **Action:** MW to continue to monitor and advise committee as details emerge

## 8. AOB

HiPAC and Futures cup have been, and East had a big presence at both. Feedback received regarding performance of our umpires has been positive from both events

WD informed committee that with the new Player Pathway, HiPAC will no longer take place, and Futures Cup will now be Under 17 and Under 15

Still waiting for more information on NYUPL and new National Young Umpire Pathway. **Action:** WD to contact David Elworthy to find out if any more information has emerged

MW confirmed he has stepped down from the Norfolk Committee as the Young Umpire Coordinator. At present, no one has stepped in to take on the role

It was discussed that some Young Umpires may benefit from having more support, for a number of varying reasons. A couple of people were identified as were appropriate people to offer the support. **Action:** WD to contact those identified

As some umpires have received above and below panel grades, we need to review which panel they are on. It was agreed that this will be deferred until our next meeting

**Meeting closed at 00:50**

Date of next meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Harleston Magpies Hockey Club or The Swan Hotel (Harleston)