

EAST REGION HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
Assessments & Appointments sub-Committee

Date: 28th March 2017
Venue: Coach and Horses, Newport
Start: 1900
Finish: 21.50

Present: Ray Allum (RA); Chris Row (CR); Trevor Norman (TN) ; Debbie Garner (DG); Grant Douglas(GD); Alan Budd (AB);Peter Halliday (PH).

Apologies: Andy Meacher, Barry Smith.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed a true record.

2. Matters Arising

No Matters arising

3. Correspondence.

A Communication had been received from Old Loughtonian's Hockey Club thanking the EHUA for all their work throughout the season.

Andy Meacher has informed the committee that he intends to stand down as a Selector but would like to continue Coaching and assessing

Rory Hiatt has made contact with the East as he is moving back after a period of umpiring in the Midlands

4. Coaching

GD presented a spread sheet laying out which umpires had received coaching during the past season and that most umpires had received two coaching's with some receiving three.

5. Panel Reviews

NPDP (AB)

A quiet end to the season on this panel as the two candidates had been moved up to the NPUA

Men's Panel A (RA)

RA reported that the assessments carried out throughout the season had shown that the panel members had all performed to the appropriate standard.

Following on from this RA recommended to the Committee that Henry Wanchoo and Neil Tallentire be put forward for an assessment game to attain their level Three award. This was agreed by the Committee

Men's Panel B* (AB)

AB recommended that Matt Pilgrim and Isaac Charles after their performances during the season be given to a chance to gain their level three awards by promoting them to the NPDP This was agreed by the Committee

Mens Panel B (TN & AM)

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TN presented the panel report with a recommendation that Andrew Hepburn be placed on the reserve panel due to lack of availability

Ladies Panel A (RA)

RA reported that the panel had performed to the levels that he had expected and recommended that Nikki Butcher be put forward for an assessment game for her level three award. This was agreed by the committee.

Finally, RA felt that DG should take over as panel selector as most of the assessments were either carried out by her or arranged by her. She agreed to take over for next season.

Ladies Panel B (DG)

DG presented a report on her panel and was very pleased with performances from her panel and that the panel had grown throughout the season.

Candidates (JW)

There are three candidates on the panel, one unfortunately did not quite make the grade in an assessment game but will be given another try at the beginning of the season. The other two had been put forward by their counties for assessment in the new season.

6. Succession

This is a continual task for the Committee to maintain working on.

Due to illness the assessment game for all assessors to work with AB was cancelled, this has now been arranged for game during the County Championships in May at St Albans.

As mentioned previously in the minutes, AM is to step down from the A and A Committee and a replacement will be appointed at the meeting after the AGM to bring the number of selectors to the required amount

7. RYUAG

A good season for the youth section, with Adam Genga being nominated for inclusion on NYPL list. Frustrations continue with the lack of youngsters coming through the system which has caused concerns from some counties with adult regional umpires being used to fill the gaps. It had to be pointed out to them that regional appointments take precedence over county appointments

A request was also received asking that a meeting with all young umpires that were put forward for the level 2 award, should take place to explain to them what is expected of them once gaining this award .

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8. AGM

The AGM was discussed with RA tasked with compiling a list of Selectors to be presented to the Umpiring Committee following the AGM.

Also the need to consider recipients of the annual awards, once again these were discussed and names were put forward to RA to inform the Umpiring Committee.

ACTION RA

9. AOB

The County Championships preliminary round that will be held on 6/7 May at Oaklands College St Albans were discussed.

An assessor's get together will be held on the Saturday by AB

GD will be organising some coaching instruction for his coaching team

RA to select an umpiring team.

All of those selected will be contacted and notified of their selection by RA, AB and GD in due course.

ACTION RA AB GD

A new fitness test form will be drafted and be ready for the start of the new season

ACTION AB

The new system where clubs will be marking umpires has still to be sanctioned but it was thought that an item at the PLUM conference could be added to explain the rationale behind the system

Date of Next Meeting

5th July 2017 , immediately after the AGM and umpiring committee meeting

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