



**NORTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, 16 JUNE 2:30PM, 2019 AT WAKEFILED HOCKEY CLUB**

**Present:**

**Council/Executive:**

J.M. Scrinì	President
Annette Badger	Deputy President/NHUA
C. J. Reece	Hon. Secretary
A.O. Moore	Hon. Treasurer
Tony Shutt	NHUA/Cheshire/RCC
Peter McNulty	Discipline
Ann Marshall	Performance
Tony Shutt	RCC/Cheshire

**In Attendance:**

Anne Bryant, Tony Walker, Peter Cocker, Julian Hickinbottom, Peter Richardson.

**Clubs:** Wakefield (Norman Hughes), Lancaster & NWHL Division 2 Coordinator (Leighan Bleasdale), Fran Loffler-Thompson (Fylde & Lancashire HA), Clare Thompson (Clitheroe and Blackburn), Helen Norman (Mather). Garstang).

**1) President's Welcome**

**JMS** opened the meeting; opened the AGM with a minute's silence in respect for north people who have passed away since the last AGM, Dr Peter Gardner (NHA & NHUA Life Member), President of NHUA & NHA when we were separate Men's and Women's Associations, Chris Todd: (NHA & NHUA Life Member), England Hockey Vice President, Former President, NHUA, NWHUA and Cheshire HA. Ken Stephenson: (NHA & NHUA Life Member) Phil Thomas (YHA, NHA Life Member).

**2) Apologies for absence:**

**Hon. Life Members:**

Eunice Ellison, Jo Blackburn, Ian Watson, Mike Roff, Marie Birtwistle, Mike Talbot, John Land, Chris Kingscott, Gill Cussons.

**Council**

Chris Regan (Immediate Past President), Alison Willoughby (Welfare), Amanda Parker JP DL (Information Officer), Tony Taig (Masters), Peter Thomas (LHA), Colin Cameron (Cumbria), Jon Bray (YHA), Robin Hart (Durham).

**Clubs:** Bowdon (W.F.N. Ball), Knutsford (Janice Tasho)

**3) Appointment of Tellers**

It was agreed by the meeting that tellers would be appointed if required.

**4) Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were accepted as a true record, there were no matters arising.

**5) Hon. Secretary's Report:** CJR recorded once again the Notice and relative documentation was available on the NHA website, and Once again the AGM calling Notice was sent by email, Once again, the AGM calling Notice was sent by email, (with a only a few sent by Post). All relevant documentation and reports have been posted on the Website. EH Affiliation: All North Clubs completed the

process on time. Life Members: We have appointed 3 new Life Members: Amanda Parker and Tony Walker. NHA Council/Executive Meetings 2019-20, Since November 2018 We held our meeting by Video Conference, saving time and Money.

- 6) **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** AOM presented the Annual Accounts for the Association for the period ended, the accounts have been circulated prior the AGM, AOM recorded: present the Annual Accounts for the Association for the period ended 31st March 2019  
The Executive recommend that we maintain the Clubs Levy at £14-00 this year. This was proposed by AOM seconded by JMS, ratified by those present.

7) **Sub-committee Reports**

a) **Competitions:** JMS recorded that we now have a joint Men's and Women's Committee, and one set of League rules, for the new North League structure, he thanked the officers who had produced the new structure and league rules.

This year with the extension of the EHL 4 Men's teams, and 4 Women's teams have promoted from the North.

b) **Umpires:** AKB submitted a report, a copy of which kept permanently with the minutes, highlighting: This has been a very busy year with the NHUMC engaged heavily in the potential transformation of umpiring within England and the setting up of the new leagues. The expansion of the National League has resulted in a C Panel being created by the NPUA to service the National Conference Leagues and in addition to six umpires gaining their L3 and promotion to the NPUA B Panel a further four umpires will join the new Panel next season. Efforts have been focussed on supporting these umpires and on developing NHUA B Panel umpires to move up to replace them. However, the shortage of umpires in the Women's Panels has been exacerbated and next season the ability of the NHUA to appoint to the NHL Women's Division 1 will be seriously curtailed.

Finally, the NHUA AGM was combined with a training day at which David Elworthy (EH Officiating Development Officer) gave a presentation on the work of the Vision Group and the current state of play towards the creation of a Single Umpiring Body. The Operations Management System,

c) **Masters:** Tony Taig, not present, submitted a report, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes.

d) **Performance Committee:** AM submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, recording: that the North, adding: The Player Pathway has become established in the North since Jan 2017 with four Performance Centres in Manchester (Brooklands HC), Yorks (Hill House School, Doncaster primarily), Fylde (Mill Farm Sports Farm), Durham (Durham University).  
The structure of each PC, with a Centre Manager, two Head Coaches and a small team of coaches, is functioning well, coaching four squads of approximately 18 players at each PC: U17 Boys and Girls and U15 Boys and Girls. Thanks go to the venues who support the Player Pathway across the North. Preparations for 2019-20 are already underway with the U15 squads being selected after AC Competitions and PC assessment days held on both sides of the Pennines. U17 squads are selected by PC coaches from the existing squads plus invitations to some AC players identified at their AC tournaments. I give my thanks to the whole of the North Performance Committee, who have made the huge job of running the Player Pathway possible; to the coaches and, particularly the Centre Managers at each PC, to the umpires (and particularly the Young Umpires) who support our competitions so well, to the huge number of administrators, coaches, managers who run the AC programme in every county and all others who continue to organise the wider programme of hockey for young people, both outdoors and indoors throughout the North.

8) **Other Reports**

a) **Discipline Officer:** Peter McNulty, submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes.

**d) Regional Consultative Committee (RCC):** CJR/TS

submitted a report a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, Joint report as Tony Shutt has succeeded Chris Reece on RCC when Chris was elected EH VP in March 2019.

**f) England Hockey Board:** CJR Reported: Sally Munday awarded OBE in Queen's birthday honours list (07.06.2019), Tremendous recognition for Sally and Hockey.

Sally Munday will be leaving in the Autumn to become the new CEO of UK Sport.

EH AGM March 2019 Mike Stoddard Elected President and Chris Reece Elected Vice President

**AGM Resolution Roadshows**

Further to the resolution put to the 2017 England Hockey AGM and the subsequent research and consultations that have been undertaken EH are holding a set of roadshows to share the recommendations of the review. These roadshows will allow clubs, associations and leagues to hear the recommendations of the AGM Resolution Working Group in good time before the 2020 England Hockey AGM where the decision to implement will be put to the membership. These are important meetings that will affect the future structure of the game and we strongly recommend your organisation attends this meeting if possible. The roadshows dates and venues are as follows, to register your attendance and receive the pre-meeting information including exact details of the venue please email: [agm.resolution@englandhockey.co.uk](mailto:agm.resolution@englandhockey.co.uk).

26 June – Harrogate, 11 July – Manchester (Timperley) and 30 Sept – Sheffield

**9) Election of Officers:**

Nominations for the following officials were taken en bloc proposed TS and seconded AKB and duly elected by those present:

President	J.M. Scrinì ( <i>Year 2 of 3</i> )
Deputy President	Annette Badger ( <i>Year 2 of 3</i> )
Immediate Past President	Mrs. C. Regan ( <i>Year 2 of 3</i> )
Vice President:	Bev Deakin ( <i>Year 2 of 3</i> )
Honorary Secretary	C. Reece
Honorary Treasurer	A.O. Moore

**Council Appointments:** (April 2019)

Welfare Officer	A. Willoughby
Regional Disciplinary Admin	P. McNulty
Deputy RDA	R. Everitt
RCC	T. Shutt
IT Administrators	A. Parker/ C. Reece

**10) Appointment of a qualified Auditor/Examiner:**

AOM proposed Peter Clark ACA (Fraser Clark) – seconded AKB, unanimously agreed.

**11) Constitution Amendments:**

Paragraphs to for approval: 5 North Council, 11 Code of Ethics and Behaviour, 12 Appeals, 13 Dissolution  
The constitution amendments were proposed by Council, of which they were posted on the web along with a discussion paper for comment, JMS proposed that we take the amendments on block, seconded AKB, unanimously approved by those present.

Meeting Closed 03.00pm

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Hon. Secretary

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President

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