



# Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association

## Committee Meeting

4th October 2016

Rudleigh Inn, Easton in Gordano  
Martcombe Rd, Bristol BS20 0QD  
Junction 19 M5. 7:30pm start

	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>Present:</b> Charles Hallows (CH); Alex Langman (AL); Martin Hadley (MH); Mike Bendry (MB); Chris Davis (CD); Vanda Fenn (VF) and Martin Somers (MS).  <b>Apologies:</b> Peter Lovell (PL).  <b>Minutes:</b> Alex Langman took the minutes.</p>	
<p><b>AGM Minutes</b>            The AGM minutes from the 2015 / 2016 AGM (June 2016) were approved.</p>	None
<p><b>Bath Bucs appointed games</b>            Mike Bendry can't see their games in order to make appointments.            Alex Langman to look into this. AL suggested that this was a tick box within the club's area which flags whether the club wishes to receive appointed games for various teams' home games. The club may have inadvertently unclicked this option.</p>	AL to look at the club's settings re requesting appointments for home games.
<p><b>Club Liaison Officers to ensure club details are up to date.</b>            Reminder to clubs to ensure that details are current.            Plus a note to clubs to ensure they notify appointed umpires early on in the week.</p>	AL to send out note to clubs / make reference on the website.
<p><b>Radios for the following:</b>            Steve Burton; Jo Burton; and Andy Bessent.             Committee decided to order six (individual) radios from Charles Hallows.             AL to email Steve Burton to say that radios are on order.            AL to present Andy Bessent with a radio when umpiring with him on the weekend.             Committee decided to make it clear that radios are loaned to those umpires who are actively taking appointments.</p>	AL to contact Steve Burton & provide Andy Bessent with a radio.
<p><b>Red Cards</b>            Discussion around red cards.</p>	
<p><b>Umpiring Courses</b>            Vanda recently ran an umpiring course with 22 persons attending. A further course in the pipeline.</p>	

<p><b>Assessing / Attracting new umpires</b>  The Avon County Women Hockey Umpires Association charges £10 per umpire for an assessment.</p> <p>The ASHUA committee decided (also) to charge £10 per umpire where an assessment is performed.</p> <p>England Hockey - It was suggested that AL contact England Hockey to obtain a list of those who have done umpiring courses in the local area. If this list is forthcoming, AL to write to these newly qualified umpires in order to arrange / promote an assessment.</p> <p>Martin Hadley is ultimately responsible for deciding who can assess umpires.</p> <p>The following persons were regarded by the committee as being competent to undertake assessments:</p> <p>Charles Hallows; Martin Hadley; Vanda Fenn; Nick James; Nick White; Steve Shaw; Andy Pring; Martyn Errington; and Ken Rutter.</p>	<p>AL to write to England Hockey about obtaining a list of newly qualified umpires in the Avon &amp; Somerset area.</p>
<p><b>New Treasurer's Report – Martin Hadley</b></p> <p>It has taken six weeks to obtain control of the bank accounts.  Martin wishes to move the accounts over to Natwest.  The committee has no objection to MH moving the two bank accounts over to Natwest.</p>	<p>MH to move the two bank accounts to Natwest.</p>
<p><b>What do we want to achieve as an Association?</b>  More umpires are required, and are required to help improve the quality of the game.</p> <p>Vanda Fenn – Umpire Developers – There is a three hour course (England Hockey) on how to develop umpires. Vanda Fenn is qualified to run an Umpire Developers' course.</p> <p>CH &amp; VF – Discussed the possibility of VF running an Umpire Developers' course in order to get Umpire Developers into clubs. Clubs could be contacted to understand whether the demand is there to train Umpire Developers. CH suggested that the ASHUA could pay for Vanda Fenn to run Umpire Developer courses in order that this may be an avenue for attracting new umpires.</p>	<p>AL to contact clubs regarding assessing the interest for an umpires development course run by Vanda Fenn.</p>
<p><b>New Umpires</b>  Martin Hadley confirmed the following two new umpires:  Steve Burton and Andrew Krebbs.</p> <p><b>Other umpires which could be coontacted:</b>  Joe Spooner (Vanda to contact); and Mark Berry (Martin H to contact).  All committee members to make an effort to attract new umpires.  Discussion around the active umpire status. That all umpires are now regarded by England Hockey as permanently active.  It was agreed by the committee that new umpires / or umpires coming back after a period of absence, would need to be assessed prior to taking any appointed games.</p>	<p>Vanda to contact Joe Spooner.  Martin H to contact Mark Berry.</p>

<p><b>Shirts</b> The West Umpires Association is considering securing a new shirt supplier.</p> <p><b>New Umpires - What the Association can offer new umpires</b> Committee decided to give all new umpires who are taking appointments a shirt. In addition, new Association umpires who regularly take appointed games may receive a radio. It must first be demonstrated however, that these umpires are fully committed, and are continuing to take appointed games.</p> <p>Committee members were tasked with considering what could be done for new umpires who take regular appointments for the Association. To be discussed again at the next committee meeting.</p>	<p>Committee members to consider what could be done for umpires, who are umpiring regularly for the Association.</p>
<p><b>Next Committee Meeting</b> The committee meeting finished at 9:15pm. The next committee meeting is scheduled for <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p>	