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# Avon County Womens Hockey Association

## Umpires Association

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Avon County Womens' Umpires Association. This was held on Wednesday 3rd May 1995, 7.30pm at Clifton College Sports Ground.

### Present

John Burr, Pete Lovell, Liz Powell, Richard Powell, Lynda Watts, Martin Bates, Jo West, Joanne England-Gregory, Steve Alger, Joyce Alger, David Parry-Jones, Janette Bokacz, Chris Mayo, Lesley Hellen, Malcolm Kingshot, Pat Webster, Mandy Sanderson, Mary Regan, Susan Long, Joyce Vaughan, Bill Crawford, Val O'Neill, Sophie Jones, Sarah Bressington, Sue Nash, Dianne Garry, Kathie Woolley, Gill Prophet, Lyn Goodliffe, Alan Giles.

### 1. Apologies

John James, Sally Brown, Val Harding, Penny Harding, Liz Watts, Mike Haynes, Hugh Tippett, Lesley Pattenden, Jayne Mills, Judy Fisher, Jane Fornear, Ed Jones.

### 2. Minutes of the 6th A.G.M.

Minutes of the 1994 AGM were agreed as read and as a correct recording of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Acceptance proposed by David Parry-Jones

Seconded by Martin Bates.

Matters arising:-

Unclear about a "bloody wound"; can we now give a clear definition. PL - replied that any blood necessitates that the player must leave the pitch to have it covered.

### 3. Reports

#### a. Chairman and Hon Secretary's

Chairman opened by saying that Avon leads the country in preliminary umpiring awards with over 80% of all passes. It has proved very popular especially when held on a club basis. We have held 2 full cases at Winscombe and Frys and 2 part courses at Imperial and Clifton. If anyone knew of a club that would like to take part please let him know. The next full day of coaching is being held at North Avon Leisure Centre, Yate on 20/5/95. We are providing the coaches and Lecturers.

This Summers' league is once again being used for coaching and level 1 testing with a probable 50 candidates for testing. Once again Avon leads the country along with Yorkshire in doing the most level 1 courses.

There has been one criticism, it is felt that too many pass and then never umpire again. In order to correct this a new pilot scheme is being run by us for the West.

Guidelines have been drawn up for next season to define "Competent and Active" as described in the Level 1 Register Rules. Devon and Wiltshire may also implement this season. This will involve the retesting of umpires every four years in order to remain on the League register. It cannot be stressed too strongly that for anyone who umpires on a regular basis this process should hold no problems, it is only those who do not umpire regularly that need to be kept up to the correct standard.

All HA qualified umpires must still register with us before they can go onto the West league register.

Both the Chairman and Secretary would like to thank all committee members for their continuous hard work throughout the season. Also other umpires who helped in Cup and County games and in times of crisis when other umpires are ill. If anyone would like to take part in the above we would be very grateful and please let him know.

Chairman also thanked Lyn Goodliffe for lecturing at Preliminary and Level 1 courses.

Summer League - thank you to Richard Powell for organising. There were still spaces for those who would like to umpire and receive coaching over the summer. Please let him know ASAP please.

Finally he would like to congratulate Lesley Bayne, Janette Bokacz and Peter Lovell for being selected for the National League reserve list. Steve Knight also had passed his Mens Register. Thanks to Janette Bokacz for standing in at short notice for the 1st XI cup game.

b. Treasurer.

Peter handed out a written report (enclosed). It was explained that "C" test was Level 1 and the fee included the first years membership of the association. Next season the rule books will be £1.50 and a new format is promised. They will be dispatched as soon as they are received. We now have 103 full members and 3 associate members.

There was no proposal for increasing the fees next season.

If a club organises a game to help us with our coaching courses where we can coach max of 8 candidates but ideally 4 to 6, then we will help with the cost of the pitch. Also another help to us are the University trials where Liz Powell and Sally Brown will be coaching umpires and this is a free course so if any one would like to do this please let him know.

Peter thanked Richard Powell for auditing the account and Val Harding for stuffing envelopes. He would like to propose Richard as auditor again. This was seconded by Lyn Goodliffe and passed unanimously.

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Question..Can we get more interest on our account?

PL.. Yes he is going to look at a different Treasurers account for this season.

Proposal to accept Accounts :- Pat Webster

Seconded by:- Gill Prophet. Passed unanimously.

Chairman thanked Peter for all his hard work.

#### 4. Election of Officers

Peter Lovell took the Chair and asked for nominations from the floor as only nominations by the committee had been received.

Nomination for Chairman:- John Burr proposed by Joyce Alger and seconded by David Parry-Jones.

Vote was unanimous. John Burr returned as Chairman.

Nomination for Secretary:- John James proposed by Lynda Watts and seconded by Chris Mayo.

Vote was unanimous.

Nomination for Treasurer:- Peter Lovell proposed by Liz Powell and seconded by Malcolm Kingshot.

Vote was unanimous.

Remainder of committee members nominations:-

Liz Powell, Richard Powell, Lynda Watts, Val Harding and Joyce Alger. Proposed on block by Martin Bates and seconded by Mandy Sanderson. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman thanked ALL committee members once again for all their hard work.

#### 5. Any Other Business

**Malcolm Kingshot** - Regards one of the new rule changes, at a free hit the ball must move at least one yard. If it doesn't what is the penalty?

PL will write to AEWHA.

**Bill Crawford** - Why are measurements still in Imperial rather than Metric. Some of our younger umpires have no understanding of Imperial measurements?

PL - Will write to AEWHA about this, however the new rule books are due out 1st week in June.

**David Parry-Jones** - Will we distribute insurance forms for umpires for next season?

PL - Yes.

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**Malcolm Kingshot** - Would like to thank the committee for all their hard work even though he did not take much advantage of it.

**Mary Regan** - Could we remind clubs that even when playing friendly matches they **MUST** bring an umpire with them. Several teams had turned up for non league matches with no umpires at all.

**Joanne England-Gregory** - What is the minimum age limit for players in senior games, she was worried that some players were so young that people were frightened to tackle them?

JB - there was no official line so if they play you must treat them the same as anyone else.

**Janette Bokacz** - Are AEWHA changing the size of the pitch or the goal?  
PL/LP - some experiments are taking place at various tournaments but it was not intended to change this season.

Liz Powell then talked about the new reassessment of level 1 umpires in order to verify that they were "Active and Competent". Full description will be given in the next newsletter. AEWHA have decided that this must be done at county level and it is up to them to decide their own guidelines. Ours will be that the umpire must have umpired 6 games throughout the season, these do not have to be league games and can be any senior game but not under 16. All umpires will be watched every four years as "B" and "A" umpires are.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed..... Date.....