



**NORTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 7:30PM, 2020 BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Present:**

**Council/Executive:**

J.M. Scrinì	President
Annette Badger	Deputy President/NHUA
Chris Regan	Immediate Past President/Cumbria
Bev Deakin	Vice President
C. J. Reece	Hon. Secretary/England Hockey Vice President
A.O. Moore	Hon. Treasurer
Ann Marshall	Performance
Tony Shutt	RCC/Cheshire
Peter McNulty	Discipline (RDA)
Ann Marshall	North Performance
Chris Darling	Co-opted
Eunice Ellison	Co-opted
Robert Gordon	Cumbria HA Representative
Julian Hickinbottom	Lancashire HA Representative
Jon Bray	Yorkshire HA Representative

**In Attendance:**

Anne Bryant, Peter Maclellan

**Clubs:**

Bowdon (Bill Ball, Jonathon Grant), Alderley Edge (Nick Rudgard), Neston (Colin Leeman), Deeside Ramblers (Alison Cheshire), Pendle Forest (Sarah Towers), Wilmslow (Louise Charlesworth), Southport (Shirley King), South Lakes (Suze Armstrong), Wrexham (Amy Jones), Morpeth (Gareth Mellor), Sheffield UB (Ruaridh Stewart) (Christina Woods), Oxton (James Cunliffe), Lymm (Lynne Pyman), Lytham St Annes (Jane Evans), Ben Rydding (Lia Helme), Chester (Daffyd Jones), Timperley (Ross Small), Wakefield (Norman Hughes), Bradford (Richard Sirtou).

- 1) President's Welcome: JMS** opened the meeting; welcomed those present to the penultimate AGM of the North Hockey Association, recording that as most of us are aware that the England Hockey adjourned AGM was last week (15<sup>th</sup> September) and the Governance proposal "A Structure Fit for the Future" was passed with 86% in favour, so next year's AGM will be the winding up of the Association. John added that the Men's Northern Counties Hockey Association was formed in 1888, and the Northern Counties Women's Hockey Association was formed in 1898, so there is a lot of history there. Since the last AGM three stalwarts of North Hockey have passed away since the 2019 AGM: Jim Barrow BEM (British Empire Medal) Passed Away 12th August, former Cheshire HA President and Treasurer. John W Neill (21st August 2019), former Captain Great Britain and England, also represented the North and Cheshire. Hesketh Hughes former Cheshire President Passed Away 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020,

2) **Apologies for absence:**

Hon. Life Members: Peter Richardson, Mike Roff, Ian Watson, Monica Pickersgill  
Council: Tony Taig.

3) **Appointment of Tellers**

Not required as it is a virtual AGM.

4) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

These were accepted as a true record with a minor amendment: 5. Hon Sec Report Life Members – Council appointed three, however one person declined, there were no matters arising.

5) **Hon. Secretary's Report:** CJR recorded once again the calling notice and relative documentation was available on the NHA website and issued by email.

This is the first virtual AGM of North HA.

All meeting of Council and the Executive have been Virtual Video Conference this year.

**Life Member Nominations:** Anette K Badger, Bev Deakin and Ann Marshall have been appointed by Council for their Services to the North.

6) **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** AOM recorded: presented the Annual Accounts for the Association for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, adding that it has been a reasonable year in terms of expenditure, we made a small surplus, due to Covid 19 quite a few competitions were cancelled that had been budgeted for, however, the budget will look very strange due to Covid 19, and we are now in a transition year. Club Levy we have discussed at Council and the Executive and did discuss whether to drastically reduce, however we decided to propose to keep the Club levy at £14.00 per team, as this forms approximately 50% of our annual income. CJR added that the reserves will be required to form the new East and West Pennine Area HA's AOM added We do have quite substantial reserves which are largely made up from the North Performance reserves. AM recorded that this year they are going to heavily subsidise the players. DHCD added that one of the issues is that the performance fees were same across the country, however pitch fees and other related costs are much cheaper in the North, therefore NPC reserves have increased year on year. however, for this year we are allowed to set our own fees, and do not have to follow the national guidelines, so then we should come to a more realistic figure. Also, the financial year for Player Pathway is 31<sup>st</sup> August and effectively the figures at 31<sup>st</sup> March do no present a clear picture, Treasurers report including the Club Levy JMS proposed and CER seconded they are accepted, all present accepted.

7) **Sub-committee Reports**

**a) Competitions:** JMS submitted a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, adding that the main effort this year is for league hockey to take place despite Covid 19 and ensure that every team plays everybody once. It was discussed about the Annual League Summer Meeting, to which JMS responded that the meeting has been cancelled this year due to Covid 19 and the Government restrictions regarding travel and social distancing, it was suggested that the meeting could be hosted Virtually, JMS agreed to discuss the possibility with Peter Cocker (NHL Secretary).

**b) Umpires:** CJR NHUA Chair - reported that NHUA Migrated to OMS (Officiating Management System) Summer 2019. Members recently undertook a return to hockey survey of which the results were quite surprising with the vast majority of umpires keen to return to hockey. Also at the NHUA meeting recently it was agreed that due to the lack of umpires available and servicing NPUA with Reserves, then we will not appoint to the Women's Division one by default, however, we will appoint umpires if they are available and continue to appoint Young Umpires coming through on this Division. Covid 19 CJR recorded that in OMS, when Umpires logon They will have to agree to the EH Participation agreement, that has recently been implemented (free of charge), although if umpires are appointed to non-NHUA (club appointed matches) they will have to complete the EH participation form and select the home club on this form.

c) **Masters:** Tony Taig, not present, sent a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the Minutes.

d) **Performance: Ann Marshall** submitted a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, adding that most importantly we are up and running, and the four North Performance Centres and players have had two sessions, and it should be noted that the South and West Regions have not yet returned.

You may have seen/read that the Player Pathway is to end by 2022 and be replaced by Centres of Excellence based in Schools and Clubs. The reason for this is the performance of the Nation teams, although there are lots of questions, we await further details from England Hockey.

## 8) **Other Reports**

a) **“A Structure Fit for the Future” North Transition:** AKB has submitted a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the minutes, adding is that as you well know it is very important that clubs are greatly involved, and as a result the England Hockey Relationship Managers are in the process of sending out , another invitation to people who would be interested in joining in the Transition Groups, to help to create the new structures, and also add that a similar note will go to HUA’s seeking volunteers who would be interested in the creation of the new structure. We have made every effort to seek volunteers and those who would be interested.

a) **Discipline Officer (RDA):** submitted a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the Minutes, adding that one of the main matters is the 5 training modules at the end of the report, of which one was sponsored by North HA.

d) **Regional Consultative Committee (RCC):** TS submitted a report which has been circulated in advance of the AGM, a copy of which is kept permanently with the Minutes.

## 9) **Election of Officers:**

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

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

### **Council Appointments:** (April 2020)

Regional Disciplinary Admin	P. McNulty
Deputy RDA	R. Everitt
RCC	T. Shutt
IT Administrators	A. Parker/ C. Reece
RDAP Chair	Colin Leeman, Other Members: Mike Talbot, Bev Deakin and Julian Hickinbottom

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

AOM recorded that Peter Clark who we normally appoint, has an issue due to Covid 19, so he proposed that we appoint Michell Chapman, all agreed.

## 11) **AOB: Bill Ball** added “can I just thank you and your committee for all the work you have put in, in the last twelve months, and it is fantastic that and thank you for looking after all of us”.

Meeting Closed 08.04pm

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Hon. Secretary

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President