

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Secretary report for GHA Committee meeting on Thursday 20th January 2022

Now that West Hockey is an Area under the new hockey governance structure, counties are no longer invited to attend any of their meetings so anything of importance is only known if the EH Relationship Manager informs us. However, we are invited to send representatives to the Area Junior Competitions Committee and the Area Masters Committee. Umpiring and league are no longer any part of the county remit.

I have been participating in the County Standing Committee National Working Group, but this has been focused on drafting the new standard model constitution for counties. I have offered several sets of comments, but aside from correcting the typographical errors I identified they have largely held to the content they have defined. Unless their version made no sense, in which event they have made changes!

It is the intention of EH to require all counties to adopt this constitution as a condition of becoming members of EH and the Areas. Under this as counties would be members of the Area I guess they would have a greater involvement; hopefully therefore the current situation is only temporary.

The latest draft of the new standard model constitution is on the GHA website for comment. Although I do have some reservations and Shaun Cullimore has spotted some inconsistencies and gaps; I feel it is a basis for Gloucestershire to adopt in place of the existing one. Comments welcome.

Otherwise there has not been much happening aside from being part of the sub-committee reviewing a complaint in respect of the Player Pathway Academy Centre selection and subsequent appeal process. This will be covered in that section of the meeting.

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