

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Secretary report for GHA Committee meeting on Thursday 24th March 2022

No specific Secretary activities, apart from a new complaints procedure which Andrew Hopcraft has produced.

No updates from West Hockey.

I have been participating in the County Standing Committee National Working Group which has continued to focus on drafting the new standard model constitution for counties. A final version was issued and approved by the EH board in February. However, when this was then distributed to the counties a number of concerns were raised. These were minor, but a further revision has been promised, as yet I have not seen a copy.

The Working Group is now looking at Officer roles and responsibilities, but this will not result in a very detailed set of descriptions because of the variety of different approaches within the counties.

A list of Clubs within Areas has been completed and the next task is for some of the county representatives to comment on the county assignments. The aim being to integrate Counties into the contact management system so they have the links to the Clubs within their remit.

A schools games map has been produced for counties and others to see which schools in their geographical area have some interest so they can follow up and encourage more hockey. Aim is to establish more county schools competitions.

As part of the AGM process, county representatives had to commit to adopting the new constitution so they could then be approved to vote at the AGM. This I duly did and attended the EH AGM on 15th March. The results of the votes are copied below although for some reason I never received the voting email:

Resolution	For	Against	Abstain	Result
Item 4: To approve the re-appointment of Haysmacintyre as Auditors of the company and to authorise the Board to approve their remuneration.	98	0	4	Resolution passed with 96.1% in favour
Item 5: To approve the resolution to increase the England Hockey membership fee by 1.5% for the 2022/23 season. (Free membership for new teams in their first season will continue)	82	4	16	Resolution passed with 80.4% in favour

The EH AGM was somewhat interesting and the documents can be found on the EH website. Key messages were thanks for supporting the Covid protocols. Acknowledgement that GMS had not gone well. Acknowledgement that the Pro-League had not worked as intended. The focus on safety and injuries amongst youngsters as well as people playing in their later years. Discussions with European partners over how to support Ukraine. Evolving a strategy to get closer to Clubs, improve the elite development (Performance and Talent Centres), develop the Area Standing Committee to get closer to Clubs and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion activities.

The Commonwealth Games was mentioned extensively.

In the operating report from Nick Pink the Talent and EDI Strategies were covered, also the conflict between private and state school involvement and engagement and finally GMS.

Financially EH had made a small loss of £20k on the year on a turnover of £9M.

There were some individual questions raised over support for specific issues with individuals and clubs. The answers were very PC, but in truth there are no resources at EH to pick up these kind of individual issues.

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