

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Secretary report for GHA Committee meeting on Wednesday 18th November 2020

The GHA AGM was held via an on-line Zoom meeting on 23rd September and was quorate. The members nominated by the old Committee for positions on the new Committee were all elected. In addition, the reports were all adopted and the Finances together with the affiliation fees for 2020 – 21 approved. Angie Atherton and Roy Smith had been proposed as Life members and both were elected by the meeting. The Minutes are a work in progress.

One aspect that was an on-going action from the previous year was that of policies and procedures. Progress on this was made over the summer, but this work came to a halt with Covid when the work to provide Covid secure guidelines and risk assessments became the priority. It is hoped this can begin again shortly.

The EH resolution on Governance was approved at their AGM in September and since this time they have been working on the leagues structures together with the articles of association for EH and the new Areas that will replace the Regions. In this respect there have been working groups supporting this and included within their remit has been that of the roles definitions. (See further details under West HA report). So far though Sub-areas have not been involved and due to the secrecy surrounding the detail of the various activities it has not been possible to gain any indication of the direction of thinking.

In the meantime, contact has been made with the temporary EH Relationship Manager for Gloucestershire who is Charlie Farrow. He is actually responsible for a portion of the East and South East Areas, but due to the current financial situation at EH there is no direct replacement for Verity Langfield for now.

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