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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wigginton on Saturday 19/11/2011.

Present

Executive Officers

President	Alan Swift (Wetherby)
Vice President	John Gaughan (York RI)
Secretary	Sue Swift (Wetherby)
Treasurer/Memb.Sec	Bill Vicker (Brandesburton)
Development (East)	Don Jackson (York RI)
Youth Development	Ted Beetham (Bridlington)
Coach	Matt Blyton (Unattached)

Clubs

Brandesburton	David Wiseman , Helen Jarvis
Bridlington	Chris O'Rourke
Doncaster	Ray & Debbie Gatenby
Fox	Barbara & Mick Hardisty , Angela Fletcher
Leeds	Paul Simpkins
Wetherby	Jenny Stockton , Roger & Sue Nunns , Caroline Hoy
Wigginton	Pete & Chris Best , Ann Hields
York RI	Angie Gaughan , Steve Jones
observer	Chris Cann

The President opened the meeting at 10.35 am

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Stewart Ainley, Pete Jordan, Luke Howard and Alistair Horne.
- 2) There were no matters arising from the 2010 AGM minutes which were approved unanimously. Proposed Angie , seconded Ted.
- 3) Alan read out his report a copy of which is attached.
- 4) Bill circulated and reviewed the accounts.
The main points were that there had been increases in coaching expenses, increases in the cost of kit replacement, a reduction in regional tournament income and we had supported the juniors at the Inter regional championships for the first time.
Despite these changes the annual income and expenditure were similar giving only a small change in the regional cash balance.
There were no questions.
- 5) The EPA membership fee is rising from £12 to £13.
The options discussed for the regional fee were a) to reduce from £6 to £5 so that the overall fee remained at £18, b) to leave the fee at £6 since last years income and expenditure were in balance or c) to increase to £7 so that the overall fee was a round figure of £20.
Option a) did not receive support and by a vote of 18 to 3 with 4 abstentions it was agreed to leave the fee at £6.
- 6) Bill has stood down after holding the position of Treasurer / Membership Secretary for 7 years and James has stood down as playing officer since he has now transferred to Chiltern region.

Steve Jones was nominated as Treasurer / Membership Secretary and Luke Howard was nominated as Playing Officer. The election of these two plus the remaining officers who do not need to be re-nominated were approved unanimously.

The positions of Umpire and Development Officer (West) remain vacant.

Matt suggested that the Development Officer positions should be reorganised. Alan ruled this out since the constitution states the officer positions and no proposal for change was put forward.

Jenny requested that vacancies for regional officer positions be publicised better.

Alan and Sue agreed to ensure that everyone knows of vacancies in advance of the AGM.

- 7) Stewart Ainley was proposed as the auditor and this was approved unanimously.
- 8) The proposed amendment to constitution point 7 clarifying the disciplinary procedure was discussed. An amendment was agreed to say that disciplinary tribunal members would report to the full regional committee but would not participate in discussions or votes at an appeals meeting. The amended proposal was passed by 22 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions.

The proposed amendment to constitution point 3 to allow associate club membership was discussed.

It was agreed to amend the proposal to remove the word their when referring to club tournaments and to remove the reference to voting rights.

The amended proposal was passed by 22 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions.

The proposed amendment to constitution point 3 to allow associate player membership was discussed.

It was agreed to amend the proposal to remove the reference to voting rights.

The amended proposal was passed by 24 votes to 1.

Following the passing of the 2 proposals regarding membership a change to the wording of point 3c of the constitution was agreed to say that associate clubs and/or players require a majority of the executive officers to approve their joining the region. This was approved unanimously.

A revised copy of the constitution is attached and it is also available on the Northern website (Regional Documents page).

- 9) Any other business – none raised

The President closed the meeting at 11.47 am.

Sue Swift