

**MINUTES OF THE
ARMY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD IN THE
ALDERSHOT HOCKEY PAVILION
TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2015 1400 – 1600HRS**

Present:

Col R Head MC	Chairman AHA/Infantry
Lt Col J Caiger	Chairman RA HC
Lt Col S Donoghue	Chairman RLC HC
Lt Col P Nicholas	Ladies Secretary/AGC Chairman
Maj W Ginn	Secretary AGC HC
Maj T Prowse	Manager Army Ladies
Maj T Stroud-Caules	Secretary RE HC
Capt J Gates	Secretary RLC HC
WO2 S Paterson	Manager Army Masters
SSgt D Cattermole	Captain Seniors/R Signals HC
LCpl J Outhwaite	Captain Ladies AGC HC
Lt Col (R) A Flavell	AHA Secretary

Apologies

Major General Julian Free CBE	President AHA
Lt Col R Howard	Vice Chairman AHUA
Lt Col T Lees	Vice Chairman AHA indoors
Maj J Edwards	Secretary AMS HC
Maj K Miles	Secretary REME HC
Maj L Riddell	Manager Ladies Masters
Maj E Taylor	Secretary RA HC
Capt Aitkenhead	Secretary AAC HC
Capt J Beck	Secretary South
Capt R McCullough	Secretary RAC/AAC
Capt P Rosser	Manager U25s
Sgt N Speariett	Secretary Midlands
Mr B Mower	Secretary R Signals Masters HC
Mr A Notman	AHA Umpire Manager

Item (a)	Discussion and Decisions (b)	Action (c)
ITEM 1	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Opening Comment by the Chairman</u></p> <p>1.1 The Chair thanked all for attending the meeting. He reported a good year for Army Hockey with lots of silverware to prove it. He especially commended the Inter Corps Outdoors in May 15 which was a fantastic event.</p> <p>1.2 The main focus for the Chairman however is Unit level Hockey. All sport feeds in from the bottom up. He asked the Secretaries to organise more tournaments throughout the season. He also stated that every unit should have a hockey officer, if the CO says no we do not wish to play hockey; that is a fair call.</p> <p>1.3 Reserves; The Chairman wants all Corps to bring at least 1 Reservist for each team at the Inter Corps Outdoors in order to increase Reserve representation.</p> <p>1.4 The Chairman will also focus on the Ladies Indoors this coming season.</p> <p>1.5 The Chairman wants all Secretaries to nominate someone to run regional hockey in the North and BA (G) through their contacts in the Hockey community.</p> <p>(a) Lt Tom Chesseborough – nomination for BA(G) still TBC, however, Col Harrison BAG(G) ASCB Sec has this on his radar.</p> <p>(b) Cpl Jade Outhwaite said she was happy to help but is based in Lisburn which may prove an issue with running events in England.</p>	<p>Corps Secretaries</p> <p>Corps Secretaries</p> <p>Army Ladies</p> <p>All</p>
ITEM 2	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Points from the previous AGM, May 15</u></p> <p>2.1 Item 1.2 (c); The AHA Office are updating their Coaching and Umpiring Database, please let Charlotte know of any personnel in your teams that are qualified.</p> <p>2.2 Item 12; The Army Cup Final will now be taking place on the final day of IC Outdoors. The Chairman will action inviting England Hockey VIPs and Senior Military personnel to the event.</p> <p>2.3 Item 11; Inter Corps Outdoors Masters; It was agreed to play shorter games and a round robin with the Masters in order to increase the level of Hockey played. The AHA Office will organise the timetable to create the space.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>AHA Office</p>

<p>ITEM 3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Corps Led Hockey</u></p> <p>3.1 R Signals; SSgt Dan Cattermole reported on behalf of Brian Mower who was unable to attend the meeting. The Signals Inter Unit Competition will be taking place on 22 – 23 Sept 15 at Aldershot, they have 8 teams entered.</p> <p>3.2 AGC; Maj Warren Ginn reported. The AGC Inter Unit Competition has not been finalised, they plan to host in Aldershot, dates TBC. A team will be touring to Singapore in Feb 16; they have been invited to play at the International 6 a-side's which will be a great experience for the younger players. The plan is to take unestablished players, 28 Feb – 8 March, which they believe will minimise Army team disruption.</p> <p>3.3 RLC; Capt Jamie Gates reported. The RLC Bari Competition will take place 29 – 1 Oct at Aldershot with their largest participation yet, 15 teams. He also welcomed their new President, Brigadier Simon Hutchings. The RLC plan to tour to California again but will be taking junior players this time as an incentive rather than reward.</p> <p>3.4 RE; Maj Torcail Stroud – Caules reported. He stated that the Sapper Games is mandatory for units to attend, dates TBC. They will tour to Holland potentially in Nov 15, the idea being close and not too expensive.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Maj Stroud – Caules queried how players are selected for the Army; SSgt Dan Cattermole and Lt Col Paula Nicholas answered that the Inter Corps Outdoors is the best time to talent scout. It is also up to the managers and coaches to source players. SSgt Cattermole invited players to come to team training, they will never turn players away from a training camp and are always looking. Training dates for the Ladies and Men's teams can be found on the AHA website.</p> <p>3.5 REME; WO2 Stu Paterson reported for Maj Keith Miles who could not attend. Maj Miles and Col Dan Scott have completed their fixtures for the season with the 2015/16 opening fixture at Lyneham. <i>Note; Maj Miles has changed jobs, update Directory.</i></p> <p>3.6 RA; Col Jon Caiger reported that the Outdoors Tournament has been set for 30 Sept – 1 Oct in Larkhill. The Indoor Competition dates are 1 – 4 Feb 16, also at Larkhill. The RA plan to Tour to Malaya with 2 teams in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AHA Office</p>
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<p>ITEM 4</p>	<p>early May 15.</p> <p>3.7 The Chairman thanked all the Corps Secretaries and Chairman for their work and support to the Army Hockey at Corp level. He expressed the need to keep encouraging the youth and commended the idea to take the younger soldiers on tours. He also wanted all to not forget the excellent tournaments taking place around the UK.</p>	<p>All</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Coaching/Umpiring</u></p>	
	<p>4.1 The Secretary said the new EH coaching programme is almost impossible for the Services to use unless a person is static and involved with a civilian club. It has been agreed at CSHA level that Mr Steve Lemon (RN) and WO1 Cheryl Campling (Army) will write a Services Level 1 coaching course based on the old EH level 1 course. They have agreed to have a draft in place by the next CSHA meeting in Nov 15. It will not be an EH qualification but will be suitable for military use. There are grandfather rights for previous qualifiers. The AHA Office will inform all once confirmed.</p> <p>(a) It is not Level 1 and 2 anymore but Sessional Coach first and then Club Coach. SLC's can still be claimed if you want to go through England Hockey for higher level coaching qualifications. You can also approach the Army Sports Lottery to claim a grant or part funding towards the course. You can find out more on their website www.armysportslottery.com</p>	<p>AHA Office</p>
	<p>4.2 Umpiring; It was decided to negotiate with Fleet HC to run the umpire courses.</p> <p>(a) The Chairman asked all Corps Secretaries to bring an umpire to Outdoors May 16 either per team or Corps, they can be playing members. The AHA will reimburse the player for umpiring course fees once they have completed 5 games either at a tournament or throughout the season.</p> <p>(b) It was agreed that a match can only go ahead if a novice umpire is paired with either a qualified umpire or a very competent player. This is to avoid the chance of injury to the players and umpires. Please be aware of this and avoid accidents as much as possible.</p>	<p>Corps Secretaries</p> <p>AHA Office</p> <p>All</p>

ITEM 5	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ladies Masters Hockey</u></p> <p>5.1 Maj Tracey Prowse reported. The Ladies Masters are slowly starting to gain momentum again under Maj Lou Riddell's management. The AHA will order the team new socks for their next fixtures.</p>	AHA Office
ITEM 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ladies Hockey</u></p> <p>6.1 Maj Prowse reported again. The Ladies had a fantastic experience playing the Ladies Ghana National team at Bisham Abbey. The AHA Office will get the remaining pictures from Soldier Magazine. She also stated that they should have good availability for the indoors. The Chairman noted that he will work more to improve the Ladies availability if needed, speak offline.</p>	AHA Office Chairman
ITEM 7	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Seniors Hockey</u></p> <p>7.1 SSgt Dan Cattermole reported. The Seniors had a very successful tour to Chile. However, they will not go to Gibraltar anymore due to too much work with availability. Looking forward to retaining Indoors title and reclaiming the Outdoors after an unfortunate loss last season.</p> <p>7.2 The Chairman asked the Seniors to keep focused on the battle rhythm, try not to move the dates too much in the future. He also asked all teams to look to play large company hockey teams if possible as well as the Police, Cambridge, Oxford etc, there is potential for sponsorship in the future if successful.</p>	Seniors
ITEM 8	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Masters Hockey</u></p> <p>8.1 WO2 Paterson reported that the Masters have a database of up to 45 people so far. They are looking forward to next season, dates are all set up to 17/18 season. He has taken over from WO1 Paul Symns as Manager.</p>	
ITEM 9	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>U25s Hockey</u></p> <p>9.1 The Chairman reported for Capt Pete Rosser who couldn't attend the meeting. Their report is attached to these minutes at Annex A.</p> <p>9.2 The Chairman will talk to Maj Gen S Burley, Director of the ASCB regarding Rugby with the aspiration to lead the way with Reserves in Hockey. Female Festival of Sport could be a main focus, bound to have some talent. Regional Leagues are also a good place to identify reservists.</p>	Chairman

<p>ITEM 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Financial Report</u></p> <p>10.1 The Financial Statement of Accounts can be found at Annex B. The Secretary made the following points:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) The AHA is in a healthy position with £40k+ in the bank. All sponsorship has arrived or due in shortly with all accounts up to date.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) A copy of the statement of accounts is attached to these minutes.</p>	
<p>ITEM 11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sponsorship</u></p> <p>11.1 The Secretary confirmed that Army Hockey are financially in a good place with our next sponsorship instalment from Forces Financial due as well as Team Army.</p> <p>11.2 Monkhouse are due to attend the Inter Corps Indoors and Inter Services Indoors. He asked all to make sure to say hello and look at their stock.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p>ITEM 12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Accommodation</u></p> <p>12.1 Charlotte of the AHA Office advised all to book as early as possible but to be prepared that it is very limited in Aldershot as usual. Public funds cannot be used for subsistence.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p>ITEM 13</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>AOB:</u></p> <p>13.1 Filming tower; Maj Stroud-Caules suggested that RE could help build the tower, however there are a lot of Health and Safety issues to overcome. A business case will have to be produced. He offered to help provided he received all the information. SSgt Cattermole will produce a design and organise a site recce. We must get Aspires approval in the first instance. After, a business case will be produced by the AHA office for funding.</p> <p>13.2 Pitch bookings; The AHA Office will approach Aspire regarding some evening fixtures that are being honoured. All are urged to book as early as they can with specific dates, we cannot book a whole week of evenings unless the fixtures are confirmed. We must also be fair with the contractor Aspire or we will end up with nothing.</p> <p>13.3 It was confirmed that the TK brand is with U25s, Seniors and Ladies but not Masters.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SSgt Cattermole AHA Office</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

ITEM 14	<p>13.4 All were reminded to speak to the AHA Office if they would like to purchase any of the Monkhouse kit we are holding.</p>	All
	<p>13.5 It was confirmed that the Masters are able to enter the O40s HA Trophy.</p>	
	<p>13.6 Maj Prowse made the point that if people were struggling to have public funding to support the purchase of GK kits, then they could consider using the health and safety elements of a business case to state why a Unit/Regt/Corps should purchase GK equipment/face masks.</p>	Regional Secs to pass down to units
	<p>13.7 It was confirmed that the Men's Masters League can play mixed teams this season in order to avoid games being cancelled.</p>	All
	<p>13.8 A new strip for the Ladies will be ordered. The AHA Office will action getting the Aspire logo on the remaining skorts.</p>	AHA Office
	<u>Key Points</u>	
	<p>14.1 The Chairman closed the meeting with the following key points:</p>	
	<p>(a) Please send to the AHA Office your nominations for a Regional Hockey Secretary to run Army Hockey in the North and BA(G). These posts are currently gapped and we would like a Hockey officer who plays and is motivated compared to recent seasons where we are having minimal contact with reps who are not interested in Hockey at all. Nominations in by end of next week please.</p>	Corps Secretaries
	<p>(b) The Chairman wants each team to provide 1 reservist player to the Inter Corps Outdoors.</p>	Corps Secretaries
	<p>(c) If you have any known Reservists playing in your teams then please send their details to Capt Pete Rosser – Reserves Secretary who can add to his database (cc'd above)</p>	Corps Secretaries
<p>(d) To bring an umpire to the Inter Corps Outdoors. 1 per team would be ideal – high priority.</p>	Corps Secretaries	
<p>(e) The Chairman would also like all Secretaries to advertise their Corps events and details in their Corps Journals push out to Soldier Magazine and any related websites. The AHA Office have contact details if needed for BFBS and Soldier Magazine.</p>	All	

(f) Finally, invite members of your C of C to attend the Inter Corps Outdoors VIP Lunch which is held on the 2nd day of the event, 17th May 16 in Aldershot. If not, the finals day would be good to attend, especially if their Corps has got through. We are also hosting the Inter Services Outdoors in March, if any of your players are involved in that competition then invite C of C to this event as well.

14.2 The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for all their hard work. He closed the meeting at 1630hrs.