



Committee of Roller Hockey Referees

Minutes

Annual General Meeting

Bushfields Leisure Centre, Peterborough Saturday 3 September 2016

Committee

Keith Allen

Attendees

Lisa Allander, Tom Allander, Michael Baker, Kos Galtos, Peter Flint, Mike Neville, Harry Parfitt, Steve Taylor

Apologies

Andrew Allen, Tony Czifra, Chris Freeman, Stewart Henderson, Cathy King, Nicola Lawrie, Jody McCarthy, Jeanette Messenger, Jason Oldroyd, Mike Richardson, Bruno Sosa, Karl Wilson,

Agenda Items

Appointment of Officers

Keith Allen advised that at last year's CRHR AGM it was agreed that Derek Bell would take over the Chairmanship of the CRHR at this year's AGM. As Derek did not attend the AGM and did not communicate any apology for not being able to attend, it was assumed that he was no longer interested in the position.

Volunteers to take on the role were called for and Kos Galtos was unanimously appointed to the role.

CRHR Structure

The meeting agreed that the CRHR requires a more effective committee structure and after discussion it was determined that the Committee should consist of a Chairman, elected annually at the CRHR AGM, and each Regions Referee Executive, all of whom must be accredited referees.

In addition, the Committee would appoint annually:

- Referee Assessment Officer (currently Mike Richardson)
- Premier League Appointment Officer (currently Dave Fothergill)

Kos Galtos was asked to draft and propose to the NRHA Executive, the necessary amendments to the Bye Laws to give effect to this change and to give official status to the CRHR.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Propose amendments to NRHA Bye Laws	Kos Galtos	15 Oct 16

CRHR Communications

The meeting agreed that the following will be included in communications between of the CRHR Executive, including meeting minutes and determinations;

- NRHA Executives



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- Regional General Secretaries
- Referee Assessment Officer (currently Mike Richardson)
- Premier League Appointment Officer (currently Dave Fothergill)
- All accredited Referees

Online Testing

It was reported that the new online test for accreditation of Provisional referees;

- Had seen over ninety people (in UK and abroad) participating in the first week of introduction, with 40 passes recorded – 32 in England and 8 in the rest of world.
- When logging on, each person provide their name, club, region and contact information, which is automatically added to a referee database

It was agreed that;

- The tool would be used as the database for recording the contact details of all accredited referees moving forward, storing DBS certificates and for improving communication with all referees.
- Changes to the list of referees would be advised via email to the NRHA and Regions on a monthly basis

It was confirmed that provisional referees can only officiate with a full referee supervising them either on or outside the rink during the match and that the DBS check shall be required for referees all other grades of referee.

New Assessment Process

After substantial discussion it was agreed to make practical assessment of referees for upgrading accreditation levels of referees as accessible as possible. To achieve this the Referee Assessment Officer (Mike Richardson) will be asked to compile and propose a list of as many suitable level one and two referees as possible to act as examiners for referee accreditation upgrades.

Upon confirmation by the Executive Committee, any two of these Accredited Examiners will be permitted to assess a referee for Accreditation Upgrade. This may either be organised in advance or by them simply agreeing adhoc at a match to do so. Such Practical Assessments must be 'scored' on the official Assessment Sheet prepared by the Assessment Officer, which will be downloadable from the NRHA website, and submitted to the Assessment Officer for ratification/confirmation and subject to confirmation to the candidate by the CRHR.

It was also considered beneficial to introduce to the system a requirement for all referees to complete an annual online theory test of the rules, or interpretation of the rules, with those failing to do so or pass being demoted by one grade each season.

It was also agreed to introduce an online Theory Test, based on the official CRHR Interpretations of the rules, for qualification of Grade 4 and 3 referees that must be completed prior to Practical Assessment being undertaken.

The proposed Referee Assessment System document was discussed and it was agreed that it requires redrafting, in light of these changes, to make the information clearer and ensure a simpler process. Kos Galtos agreed to do this, in consultation with the Referee Assessment Officer and upon completion circulate it.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Produce online Theory Tests – Grade 4 and 3	Mike Richardson	30 Oct 16



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Redraft Referee Assessment System document

Kos Galtos

10 Sep 16

Proof of Accreditation

Mike Neville suggested that referees should not be permitted to officiate without written proof of their eligibility and it was agreed that;

- The CRHR Referees List, to be issued monthly, was the principal point of reference
- New or upgraded Referees not on the list may identify themselves as accredited by showing the certificate issued to them (electronically or printed) following completion of their online test
- Referees not on the CRHR Referees List or unable to show their accreditation certificate may not officiate any match

The CRHR will work on issuing photographic Referee Cards the start of the 2017/18 season.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Issue CRHR Referee List	Kos Galtos	On change
Issue photographic Referee Cards	Kos Galtos	1 Sep 17

CRHR Referee List

It was identified that the current CRHR Referee List is incomplete and it was agreed that the details of all referees will be added to the database that powers online testing and then contacted electronically to them to confirm and amend their details.

Upon completion, the Referee Assessment Officer (Mike Richardson) will review and confirm accreditation levels, which will be recorded in the database and advised to Referees.

Regional and Club Secretaries will also be asked to identify Referees omitted and encourage them to contact the Referee Assessment Officer to be added to the list at the appropriate level.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Consolidate CRHR Referee List	Kos Galtos	20 Sep 16
Amend accreditation level for accuracy	Mike Richardson	30 Sep 16

Referee Assessors

It was agreed that the Referee Assessment Officer will annually propose to the CRHR Executive a list of suitable level one and two referees to act as examiners for referee accreditation upgrades, whom will ratify it or require its amendment.

The expertise of this panel of Accredited Referee Examiners will also be used by the CRHR Executive in its determinations for the amendment and development of the CRHR Official Interpretations of the Rules

Directive – Anti Play Line

Jason Oldroyd proposed that “The halfway line will be the anti play line at every rink”

It was agreed with immediate effect that *“In all National and Regional competitions, only the Halfway line may be used for determining Anti Play, no matter the size of the rink”*



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Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Notify Directive to NRHA and Regions	Kos Galtos	10 Sep 16

Premier League Fees

Following substantial discussion regarding the referee fees levied for Premier League it was agreed that Kos Galtos would review a proposal from Marisa Parfitt, previously sent to CRHR, that incentivised and financially rewarded clubs that contributed referees to the officiate in the league.

Kos is to then discuss with the Premier League Appointment Officer and resolve a proposal for circulation to the clubs in the Premier League for adoption in the 2017/18 season.

It was also resolved that referees be encouraged to submit their expense claims promptly and that all accounts of income and expenditure be passed to the NRHA Treasurer for inclusion in the NRHA Accounts

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Propose new PL referee payment system	Kos Galtos	31 Dec 16
Notify referees to submit expenses promptly	Dave Fothergill	20 Sept 16

Interpretation of Rules

An interpretation of the rules prepared by Kos Galtos, in collaboration with 7 senior players and 7 senior referees, and submitted to the CRHR on 16 July 2016 was approved as the CRHR Official Interpretations of the Rules in England.

This document is to be uploaded to the NRHA website and circulated to all accredited referees as soon as possible.

It is intended that this be a 'living document' that is frequently amended to clarify situations that eventuate in a match. Referees are encouraged to submit questions and proposals moving forward and it was also agreed that a Facebook page be set up to facilitate discussion.

Referees, Clubs and Regions may at anytime request in writing a clarification on the interpretation of the rules of the game and the CRHR will promptly respond by referring to the document or making an amendment to document its decision, so all may have a standard approach to interpreting the rules.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Distribute Interpretation of Rules	Kos Galtos	10 Sep 16
Establish CRHR Facebook page	Kos Galtos	10 Sep 16

Complaints Against Referees

The question was raised if there should be a process for complaints to be made against referees and it was agreed that a proper structured process could support both referees and players if handled correctly.

It was agreed that the majority of complaints would really relate solely to the interpretation of rules and just require the clarification of Interpretations of the rules and possible amendment to the document being issued, so only a clarification of correct rule interpretation need be sent to all



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clubs/regions.

For more serious complaints, it was agreed that a specific allegation from a Club or Region (only) was required, accompanied by video evidence and a fee (to be confirmed), which will be returned if the complaint is upheld.

It was also suggested that if a Club/Region makes more than two complaints in a season that are not upheld, they should be subject to a substantial fine.

A specific system is to be considered by the CRHR Executive

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Determine system	CRHR Executive	30 Oct 16

Dummies Guide to Roller Hockey Refereeing

Jeremy Pembrey has created a Dummies Guide to Roller Hockey Refereeing. It was given to all to see if it could be used to help with training referees. Although on a first glance one or two errors were highlighted KA asked everyone to take it away, read through and provide feedback to its potential use.

Clarification – Team Officials

It was clarified that all team officials must be registered with the NRHA and recorded on the Match Sheet or they may not be in the Reserve Bench area.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Determine system	CRHR Executive	30 Oct 16