

Present R McLachlan (Chairman), B Sanders (WHA staff), P Addison-Krippner, P Cawkwell , D Goodman, B Rosemergy (Secretary)

Apologies Owen Pratt, Jamie Millar, Ryan Mc Lachlan

Minutes of Previous Meeting Approved P Cawkwell , R Mc Lachlan

Matters Arising

- Julena Phillips confirmed to the secretary her intention to continue mentoring umpires officiating on Sunday games.
- Reimbursement protocols for mentor umpires are to be considered along with new mentoring protocols.

General Business

Mentoring and Training

- P Cawkwell tabled notes on a "*Written Evidence Approach*" he has taken to support 2 trainee umpires in the absence of any official support programmes. With a number of new/ inexperienced umpires in 2021, it focused attention on the need for mentoring procedures and protocols.
- B Sanders led a discussion on Umpiring Assessment and Progression - topics which had been briefly alluded to in a 2020 spread sheet dealing with a range of umpiring issues to be dealt with in the future
- Fortuitously WHA have secured Colin French, Hockey NZ Technical Manager to lead a presentation on mentoring, in Hamilton on Monday 19 April.
- A query regarding aspects of assessing and certifying of umpires is likely to be answered at the 19 April presentation.
- "*Recording and Storage of Accreditation*" B Sanders undertook to organise a Google Form for recording the progress of trainee umpires

Reimbursements For Umpires

- Reimbursement of Sunday umpires is the responsibility of clubs
- Payment rates are also at the appointing club's discretion
- Mentors may be appointed to umpire with their student

Injured Players

- Players having head injuries -including bleeding or any physical signs of injuries need medical clearances
- Players with clear signs of head impact are to be stood down until 'cleared to play'

Umpires' Logs

- Now available from the WHA Office

Promoting and Expanding the Umpires' Pool

- The names of the "*targeted*" development umpires are to be recorded, enabling their future development to be monitored and promoted. (Refer - Mentoring and Training above.)
- Their names should also be registered with Ryan - or the equivalent official.

Umpires' Dress

- Clubs/ Schools should ensure that their designated umpire's apparel is distinctive/suitable for the benefit of both players and spectators.