

Update from West Board meeting on 12th Feb 2026

Apologies from Jan Bowen and Keith Dingle, all other Directors present.

Finance Update

- Work is ongoing to upload information directly from GMS to Xero. This will reduce workload.
- Deadline to buy Umpire shirts to be put on website
- The Masters Team Fee will be confirmed (believed to be £395 if hosting an event).

The Annual Accounts had previously been circulated and the Board unanimously resolved to adopt them. They will now be filed at Companies House.

Strategy

- Meeting to be arranged to discuss face to face
- Meeting of 3 Directors to be arranged to update document prior to Board meeting

Officiating Update

- MJ to continue to look to negotiate discount on umpiring kit and equipment
- West has offered to pilot any courses nationally.
- EH reported that the Officiating model will be changing in the future, including EHO membership
- Officiating Committee meeting to be arranged
- Officiating budget agreed

EH Awards

- West will write to all clubs and counties this week to encourage nominations
- An awards panel will be needed to select nominations to go forward to EH—date to be arranged

West AGM & EHO West Branch AGM

- West AGM date set for 8th July
- West Branch AGM set for 6th May
- Meeting to be arranged between Admin, Gov Director and Operations Director to ensure formalities in hand
- Succession planning discussed
- The need to recruit a Marketing/Communications person was agreed

AOB

- The Board noted Val Shipsey's resignation with her last day being 30th April and recorded its thanks to her for all her hard work on the junior committee.
- Area Articles may be amended at AGM—discussion ongoing with EH and the other Areas
- West grants were discussed—historically, the Board has kept fees and subscriptions low to support clubs, rather than award grants for specific projects, but would be happy to look at again.
- Update on recent ASC—EH policies updated, report on F4F Review received and junior data shared, including junior survey.

DONM—26th March 2026, following a Management Meeting.