**Minutes of the North West Branch of England Hockey Officiating. 27.04.2023**

1. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the members.
2. Apologies were received from: Bob Ashton, Keith Roper, John Dixon, Mike Wynne, Phil Hyman and Derek James.
3. Reports were received from the Chair and the Officiating Leads – see attached.
4. Elections. A point of order was raised by Charles Cordery. However, it transpired that it was not a point of order but a complaint that could not be heard at an AGM but should be made to the EHO through the correct channels.

As none of the nominations was contested the election to the posts was held en bloc with 24 votes for and 1 abstention.

The following were duly elected.

Chair of the NW EHO Branch to be proposed by the Board at the NWH AGM as Chair of the Officiating Committee - Annette Bader.

Appointments Lead: Tony Shutt, Club Liaison Lead: Jane Evans. Technical Officiating Lead: David Alcock. To be approved by the Board.

Rhydian Burston will continue to organise the Young Umpire Challenge event but is seeking another volunteer to organise young umpire appointments to other events.

The reconfigured role of Umpire Developer remains to be filled.

1. As there was no other business the Chair ended the meeting with the following concluding remarks:

Whilst the League season may have drawn to a close there is still a great deal of Hockey being played in the NW- Summer Leagues, Junior League in Lancashire and of course Masters; none of which can go ahead without the umpires.

Next season, we will be continuing to improve our communications, to try and provide more learning opportunities for umpires – the game is always changing - and work towards helping Clubs help themselves whilst England Hockey Officiating works towards the delivery of a strategic direction for all.

A.K.Badger. Chair EHO NW Branch.