



**NORTH WEST
HOCKEY**

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DIRECTORS:

The directors who have held office during the period from 2 June 2021 to the date of this report are as follows:

Mr C Reece – Chair - appointed 2 June 2021

Mr N H Riley – Finance - appointed 2 June 2021, re-appointed 6 July 2023

Ms S Everett – Vice Chair – appointed 14 July 2021

Mrs K Wholey – Operations - appointed 14 July 2021, Resigned 13 April 2022

Mr P Parr – Governance - appointed 14 July 2021, Resigned 18 August 2021

Mr S Ransley – Governance – appointed (by the Board) 1 December 2021 Resigned 5 December 2022

Mrs W McDowall – Operations – appointed 7 July 2022

Ms L M Bleasdale - Governance - appointed 6 July 2023

In Accordance with the Articles of Association (13.5), two directors offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair roles are up for election at the 2024 AGM. Chris Reece is seeking re-election. Shelagh Everett is not seeking re-election at the 2024 AGM.

LEAD CHAIRS:

In Accordance with the Articles of Association (27.1.b) the Lead Chairs offer themselves for election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Elected Postholders - Brief Role Descriptions

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair

To provide vision, leadership and business planning to lead and develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.

Vice Chair

To support the Chair in providing the vision, leadership and business planning to help develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.

AREA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair Adult Competitions & Leagues

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of the Area Adult League & Competition in line with England Hockey guidelines. To oversee the Area Adult League & Competition committee ensuring delivery and monitoring of a robust adult league and competition programme, with a high level of customer satisfaction.

Chair Junior Competitions & Leagues

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning to help develop all aspects of Junior Competitions across the Area in line with the England Hockey Junior Competitions Framework. To oversee the Junior Competition committee ensuring partnership working between EH, the Area and sub-areas to deliver a robust programme, for the benefit of all.

Chair Masters Hockey

To provide vision, leadership and business planning to help develop all aspects of Master's hockey across the Area in line with the England Hockey framework. To oversee the Master's committee ensuring partnership working between the Areas to deliver a robust programme, for the benefit of all.

Chair Officiating

To provide vision, leadership and strategic planning in all aspects of the Area Officiating in line with the England Hockey guidelines. To oversee the Officiating committee to ensure delivery of umpire developer and development pathways to umpires at all levels, with a high level of customer satisfaction. Being an important link between Officiating and the rest of the game.

Candidates for Director Roles

Chair Director

Name: Chris Reece

I have Chaired the NW since the start of the new Governance structure, and I'm keen to continue to lead the North West and mature our strategy. Previous role: Secretary North HA, Chair and Secretary North HUA, Chair NWHUA, Led the NW through the Governance process



Vice-Chair of the Board:

Name: Annette Badger

Whilst I have been primarily involved in Officiating, I was previously on the North H.A. Women's League Committee, Vice Chair of the North H.A. and Chair of the North H.A. Executive Committee. I believe that I can bring to the North West Hockey Board the experience gained from those roles and from my many years active in the furtherance of hockey. Moreover, having produced a strategy for North West Officiating and being a driving force in the development of a strategy for England Hockey Officiating I shall be able to contribute significantly to the delivery of the North West Hockey strategy



Candidates for Chair of Committee Roles

Adult League and Competitions Chair:

Name Leighan Bleasdale

I have been the North West Adult Leagues and Competitions Chair for the last three years delivering the adult league competition programme and managing the transition towards the new league structures and regulations.

Since 2016 I was a member of the North League Committee where I was a Division Coordinator for the women's league and the West Area Administrator where I managed the men's and women's league committee west of the Pennines and prepared for the 8 Area structure we have today.



I have also held the position of Chairperson of the Lancashire Central Women's Hockey League and Vice President of the Lancashire Hockey Association. I remain on the Lancashire Hockey Association committee as a co-opted member.

For the last 12 years I have been the Club Captain at Lancaster Hockey Club, managing the committee and overseeing the provision of coaching for junior and adult players. Aside from the volunteering in hockey, I am the 1st Team goalkeeper and captain at Lancaster Hockey Club. I previously played for Loughborough Students. The last two years I have proudly represented the North West O35 Women's Team.

In my day job I am a Quality Assurance Manager and Management Representative for a Class III medical device manufacturer. I am responsible for maintaining an ISO 13485 quality management system and ensuring compliance with various international regulations. I am a qualified auditor where it is essential at building collaborative relationships whilst striving for continuous improvement.

I believe my knowledge of hockey in the North West and the skill set I have allow me to fulfil the role and responsibilities of Governance Director and cover the roles and responsibilities of the Adult Leagues and Competitions Chair.

Junior Competitions and Leagues

Name Beth Alvey

I have played hockey for over 30 years after getting the bug at school. Two children later (somehow without missing a season) I am still playing, currently with Deeside Ramblers 1st team.

Since 2003 I have coached hockey across clubs, juniors, adults, county's, from under 6s up to walking hockey 70 year olds. From Back 2 Hockey Programmes and into Talent Academy level.



I have been involved in club captain, junior coordinator and many other administrative roles within clubs including currently a community officer at Deeside Ramblers working on outreach programmes to supplement the core teams and coaching at the club.

Officiating

Name: Annette Badger

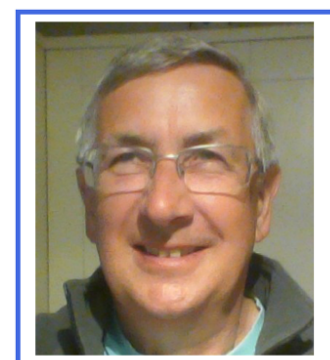
Over the last three years I have tried to steer the Area Officiating Committee as it has grappled with the huge remit of delivering officiating at all levels within the North West. I hope that the strategy we now have in place will provide a framework which will enable us to improve the recruitment and development of officials for the benefit of Clubs, players and umpires. I have also been continually active within the EHO in pressing for more central direction and support for the Areas.



Masters

Name Tony Taig

Tony acted as coordinator for North Masters hockey before taking on the role of Chair of Masters for North West Hockey. He plays at Winnington Park in the season, but particularly enjoys Masters Hockey in the summer, playing for the England LX club and pretty much anyone who invites him for a game.



Tony is keen to expand awareness of and participation in Masters Hockey in the North West. He initiated the popular North West 500 mixed competition, and hopes to expand Masters activity to include opportunities for indoor masters, and to increase awareness of Masters tournaments around the UK and overseas, and to facilitate participation of NW players/teams in them.