



**United Kingdom Polocrosse Association  
Annual Report for the year to 30th  
September 2008**

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## Agenda

United Kingdom Polocrosse Association  
Annual General Meeting 2008  
Saturday 22nd November, 10.30am  
at The Memorial Hall, Station Road [off High  
Street], Henley in Arden B95 5JQ

- Apologies
- Minutes of AGM 2007
- Matters arising
- Annual Reports from Officers
  - Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Chief Umpire
  - Membership Secretary
- Election of Officers [See list of nominations]
- Resolutions
  - Resolution 1 – The UKPA Executive is restructured in line with the “Proposal for the Executive Structure” document.
  - Resolution 2 – The 2009 Budget is adopted.
- Date of Next Meeting

## LUNCH

- 1.30pm (approx) Open Discussion Forum
  - Item 1 – The Role of the UKPA Regions
  - Item 2 – Regional Structure
  - Item 3 – World Cup 2011 - update

## Chairman's Report

This year the Executive has tried to become more involved in the important issues of the Association, and leave all the petty emotive issues alone.

Our BEF membership has started to pay dividends. The UKPA voice is being heard on a number of BEF Committees – Child Protection, Animal Welfare, Welsh Equestrian and Chief Executive Committee. We sent representatives to Clarence House to meet the Duchess of Cornwall.



We have secured funding towards a Yorkshire Polocrosse Academy, and prizes for Nationals and funds for coaching from the Worshipful Company of Saddlers.

A number of Executive members have been involved in a working party looking at a long-term plan as requested by the 2007 AGM. A revised Executive Structure proposal has been tabled at the AGM for your comments. We have to move on.



## Chairman's Report

As an Association we have been very active on the domestic and international stage. Our success at the 2007 World Cup has given us a higher status.

This year we have sent teams to a Masters Tournament and Presidents Tournament (both in the USA) as well as hosting another successful European Challenge and a Test Series against Australia.

We have also provided Coaches and Umpires for the Pony Club, and assisted them in securing funding from the Worshipful Company of Loriners.

We are trying very hard to make a success of the UKCC Coaching Course. Please support it. There will be an Information and Registration Day on 6<sup>th</sup> December, at Arden Clubhouse.

A venue has been selected for the 2011 Polocrosse World Cup and the event handed over to the 2011 Limited Company. If you are interested in helping please contact Jonathan or Eric. If you have already registered your interest, you will be contacted in the near future. More details will follow shortly.

This will be my last year as Chairman of the UKPA. I became Chairman in 1999, and I feel that 10 years is sufficient. This year we have lost a number of members of the Executive for all sorts of reasons. It is not an 'easy ride', please consider very carefully before standing or nominating anyone for an Executive position. It can be very rewarding and at times very frustrating.

I thank all the members of the Executive Committee for all the hard work they have contributed, and all the support they have given me.

I must also thank our generous sponsors:

NFU Mutual	Neo-Ice
Joules Clothing	Worshipful Company of Saddlers

for their continued support, which would be greatly missed.

Have a wonderful Christmas & a Happy New Year.  
Look forward to seeing you all in 2009.

**Dave Brookes - UKPA Chairman**

## Secretary's Report

Well the last year has flown by – wherever did it go?

The Polocrosse 'Family' is expanding – literally. We saw Polocrosse weddings and Polocrosse new babies, with more (of both) on the way. Congratulations to all concerned! A second generation UK Polocrosse teams are not so far away.

Thanks, and 'Congratulations', are also due to every one involved in organising & helping with tournaments, Test Matches, Squads, Tours & all other UKPA events – all big commitments. Also thank you to Caroline Kelly for her continued hard work on the UKPA website.

The Tournament Packs were reviewed & improved during the winter, ready for the 2008 season. Our ever-increasing statutory obligations [including Health & Safety, Welfare & Child Protection] leading to another increase in workload. Tournament score sheet completion (our permanent record of players, umpires, goal judges & table 'staff') has been much improved this year. A number of you have come to appreciate the use & importance of these documents, for reference, during the year. Thanks to all those concerned.

The fact that we complete & archive such information stands us in good stead with our insurers & other bodies.

Representation at BEF Member Body Meetings, Welfare Group and Child Protection & Equity Group all involves major commitment, with considerable demands in terms of time and cost. Similarly, also, continued involvement with Pony Club, meetings with insurers and sponsors, plus UKPA Executive Committee Meetings involved in the day-to-day running of your sport.

All of these duties are carried out on a voluntary basis, by dedicated members.  
We all owe a grateful vote of thanks to all those involved.

There are always opportunities for anyone with a little time to spare, to 'do their bit' for the sport & help to spread the workload.

For my part, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for their continued, considerable help & support during the past year.

**Sue Brookes - UKPA Secretary**

## Chief Umpire's Report

The year started slowly on my part, it took me most of the season to get to know my duties. I had not realised when I took on the post quite what it entailed. I do feel though, that things improved towards the end of the season, though perhaps not enough. The whole year I've had people come up to me asking/suggesting ways to improve the standard of umpiring in the UK, and there were lots of ideas, some good, some not.

I've put a lot of thought into what steps we could take to improve our standard of umpiring one way would be to get our umpires to take a little pride when they umpire, and not to view it as chore, that though is easier said than done!



The post, as it stands, is a bureaucratic one, with far too much paperwork for one person to deal with, whilst also trying to keep on top of the job of improving and monitoring the umpiring system. It has been suggested to bring in someone to deal with the paperwork, going through the timesheets to add up each players hours, fouls etc. This I feel will be a great help. The other major problem is the lack of assistance from regional umpires, unfortunately this is a job no one wants to do, but if umpiring is to improve we need experienced and enthusiastic people to do the job, to be on hand at tournaments to help our less experienced umpires, and to run umpiring courses through the season.

There are those among us that feel that there needs to be a change to the way we run our courses, I disagree, if we have the enough of the right people running the umpiring, and with the help of A grade players, and more positive input from the everyone else, bearing in mind this is an unpaid voluntary position, it will improve. A big thank you to those who helped me during the season, without your help the job would have been a lot more difficult.

**Hamish Michael—UKPA Chief Umpire**

## Sport Development Officer's Report

Well it is one year since I was elected as sport development officer and it has been a busy year. I know it may not look like it on the service and I can appreciate people may feel that they have not seen a great deal of sport development this year but there has been a lot going on. For me this year has been about getting into the role properly and starting to build relationships with people in order to help grow the sport. I optimistically felt I could come into the role and make things happen straight away but unfortunately I have now discovered it doesn't work like that!

Now, one year on, I feel confident that I can help grow polocrosse. I have established a strong network of people and made some useful contacts and now I will utilise these going forwards. We have also taken steps to make it easier for people to get involved in the sport; these are things such as buying new polocrosse equipment and creating new dedicated webpages which explains how people can get into the sport.

I would like to thank everyone who has worked on developing polocrosse this year. The two test match teams did a great job promoting their events and getting media coverage in their local areas. I would also like to thank Julie Parr, Lewis Parr and Deidre Glover for their tirelessly work with Pony clubs in their areas, Also a massive vote of thanks goes to Julie for drafting a document which details exactly how to approach pony clubs, what to charge them etc. I feel this will be very useful as we go forwards and also can be used for riding clubs and riding schools.

There are a few good things I will mention and also what we must change next year to deal with the areas were I felt we fell down this year.

I thought the test matches were overall a great success and were a high point of the year. It is also great to see the number of people playing at pony club championships increase this year and we must strive to keep this going next year. It is also very encouraging that we are getting more interest from riding clubs and riding schools.

At present we are working on getting three new riding centres offering polocrosse. I am very grateful to Gail King for her work with the Northern Riding schools; we now have a Yorkshire polocrosse Academy up and running, funded by BEF money and this is mainly due to the tireless work of Gail and Christine Stansfield.

Also this year we seem to be doing well with sponsors with Joules coming on board again and committing to sponsoring our UK shirts going forwards, there is also HKM Sportswear who I believe are keen to work with us more and also the Under 21's this year gained Zamar as a sponsor. Going forwards we must keep these

## Sport Development Officer's Report

Sponsors happy and give them value for money.



The other key things we have achieved this year are:-

Redesigning the UKPA Website and the new executive email addresses – The internet is vital tool for promoting polocrosse and utilising it is an ongoing process so over the next year you will see more changes. Thank you to Caroline Kelly for her ongoing work in this area

Launching our new “Introduce a friend” scheme – Interestingly of the 50 new members we gained this year only a handful said they had been introduced by someone so if you do introduce someone to the sport then get them to put it on their form, it will save you money on your membership the following year

Producing the “Promoting Polocrosse” document – it is a document to help you with ideas for promoting your club, tournament and the sport in general so read it and then think how you can adapt the ideas to fit your own situation

Buying a new central store of polocrosse equipment – this will be vital as we go forwards with getting more riding clubs and riding schools playing polocrosse

The only areas where I have been disappointed this year is with the late delivery of the UKPA magazine and with the coverage we have got in the national horse media; we have not got as much coverage as I would like in national horse magazines (though we have had small pieces in both Horse and Hound and Horse magazine), I said I would take these areas on and I didn't achieve the results I would have liked. The magazine was simply a case of lack of time as unfortunately January to April is very busy at work for me (though I was personally delighted with how the magazine looked and what was in it and also that we cut the cost of it considerably). With regard to Horse and Hound we have now established a better relationship with them and hopefully we should see more news pieces appear in the future. Dan Duhig has kindly agreed to do the design work on the magazine

for us and so that should also run much more smoothly this year.

Also, I would like all clubs and regions to consider the need to have their own press or sports development officer; your tournaments are the ideal time to attract new people to your club, so the local area should be covered with posters and banners and the local press should be contacted with details of the event; for example this year the UKPA Nationals were on the front page of the Leighton Buzzard Observer. For more ideas on this read the “Promoting Polocrosse” document produced by the Sport development team.

I do not think we should feel downhearted about the small dip in membership this year. This years' membership was out of our control and was mainly I think due to poor weather last year and a rather messy and chaotic season where people lost confidence in the executive and the sport. I am confident that we will see membership increase next year.

I think we are now perfectly positioned to grow our sport and the winter is the time for growth. We need to stick to the key targets that were determined last year; riding schools, riding clubs and pony clubs and I would like to see the regions and the clubs seize upon this more in the off season. Do not be afraid to approach riding schools and riding clubs in your area and discuss with them the idea of them playing polocrosse. If you would like help, advice or promotional materials then talk to us and we can help you! We have an excellent DVD, magazines, leaflets and we now have a central store of equipment.

Also, do not think you have to coach riding schools and riding clubs for free, they should pay for coaching and most of them expect to. We are going to work on the coaching side of polocrosse going forwards and set aside funds to help with this but lets not forget we already have a great number of perfectly competent players who can go out and coach beginners and if you are one of these people then do not be afraid to go out there and use your skills to the benefit of the sport and your own financial benefit!

If you are coaching and promoting polocrosse then please keep me informed because its possible I can help you and also its possible I can direct other potential pupils in your direction as we do have a number of enquiries from people who are interested in taking polocrosse.

The important thing to remember is to never give up, there are always set backs and things do not always work first time but perseverance is key and if we keep trying we will succeed!

**Iain Heaton UKPA Sport Development Officer**

## Membership Report

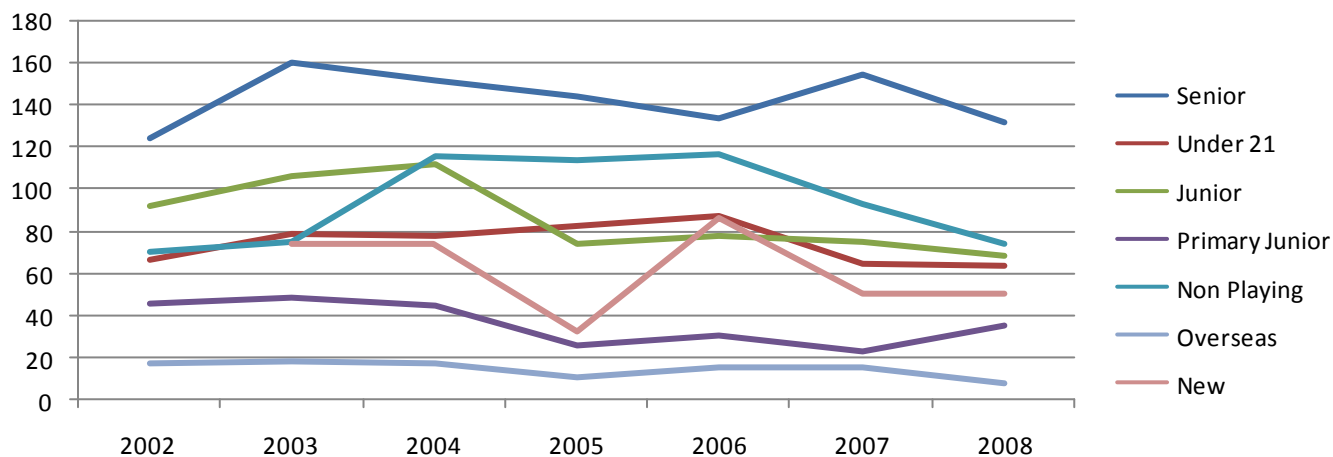
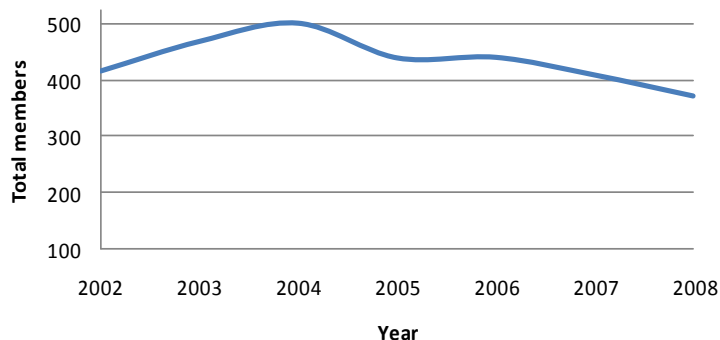
Club	Senior	Under 21	Junior	Primary Junior	Non Competitive	Total	Overseas	New	Pony Club
Arden	23	11	8	11	8	61	1	7	3
Celyn	8	3	8	5	5	29		2	
Centaur	1	4	5	1	3	14		1	1
Cotswolds	2					2			
Highlanders	12	5			2	19			
Kent Target	33	6	9	5	9	61	3	6	
Liscombe Park	1		5			6		5	5
Northern Crusaders	6	4				10	1		
Pendle Wildcats	3			1	3	7			
Pegasus Croome	2	1	3	6	8	20		2	1
Pennine	7	16	20	5	13	61	1	12	10
Solent	12	3	2	1	3	21		3	
Vale Impi	4		1			5		3	
Welsh Dragons	8	9	3		7	29	2	3	3
Western Phoenix	8	2	4	1	4	19		2	
No Club					9	9			
TBA	1					1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>
Temporary 28 day	28	3				31			
<b>Total including temporary</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>

The 2008 membership is, as of 3.10.08, 373. This number does not include the 31 day temporary memberships which mainly consist of overseas players who were in the country for one tournament.

46 new players were introduced to the sport of which 23 were Pony Club members. The Non Competitive category has replaced the Non Playing Member. This is defined as Non Playing or a player who wishes to play at club level only. If the club player enters into a tournament they will be required to upgrade to full membership.

**Jan Jenkinson** - UKPA membership secretary

### Membership of UKPA





## Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

Firstly, I would like to thank Kate Sherwood, Alex Hillier and Iain Heaton for all the advice and help in getting these accounts done! Also thanks to Sue Brookes and Jonathan Beckerlegge for keeping me calm during numerous phone calls (although it would have helped if JB's writing was more legible!). It has certainly been a steep learning curve!



The profit/loss sheet shows an excess of income over expenditure of £6,666.76, and reserves of £21,125.39. Income was boosted by a small profit made on the nationals, financial sponsorship by NFU Mutual, advertising income from the Magazine and DVD Sales. The large profit was due to a limited expenditure this year, perhaps due in some way to Executive positions such as Director of Coaching remaining vacant.

Pleased as I am that our bank balance looks healthier at the end of this year, I am very conscious that we need to spend money in order to move our sport forward. For this reason I have created a generous budget of £9,000 for sports development and promotion and a further £1000 each for the Director of Umpiring and Director of Coaching to use in order to move these important areas forward.

However, in order to spend this money, we have to find ways to increase our income, most importantly through promoting polocrosse and increasing our membership. I feel strongly that everyone can make a difference here... if every member recruited one person over the winter, what a difference this would make!

As an end note, I would like to draw attention to various funding avenues that some of our members are already pursuing, such as Sportmatch and the BEF who both allocate money to grassroots sport. As an Executive, we are looking at ways to draw on this funding, but we would also be very pleased to help individual clubs and regions with applications.

**Penny Webb UKPA Treasurer**

### United Kingdom Polocrosse Association

#### Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th September 2008

	2008	2007
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Subscriptions and Club Registrations	£18,083	£19,249
Donations	£1,500	£2,000
DVD Sales	£79	-
Ball (see note 3)	-£57	-£1,525
Interest	£153	£188
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£19,757</b>	<b>£19,912</b>
<b><u>Tournaments and Other Activities</u></b>		
Nationals	£329	£994
Inbound Tour (see note 4)	-£470	-£4
<b>Total Tournaments and Other Activities</b>	<b>-£141</b>	<b>£990</b>
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>£19,616</b>	<b>£20,902</b>
<b><u>Less Expenditure</u></b>		
<b><u>Mandatory</u></b>		
Insurance	-£1,269	-£535
Printing (Year book, CW, Hat tags)	-£274	-£539
Honorarium	-£400	-£400
Meeting Costs	-£450	-£650
Meeting Costs-IPC	-	-£3,120
IPC	-£279	-£165
BHS	-	-£926
BEF	-£1,474	-£100
<b>Total Mandatory Expenditure</b>	<b>-£4,145</b>	<b>-£6,435</b>
<b><u>Publicity</u></b>		
Magazine	-£1,880	-£5,216
DVD	-£504	-£496
Website	-£100	-
<b>Total Publicity</b>	<b>-£2,484</b>	<b>-£5,712</b>
<b><u>Sports Development</u></b>		
Payment to Regions	-£2,500	-£4,000
Squads	-	-£1,128
WA exchange	-£100	-
<b>Total Sports Development</b>	<b>-£2,600</b>	<b>-£5,128</b>
<b><u>Other</u></b>		
PPS	-	-£92
Executive Expenses	-£723	-£886
Membership Costs	-£438	-£764
Data Protection	-£35	-£35
Purchases (see notes)	-£805	-
General Expenses	-£102	-£396
Consultancy	-£1,175	-£1,200
Accountancy	-	-£294
Depreciation (see note 6)	-£353	-
Limited Company	-£89	-£130
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>-£3,720</b>	<b>-£3,797</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-£12,949</b>	<b>-£21,072</b>
<b>Profit/ (Loss) for year</b>	<b>£6,667</b>	<b>-£170</b>



## Financial Statements

### Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2008

#### Assets

Shields; Cups and Trophies	£1,293	£1,293
Sticks and Balls (see note 6)	£1,059	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£2,352</b>	<b>£1,293</b>

Cash at Bank and in Hand	£18,991	£14,643
Debtors (see notes 1,2)	£1,371	£3,347

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£22,714</b>	<b>£19,283</b>
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#### Creditors

Advance sales Ball (see note 4)	-£920	-£4,156
Coaching Fund	-£668	-£668
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b>-£1,588</b>	<b>-£4,824</b>

Brought Forward Profit and Loss Account	£14,459	£14,629
Profit for the year	£6,667	-£170
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>£21,126</b>	<b>£14,459</b>

### 2008 Notes

#### 1. 2006/7 Debtors and Creditors

2006/7 Debtors and Creditors accounted for

£150 debt from Western Phoenix (Nationals 2007) written off against 2008 Nationals

#### 2. 2007/8 debtors and creditors

Prepayments to BEF Membership and Insurance

#### 3. 2007 Ball

	Income	Expenditure
	£6,398	£6,455
		<b>-£57</b>

Loss accounted for by paying £250 extra for 'stand-in' band

#### 4. 2008 Ball

Advance Sales	£920
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#### 5. Inbound Tour UK v Australia

	Income	Expenditure
Sponsorship	£600	
Payments by squad	£340	
UKPA donation		£798
Hosting costs (P. Webb)		£142
Veterinary cover for 2 weekends		£470.01
	<b>£940</b>	<b>£1,410</b>
		<b>-£470.01</b>

#### 6. Assets

Sticks and Balls	Cost:	£1,411.36
Depreciation at 25% per year	Depreciation:	£352.84
	Net Book Value	£1,058.52

### Budget for 2009

#### Expenditure

##### Mandatory

Insurance		-£2,000
Printing (Year book, CW, hat tags etc)		-£500
Honorarium		-£400
Meeting Costs		-£750
IPC Meeting 2009		-£500
Subscriptions	IPC	-£200
	BEF	-£1,750
		<b>-£6,100</b>

##### Publicity

Magazine	-£2,500
DVD	-£500
Promotional Materials	-£1,000
(leaflets, window stickers, website etc)	<b>-£4,000</b>

##### Sports Development

Regional Sports Development	-£2,500
Sport Development Committee	-£2,500
Coaching	-£1,000
Umpiring	-£1,000
	<b>-£7,000</b>

##### Player Development 2011

Reserves for Coaching/ Squad Development to 2011	-£5,000
	<b>-£5,000</b>

##### Other

PPS	-£250
Executive Travel	-£2,000
Membership Costs	-£500
Data Protection	-£35
General Expenses	-£500
Limited Company	-£200
	<b>-£3,485</b>

##### Total Expenditure

	<b>-£25,585</b>
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Subscriptions	£	No.	£ Total
Seniors	£90	130	£11,700
Under 21's at work	£90	30	£2,700
Under 21's (in full time education)	£40	35	£1,400
juniors and PJs	£35	60	£2,100
Family	£110	20	£2,200
Non Competitive	£30	50	£1,500
1st & 2nd year Juniors and PJ's	£10	30	£300
OAP's	£15		£0
			<b>£21,900</b>

Advertising	£250
Donations	£1,500
	<b>-£1,935</b>

## Attendance of the Executive Committee at Committee meetings

	8.12.07	19.1.08	23.2.08	30.3.08	27.4.08	14.6.08 [L.Park]	2.8.08 [Midland]	30.8.08	4.10/08
Dave Brookes [Chairman]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sue Brookes [Secretary]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Penny Webb [Treasurer]	X	X			X			X	X
Eric Jenkinson [Vice Chairman]	X	X		X	X		X	X	X
Jan Jenkinson [Membership Sec]	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Jeff Parr [Executive Officer]		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Iain Heaton [Sports Development]		X	X	X				X	
Hamish Michael [Chief Umpire]		X			X	X		X	
Richard Chapple [Players Rep]	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Simon Shearing [Players Rep]	X		resigned						
Gail King [Northern Region]	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Kelly Newbrook [Midland Region]	X	X			resigned				
Mark Simkin [Welsh Region]	X	X	X	Julie Parr	X	X	X	X	X
Wayne Henning [Southern Region]		X					X		
Caroline Shearing [Trustee]	X	X	X	X	X		resigned		
Julian Smith [Trustee]				X		X	X	resigned	
Jackie Nickless [Eastern Region] [replaced by Lorraine Foley 1.4.08]		Martin Verhagen			X	X	Martin Verhagen	X	Martin Verhagen

## List of nominations for Executive posts

Position	Nominee	Proposed by	Seconded by
Vice Chairman	Kim Lampard	Martin Verhagen	Liz Swift
Secretary	Karen Smith	Martin Verhagen	Mark Simkin
Secretary	Sue Brookes	Jan Jenkinson	Gail King
Sports Development Officer	Iain Heaton	Jane Venworth	Lorraine Foley
Trustee [2 year]	Eric Jenkinson	Sue Brookes	Jan Jenkinson
Trustee [1 year]			
Players Rep			
Chief Umpire [1 year post]			
Director of Coaching	Christine Stansfield	Gail King	Martin Verhagen

For any post that no nominations have been received, nominations will be invited from those present on the day.

**The UKPA would like to thank its sponsors and supporters over the past year, they include:**

NFU Mutual



Joules Clothing



Neo Ice



The Worshipful Company of Saddlers



HKM Sportswear and Equipment



Bennett Polocrosse Equipment

Bombers Equestrian Equipment



Equiextreme



RHDS Data Storage



Action Shots Photography

Highlanders Polocrosse Club



Carr, Day and Martin



Denne Country Store

Risebridge Australian Horse Training



Zamar





## Proposal for the UKPA Executive Structure

### UKPA Executive Officers elected by a General Meeting of the Association

CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY	TREASURER	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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### UKPA Executive Officers, each elected by their Regional Annual General Meeting [Regional Directors/Trustees]

A Representative from each UKPA Region
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### Non-voting UKPA Executive Appointments

Membership Secretary  
 Chief Umpire/Director of Umpiring  
 Sport Development Officer  
 Health & Safety & Child Protection Officer  
 Director of Coaching  
 Chairman of Selectors  
 Horse Welfare Officer  
 Tours Manager [International Liaison Officer]

### Executive Committees:

Sports Development  
 Arbitration & Discipline  
 H&S and Child Protection  
 Coaching  
 Player grading & Umpiring  
 Selection  
 Tours Organisation  
 Tournament scheduling & co-ordination

### Committee Chairman:

Sport Development Officer  
 A Regional Director/Trustee  
 H&S Officer  
 Director of Coaching  
 Director of Umpiring  
 Chairman of Selectors  
 International Liaison Officer/Tours Manager  
 Executive Secretary

### Notes:

This is a much more 'slimmed-down' Executive Committee.

At present the Executive is far too large and experiences difficulties in operating in an effective manner. Much time is spent in debate and discussion between the Exec Committee members, who quite often have very little involvement/experience/relevant interest in the topic under discussion.

We need to entrust the running of the UKPA to a smaller elected group of UKPA Executive Officers, and they will appoint others [with relevance to their expertise & interests] to the non-voting positions, to carry out particular roles & tasks.

The Executive Committee would consist of 4 members elected at the AGM by all of the membership, and a number of Regional Directors, with each Regional Director elected by the members of that particular Region.

Non-voting Executive appointees need only attend meetings when required/requested.

[If adopted this proposal would come into effect at the 2009 AGM]

Non-voting Executive appointees should provide written reports to the Executive as and when requested.

## Minutes of the 2007 UKPA AGM

**1.Apologies:** Jeff Parr, Julian Smith, Sics family, Brenda Begley, Dave King, Hamish Michael, Lizzie Shearing, Jon Webb, Bob & Rosemary Meeson, Nick & Karen Franklin, Ellie Kuun, Steve Oakes, David & George Boisseau, Mike & Tanya Turner, Nicky Robinson, Tom & Sarah Simkin, Jackie Nickless, Helen Macleod, Jenny Vinning, Pat Northmore, Trevor Newbrook, Steph & Vicki Metcalfe, Tracy Edwards, Guy & James Robertson, Jack Williams, Kerry Bean, Kathy Hopkins, Margaret Bradley, Debbie Harris, Tom Wigglesworth, Alexandra Edwards, Nick Foley, Jono & Frankie Keen, David Richardson.

**Present:** Caroline & Jason Burbidge, Richard Chapple, Eric & Janita Jenkinson, Kirsty & Sophie Lodder, Simon Paynter, Sophie & Torr Phillips, Neville Riley, Greg Sargeant, Ros Boisseau, Andrew & Nichola Burgess, Ruth Jones, Mark Simkin, Hazel Metcalfe, Kelly Newbrook, Mike & Rosie Pearce, Martin Brookes, Dawn & Mike Goodfellow, Anna Robertson, Thomas Beney, Sophie Harding, Wayne Henning, Ben Jeffrey, Jennifer Lonsdale, Naomi Pearce, Jason & Penny Webb, Emma Cannell, Zoe Irons, Vero Mossaz, Karen & Michael Edwards, Iain Heaton, Helen Hodgetts, David Barraclough, Shelley King, Brenda & Kim Lampard, Kirstin Russell, Liz Williams, Peter Cross, Bryony Cross, Christine Stansfield, Alison Wigglesworth, Caroline & Heather Kelly, Ian Kelly, Julie & Lewis Parr, Laura Scott, Caroline & Tony Shearing, Simon Shearing, Jessica Shearing, Jane Wright-Roberts, Jonathan Beckerlegge, Dave & Sue Brookes, Gail King, Ursula Scott

The meeting opened with a unanimous vote of thanks to Kirsty Lodder for providing morning coffee and lunch.

### 2.Minutes of 2006 AGM

These were approved as an accurate record.

Proposed: Peter Cross

Seconded: Kim Lampard

### 3.Matters arising

None

### 4.Officers Reports

The following officers reports were presented to the meeting:

Chairman's Report

Secretary's Report

Membership Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Financial Report – Jason Webb proposed a vote of thanks to Jonathan Beckerlegge for his many years hard work on behalf of the UKPA.

Chief Umpire's Report – Mark Simkin proposed a vote of thanks to Martin Brookes for his work over the last 4 years.

Chairman of Selectors Report

### 5.Election of Officers

66 voting members present

**Treasurer** As there were no nominations for the post of

Treasurer prior to the meeting, nominations were invited from those present [as per rules].

Nominated: Penny Webb

Proposed: S.Brookes

Seconded: D.Goodfellow

Penny Webb elected by a majority vote.

Ballot papers – proposed to delete the option of voting 'against' a candidate.

Prop: T.Shearing

Sec: J.Shearing

Camel Valley expressed concern regarding lack of communication with their Club.

Exec Committee to explore communication issue.



### Chairman

2 nominations – Dave Brookes & Jane Wright-Roberts

Both candidates had presented their manifesto prior to the meeting.

Both candidates answered questions from the floor.

Dave Brookes elected [39 votes for, 16 abstentions]

### Secretary [1 year post]

1 nomination – Sue Brookes

Candidate answered questions from the floor.

Sue Brookes elected [45 votes for]

### Sports Development Officer[1 year post]

1 nomination – Iain Heaton

Candidate answered questions from the floor.

Iain Heaton elected [62 votes for]

### Membership Secretary

1 nomination – Jan Jenkinson

Elected [62 votes for]

### Player's Representative

2 nominations – Richard Chapple & Guy Robertson

Richard Chapple presented his manifesto.

Richard Chapple elected [43 votes for, 3 abstentions]

### Executive Officer

1 nomination – Jeff Parr

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### 6. World Cup 2011

Chairman reiterated that the World Cup 2011 was awarded to the 'UKPA'.

Eric Jenkinson stressed it was a fantastic effort by the group who put the bid together to secure World Cup 2011. Now we have to go forward as proposed and discussed. Limited Company formed on behalf of the UKPA, to insulate the UKPA from financial responsibility, and define organising group. We need to engage as much talent as we have access to. No-one has yet been appointed to any positions. The UKPA Exec will have control of Company appointments.

Reiterated that no-one has yet been appointed to Board of Directors of the Company.

Dave Brookes gave outline of the development and progress of the bid to secure WC2011.

Draft Memorandum & Articles of Association/Community Interest Company/profits to go back into development of the sport/etc discussed.

Agreed important event. Clarity and openness of information essential.

Communication with whole Polocrosse community, internationally, essential. Speedy progressing essential.

### OPEN MEETING – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008

[same venue]

#### 7. Resolutions

##### From Welsh Dragons

1. [Including Resolution 2 from Northern Region] Discussion agreed that there should be some form of discount for Pony Club members.

Proposed to adopt & support resolution in principal & pass to Exec, for findings to be brought back to membership.

Prop: E. Jenkinson Sec: I. Heaton

Votes for: Majority

Votes against: 1

2. Discussion agreed Inter-Regionals desirable. Major opinions/discussions regarding format, time of year, support. Agreed Regions are not working well. Only 4 attended Midland Region AGM.

Chairman suggested 'Regions' should be part of 5-year plan, and Inter-Regional Tournament re-examined. [Encompasses Arden's Resolution 1]

Players Reps to canvass opinions regarding Inter-Regionals.

##### From Arden Club

1. 5-year Plan agreed.

2. Exec to remind all Clubs regarding this rule. It is Tournament Organisers responsibility to enforce rules at their Tournaments.

##### From Midland Region

1. Votes for: 25

Votes against: 10 Resolution adopted.

2. Chairman proposed that 'Exec open up negotiations with

other Polocrosse playing nations to see if any of them want to set up an exchange scheme.'

Votes for: 33

Votes against: 0

##### From Northern Region

1. Instruct new Chairman of Selectors

2. Dealt with in Welsh Region Resolution 1.

3. Votes for: 28

Votes against: 7

##### Budget for 2008

Presented by J. Beckerlegge

Discussed at length.

Unanimously accepted by all those present.

##### OPEN FORUM

Agreed to carry this forward to meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

[In meantime, e-mail any urgent issues to UKPA Chairman [davesue\\_brookes@hotmail.com](mailto:davesue_brookes@hotmail.com)]

Meeting Closed at 3.30pm

