

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10th 2009 7.30pm

KIDLINGTON FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM

PRESENT: Sarah Jones; Andy Gwinn; Rory Bowden; Jaypee Wentzel; Mark Jarvis; Ian Cox; Ashley Hurden; Steve Curnock.

1. Apologies: Lesley Potter, Gareth Evans.	
2. Minutes of meetings held April 16 th 2009 and July 8 th were approved and signed as correct.	
3. Matters arising: Item 14 - Sarah spoke with Guy and no further actions necessary.	
4. Finance: a) the 08/09 accounts have been examined by Val Hancock and came back 'unchallenged'. b) Ashley has purchased a laptop and accounting software to be used solely for OHUA purposes. Andy will also use it for coaching matters. c) Incompetence at Nat West bank has led to delays in the change over of signatories but Ashley is now able to sign cheques. There is a further form to be signed by Sarah and Andy to set up Internet banking. d) Ashley proposes moving our accounts to HSBC as their procedures appear to be easier. Copy of Mandate in file. e) There are 2 course deposits to be repaid. f) Ashley proposed the following actions to be implemented in the future: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get internet banking set up• Issue membership numbers to use as reference• Set up our own website which would include a function for payments. Ashley will investigate providers, initially Tex Solutions who is the provider of South and Bucks websites.• Set up facilities so that next season a email merge can be sent to all members• Organise the many lists/databases so that there is 1 master copy of OHUA records. This will be kept by Ashley (treasurer).	AH
5. Subscriptions. To date Ashley has received 49 renewals. There are 7 under 18's, 4 life members 12 candidate umpires. Ashley will check who is a junior with MJ. The committee clarified that a member is 'paid up' or appointed and has a maximum of 12 months to renew their membership.	
6. Clarification of constitution. It was confirmed (as passed at 2008AGM) that	

<p>the OHUA year will run from 1st August to 31st July.</p>	
<p>7. Database, communication and job allocation. The various lists are being cross referenced by AH and AG to achieve one database of club members. This will be maintained by Ashley.</p> <p>Ian Cox agreed to take over the kit management role.</p> <p>Website - the page allocated to umpiring on the OHA website has not been utilised up till now. JayPee agreed to contact Rich Beer to get access to page.</p>	
<p>8. Relationships with Bucks HUA. This is still ongoing.</p>	
<p>9. Young Umpire development. MJ reported that SRYUAG requires an updated list of our young umpires (under 23) as well as those that have attended a Foundation or Level 1 course. We are now in the 2nd year of our Development Plan which involves running 2 foundation courses this season with another 2 or 3 in 10/11 season. These will require practical sessions and hopefully use can be made of the Rover and Mini tournaments.</p> <p>It is hoped that the JDC/JPC's can be used to develop our better young umpires. Lewis Barnard has been awarded his Level 1. Although the standard in Oxon is high the numbers going forward to South is low and this can be improved by running a Level 1 course in February just for young umpires.</p>	
<p>10. Assessments. There were 14 Level 1's awarded during summer league - Richard Bennett; Ben Campion; Nina Eagle; Adrian Humphry; Jon Jeczalilk; Derek Johnson; Paula Pena; Donna Sharkey; Mark Stuart-Thompson; Phillipa Swindell; Michel Titera; Andy Warne; Vicky Wheeldon; Gemma Whitford.</p>	
<p>11. Coaching. AG reported that all candidates/umpires during summer league were given Coaching reports which were appreciated by those concerned but he still feels we are letting new umpires down and need to prioritise our potential Level 1 candidates. He will review the process for next years summer league and intends to use 2 novice umpires per game where possible. Andy thanked all the coaches that helped during summer league. The mentor system needs reviewing to confirm the role of some of the present mentors. This will be done at a coaching committee meeting - Ian gave feedback of his experiences of the system which were not positive.</p> <p>There is a need to promote coaching for all umpires and to develop qualified level 1 umpires to encourage them to progress - to be discussed at coaching meeting. Mark thanked Andy for his Summer league organisation which was very successful. New criteria from EH for the level 1 course has set a definite period of 2 years to obtain a Level 1 badge so any outstanding candidates will need to be chased up. A Rules Night is arranged for Thursday 17th September at Witney ATP. Coaching committee meeting arranged for 24th September.</p>	
<p>12. Appointments. a)BBO. RB reported that as both he and Paul Stanley (Berks) are new to their roles as appointment secretaries they are still learning the ropes but the first set of BBO appointments have been sent out. They are hoping to</p>	

<p>establish a system of watching as well as pairing up experienced and new umpires. b) Rory is trying to compile a list of available umpires and is willing to receive any guidance on those suitable.</p>	
<p>13. Discipline matters. There was 1 red card issued during the summer to Rover Oxford Ladies. This has been dealt with.</p>	
<p>14. Club Matters. It is hoped to send a questionnaire to all clubs asking them to list all their umpires, qualified or not. Jarvy also requires information about all young umpires so he will liaise with Lesley to compile a suitable questionnaire.</p>	
<p>15. OHA Matters. None.</p>	
<p>16. South Matters. SJ reported that South will be sending out details of how to progress to Level 2 to all counties.</p>	
<p>17. Kit. Ian has agreed to take over this role. A new order of shirts is required.</p>	
<p>18. Correspondence. The following have been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence re. Bucks HUA • New level 1 award course resources - forwarded to AG • L1 course tutors - reply by Oct 1st - AG • Umpire course registration form - forwarded to AG • Guidance on CRB checks for umpires • Guidance on new rules 2009 • EH Long pile turf pitch policy(none in Oxon) • New indoor rule books available 	
<p>19. AOB. A newsletter to be compiled to include links to south, leagues Bucks; a reminder to pay subs; kit information; attach Guidance to New rules. Away Day - MJ will enquire about suitable games.</p>	SJ
<p>20. Date of next meeting - Thursday November 12th at Kidlington Fire service HQ</p>	