

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 17th 2011 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies:** Lesley Potter.
2. **Minutes of meeting held January 2011.** Approved.
3. **Matters arising from minutes.** None.
4. **Reports:**
 - a) **Treasurer:** Ashley reported that the invoice for the GDST Rally had been promptly paid and the University were due to pay their invoice.
 - b) **Membership:** Lesley and Ashley will be meeting soon to arrange the hand over of the membership secretary role. Due to non payment of subs Ben Salmon has been removed from the database.
 - c) **Coaching incl. Rover Tournament:** Sarah congratulated Andy on achieving his Level 1 Coaching Award. Andy reported that 17 different umpires had been coached during the season, many of them several times and most of the 17 were already taking appointments. Andy has highlighted about 10 others for coaching. The Rover Tournament on the 10th April will be used for coaching. At present Andy has 5 coaches, 2 senior umpires, 5 L1 umpires and 4 candidate umpires available and will use the older age groups at Cokethorpe School for coaching. The younger ones are at Witney ATP and Mark will try to get some Young Umpires to attend the event.
Summer league will take place at BRN using their 2 new pitches, meaning 4 matches per night requiring 8 umpires. Andy intends to prioritise the unqualified umpires in order to get as many as possible achieving their Level 1 Award and then to give any player umpires an opportunity to umpire.
The recent Level 1 course had 9 candidates and included an opportunity to watch Steve and Neil Holdstock umpire a match at Brookes. They will sit their exam on 27th March.
 - d) **Appointments:** Rory reported that the appointments for BBO/3A have been working well with the assistance of Ashley and Andy and the use of conference call facilities with Paul Stanley. Selection for the final few weeks has been affected by the South's practice of issuing their appointments on a weekly basis.

Appointments for Mens MBBO Div II has been successful when used and it is hope to expand the facility next season.

BBO Prem II - in order to provide appointed umpires to this league it will be necessary to discuss with the league and Clubs the availability of umpires and the ways of encouraging club umpires to become neutral.

Mid week appointments - Ashley has been helping with the University and Schools appointments (St Edwards, Magdalen School and GDST have proved to be a good source of income for the Association).

JAC's - There is a better understanding of the system this season and communications between all parties have improved on last year. Mark thanked Rory for his work on the appointments for the JAC's games.

e) Young Umpires: Mark is continuing to get all the juniors registered on the website.

5. Website: Ashley is still negotiating the Coaching Function with Tex Solutions.

The Accounts are being done manually up to the end of April after which the Accountant will agree an adjustment in order to transfer them over to the Web system.

6. OHUA Rules Book: Ongoing - the sub committee are in communication.

7. 5 year plan/budget: Carried forward.

8. OHA Matters: Next meeting Monday March 21st.

9. South Matters: Sarah reported that Berkshire is having committee recruitment problems.

10. AGM arrangements: Ashley will send out the Notification of AGM via email. The association have 2 Olympic Tickets and it was decided that all those attending the AGM will be entered into a draw for the tickets.

11. Kit/equipment: JP has spoken with Tempest and shirts will cost £18 including logo and underarmour £25. Do we need to buy our own stock or can they be ordered direct? JP will enquire. Also, possibility of link to Tempest on website.

12. Correspondence.

a) Olympic tickets - We received notification from EH of the allocation of 2 Olympic Tickets for OHUA. Ashley will return the application with payment.

b) Andy received a letter of resignation from Ian Cox.

c) A consultation on Schools Hockey was received - no response necessary.

d) Andy has emailed Bucks HUA regarding the appointments to Ladies League games. A reply was received from Lynn Turnbull to say she would be in contact by phone - there has been no further contact to date.

13. Any other business.

a) An approved list of umpires is required for the BBO League site.

b) 29th March - Mark is organising a 'Train the Mentor' session in conjunction with SRYUAG. It is aimed at anyone who is working with junior or adult umpires at club or county level. It will be led by David (Tex) Lane.

14. Date of next meeting - AGM June 8th 2011. OUP S&S Club.