

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

22nd MARCH 2012, 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: Andy Gwinn, JJ Jeczelik, Steve Curnock, Lesley Potter, Sarah Jones, Ashley Hurden, Mark Jarvis.

1. APOLOGIES: None
2. APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.
3. WEBSITE UPDATE: The requested modifications have been completed and multi entry of fixtures is now possible. The BBO expenses/subs solution is still to be implemented. We need to get the clubs to input their game times etc. as there has been some confusion with the rearranged games this season.
4. TREASURERS REPORT: It is intended to cease using the PC based accounts at the end of the financial year and solely use the web based accounts. Because Ashley is moving away and there is no prospective treasurer available a Primary User of the Bank account needs to be appointed. It was agreed that Sarah would take this role. Ashley will make the arrangements.
5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Lesley has looked at the Facebook/Twitter facilities and has concluded that we need to ask clubs for what and how it could be used and how it would be useful for OHUA. It was suggested that this could be a theme for discussion at the AGM.
The 2 umpires from Thame Club have not responded to requests for their personal information, no further action is proposed.
6. APPOINTMENTS: Andy reported that all league appointments have been fulfilled this season although there were several injured/absent umpires at the end of the season. The mid-week program has been successful apart from some problems with Magdalene College School. These arrangements will be reviewed next season. The Sunday and rearranged games have caused some problems meaning that there were no umpires available for the JACs games.
For next season Andy will carry on with the league appointments and Steve has volunteered to arrange the mid-week appointments. Andy plans to have discussions with the League regarding financial contributions towards the website and coaching.
7. COACHING: Assessment - Jerry Unsworth has been awarded his Level 1. There have been no other coaching appointments. 5 umpires from the last course have been assessed and passed. The next course will hopefully be in May.

It has been decided that future course fees will be £75 with no deposit.

Summer League - the schedule has not yet been published. Abingdon are running a summer league for lower teams.

8. ROVER TOURNAMENT - Saturday 14th April. So far there has been a poor response from selected umpires. An invitation will be extended to other umpires.
9. YOUNG UMPIRES REPORT: Mark reported that James Murphy has moved away; Laura Scraggs is progressing well (she plays as well); Craig and Scott Summers are pursuing other activities and have poor availability. Generally, the scheme is going well and it is hoped to use some YUs in the Summer League. We have been trying to appoint YUs to JACs games and Mark thanked Ashley for his assistance in this matter.
Mark reported a lack of support from OHA with the Junior Hockey program.
Mark is leaving the area in July but is actively seeking a replacement for his role.
10. DISCIPLINE REPORT: Recent events have not been pursued and there was concern expressed that there have been several instances this season not followed up. Part of the problem has been the mis-understanding of the MMO procedure. It was proposed to include this as an item at the AGM.
11. NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS: An email from the Chairman will be sent to members.
JJ to liaise with Ashley.
12. 5 YEAR PLAN: On-going.
13. OHA MATTERS: None.
14. SOUTH MATTERS: A letter has been received from Richard Wood requesting information on our fees and expenses. All the relevant information is in the Handbook on the Web. **JJ to respond.**
15. KIT/EQUIPMENT: 2 whistles sold. The number of new shirts being worn is increasing and Tempest ordering system is working well.
16. CORRESPONDENCE: None.
17. AOB. Mark was asked if he would be a speaker at the AGM. He agreed.
18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY MAY 10th 2012.**