

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 10th MAY 2012, 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sarah Jones, Jon Jeczalik, Andy Gwinn, Steve Curnock, Ashley Hurden, Lesley Potter.

1. APOLOGIES. None.
2. APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. The minutes were approved. The email to all members regarding next season's committee has been drafted by JJ and was edited at the meeting. It will sent out ASAP.
3. WEBSITE UPDATE. There has been 1 change - the expenses from Trysports League appointments can now be used to pay a members subscription for OHUA and BerksHUA. It has not yet been tested. A website training session is a priority and hopefully can be arranged for June when we know who the next committee members will be.

Ashley and Steve have had a meeting to discuss the appointments system with the aim that Steve will take over the Mid-week appointment secretary's role.

Ashley reported that he has balanced the Sage Accounts and the web based accounts up to 30/04/12

A request has been sent to Tex Solution to arrange for emails that Ashley receives at present to be redirected.

The Summer Leagues (mens and ladies) have all been loaded.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. Ashley reported that the accounts are complete for the 2011/12 season. He will not be proposing any rise in subscription rates at the AGM, but is still investigating a possible mileage rate increase to 30p. The mileage rate is determined by the committee and is not an AGM item.
5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT. There are no new members. Andy reported that EH are still very inefficient at registering new Level 1's. None of this year's successful umpires have received their membership details yet.
6. APPOINTMENTS. Summer League - the first 2 weeks have been published and week 3 has been draughted. Unfortunately there has been a poor response from umpires, but it is hoped to get 4-5 candidates qualified.
Appointing to Men's 2ndXI games next season may not be possible due to a lack of suitable umpires (we have too many level 2 umpires taking higher appointments!). Andy will liaise with the clubs involved.

7. **COACHING.** a) Proposed pricing for Level 1 courses from EH - This was discussed at a recent South Management meeting and counties were asked to give their opinions. There is a lack of information; Sarah will contact Bridget to find the appropriate links.
b) Summer League. See above.
There is no course planned at present.
8. **YOUNG UMPIRE REPORT.** Oli Gardener is still progressing well. Still trying to recruit a new YU Co-ordinator.
9. **AGM ARRANGEMENTS.** JJ will organise quiz/video clips.
10. **COMMUNICATIONS.** Lesley has draughted a survey to send out to clubs regarding Twitter and Facebook.
11. **5 YEAR PLAN.** Ongoing.
12. **OHA MATTERS.** Ashley and JJ attended the last OHA meeting and Rich Beer welcomed their presence. They are also keen to improve the communication between clubs, umpires and county. JJ plans to attend the next meeting.
13. **SOUTH MATTERS.** Sarah reported that the Technical Red Card was discussed but nothing could be implemented without FIH sanctioning it. The Hospitality feedback from the Leagues showed that Banbury and Oxford Hawks were consistently highly rated in both the Ladies and Mens leagues.
14. **KIT/EQUIPMENT.** Andy and Ashley have done a stock take. It was decided to hold a sale/auction of the old style shirts at the AGM. The remaining caps and whistles will be kept as stock.
15. **CORRESPONDENCE.** The matter concerning Kidlington has been closed due to lack of evidence. Andy will respond to the umpire concerned.
There has been an email exchange with Oxford University regarding our expectations of their responsibilities to appointed umpires and fixtures - this season has seen late cancellations, time changes and poor umpire hospitality.
16. **AOB.** JJ had a query following his umpiring of a game where the actions of his colleague concerned him - how and with whom could he discuss it? Response from Andy was to discuss it with a senior umpire or himself.
17. **NEXT MEETING -** The AGM is on Thursday June 14th and the first meeting of the new committee will be arranged for September.