

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 2012, 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sarah Jones, Andy Gwinn, Steve Curnock, Bridget Midwinter, JJ Jeczelik.

1. APOLOGIES: Lesley Potter.
2. APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES. The minutes were approved and there were no matters arising.
3. TREASURERS REPORT. Sarah reported no problems. Current Acc - £2569.22. Deposit Acc - £4306.37.
4. INSURANCE POLICY. Peter McBrien who arranges our insurance(along with most of the HUAs in the country) has sent us the new policy which has taken a lot of negotiation to finalise due to a change of personel at the Insurance Brokers. He also asked for someone to take over from him. Oxon has no one suitably qualified.
5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT. Sarah reported that we are continuing to receive subs. The ability to deduction subs from BBO expenses has not been tested. Andy will inform Paul Stanley those that are due to pay subs.
6. APPOINTMENTS. Steve reported that there had been no problems in the first half of the season. Looking ahead, there will be JAC's games to appoint to in March. Andy reported that League appointments for the first half of the season had gone well.
The number of members that are willing to take appointments has increased.
MIDDLESEX UMPIRES - Problems have occurred with appointment of umpires for South Div 3 games in Middlesex with several clubs complaining of the standard. Bridget reported that a meeting had been held with the League and Clubs. They have set out plans to sort out the problems by the end of this season but if those fail Middlesex clubs next season will face a 12 point deduction or expulsion from the League. Bridget asked if spare level 2 umpires from Oxfordshire could be used to help the situation. Andy had no objections.
7. REPORT FROM MEETING WITH RICHARD GLYNNE-JONES. This has not happened but Andy is hoping to get in contact with Richard soon.
8. COACHING. Andy reported that the Level 1 course had 13 candidates. An assessment game needs to be arranged for the new year. There are plans to run another course in March.
Coaching - Debbie Best and Chris Hutton have been awarded their Level 1 and need their deposits refunded. Ray Hipkin has been actively coaching with 16 umpires being coached up to Christmas.

9. **YOUNG UMPIRES REPORT.** Dawn Bonner has asked whether we have found a new SRYUAG rep. Sarah will reply that we haven't.
10. **WEBSITE.** JJ has now got a phone number for Tex Solutions and will get in touch in the new year regarding a few problems.
11. **STRATEGY FOR INVOLVING CLUBS IN OHUA.** It was suggested we do a newsletter to send out with the new rule books in January. Sarah will write one.
12. **OHA MATTERS.** None.
13. **SOUTH MATTERS.** Sarah asked South Management about the introduction of penalty points for clubs not providing umpires for the pool. The reply was that we would have to take it up with the League directly.
14. **CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

15. **AOB.** Andy asked which umpires from Thame Club had paid their subs. Answer: Gareth Birkett, Chris Humphrey, Vicky Wheeldon, Linda Conafray, James Rudolph.

16. **NEXT MEETING:**
THURSDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2013, 7.30pm at OUP S&SC.