

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2014, 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: Andy Gwinn (Chair); Sarah Jones; Steve Curnock; Clive Briant; James Boylan; Lesley Potter.

1. APOLOGIES: JJ Jeczalik; Richard Young.
2. APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes were approved. Matters arising - the unpaid invoices have been paid.
3. RADIOS: We have purchased 12 sets which JJ has. 1 set is not working and needs to be replaced. Andy has drawn up a list for allocation. John Dyke (OHA Chairman) has offered us a grant of £1000 to purchase further sets. The committee decided to purchase 2 coaching sets (3 radios) plus single sets to use up the funds. Steve will enquire about costs. Feedback from users is required.
4. TREASURERS REPORT: C/A £4000 approx, D/A £4,500 approx. Clive will move some funds into the deposit account.
Double payments - these have been sorted.
The email forwarding for 'treasurer' needs to be changed.
Invoices for the tournaments will be going out shortly.
5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Dave Dawes and Naveed Barakzai have asked to be removed from membership list.
6. APPOINTMENTS: STEVE- No problems.
ANDY- Appointments are done to date. Paul Stanley is monitoring the club input. Ray has been to coach a Bucks umpire at request of the league.
7. COACHING: We have a new member to assess who took the L1 course elsewhere. Level 1 course to take place on 9/11/14 (sponsored by Pilgrims HC). There are 19 candidates registered, some out of our area.
The committee discussed the system for progression of county umpires - concluded that the new system does not make it easy and individual umpires need to be more pro-active. Could OHUA be more pro-active by offering coaching days to clubs? The problem with this is that we have a lack of coaches.
South has asked for ideas to promote umpiring of the ladies game.
8. NEW LEVEL1 SYSTEM: A meeting at Bisham of all Southern county coaches has been arranged to discuss the problems with the new system. JJ, Ray and Andy will attend. Andy is disappointed with the organisation of the system by EH.
9. DISCIPLINE OFFICER. Check that it is Chi Ho.

10. WEBSITE: There have been issues with the system in recent days - JJ is following this up.
Jim asked if email alerts can be sent out when there is a new 'news' item - ask Ashley. The feedback and single person coaching functionality is not working and as no invoice has been received we assume it has not been installed. JJ to follow up.
Jim asked if there was an alternative system and suggested asking other Counties for their opinions.
11. OHA MATTERS: None
12. SOUTH MATTERS: None.
13. CORRESPONDENCE: A negative report on a Kidlington umpire has been received from a club. We awaiting a report from the umpires colleague and will try to visit a future game to assess.
14. AOB. The expenses payment system on the website is not functioning correctly. Steve proposed that the charges need reviewing. Also the Brookes payment system makes the Iffley Rd expenses unfair. To be discussed.
Clive has had a request from Bloxham School to provide umpires Wednesdays and Saturdays - we don't have enough umpires.
Jim asked if Level1(unassessed) umpires can umpire Div 1 games. This needs clarifying by league.
CONGRATULATIONS: Jim has qualified as a Match Official. Ray has earned his Level 2 Coaching award.
15. NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 22nd 2015, 7.30pm atOUP S&S Club.