

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY 2015, 7.30pm

OUN SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: JJ Jeczalik; James Boylan; Andy Gwinn; Sarah Jones; Steve Curnock; Clive Briant; Bridget Midwinter.

1. APOLOGIES: Lesley Potter.
2. APPROVAL AND MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: The minutes were approved.
3. RADIOS: JJ reported that 2 defective sets have been returned. The funds from OHA for additional radios have not been received - JJ will follow up. When funds are available Steve will order further sets - coaching sets are not yet available. South has asked us if we could remind Guy Hildred to return his allocated radio as he is not taking appointments - JJ will speak to him.
4. TREASURERS REPORT: c/a £4000 approx, d/a £4800. OU have been invoiced for the first half of the season (£1275) and invoices are due to be sent to Hawks and a school. 150 rule books have been ordered. Subs continue to trickle in and we have received £133 each from Berkshire and Trysports as their contribution towards web site development.
5. EXPENSES PAYMENT REVIEW: Clive has reviewed the payment rates and updated the document.
6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 1 junior member from the November course and 1 transfer from Bucks. We have 3 members from Thame Club for whom we have no details - Andy will follow up.
7. APPOINTMENTS: Steve reported no issues. Andy also has had no issues and reported good support from the clubs. He has some rearranged fixtures to sort out. Bridget asked whether we had any feedback from clubs regarding Middlesex clubs/umpires. Answer - No.
8. COACHING: Ray has been actively coaching but has been having problems entering coaching reports on the website. Zohair has some appointments in Nov/Dec. There are a couple of candidates ready for assessments. Ray has proposed organising a weekend for aspiring Level 2 umpires at the beginning of next season. Bridget said that South would like to help out. New Rules - South will be running an information session at the end of April and OHUA hope to run one before the beginning of Summer League.

Ray has also sent out a newsletter to all members which has been well received.

9. NEW EH SYSTEM. Report from meeting at EH. Andy and Ray attended the meeting run by SCHUA which was chaired by Bridget. There was a good exchange of ideas and Richard Glynn Jones addressed all queries/gripes.

Points discussed:

- The shortage of umpires in the ladies game. Richard outlined a Sport England campaign to get women into sport. There were no conclusions on the night.
- How to get club umpires to take appointments and the problems of those still playing and limited availability.
- Bridget was awaiting a response from Devon on their system of differing pay rates.
- Different rules and regs for different competitions
- Benefits of joining a HU.
- Communication needs improving as well as sharing resources.

10. WEBSITE: There are still issues with the automated emails and the loss of date following the change of ISP.

The coaching reports can now be entered and the single person coaching set up is working. The club feedback is now available and needs promoting to the clubs. What incentives can we employ to encourage its use?

James suggesting surveying other websites serviced by TexSolutions to see if they are experiencing the same problems.

11. AGM DATE AND COMMITTEE FOR NEXT SEASON: Room is booked for 11th June. Sarah said that she will be retiring from the committee at the AGM. Andy is willing to continue with the league appointments. We need a Young Umpires Rep. Sarah to post notice on the website.

12. OHA MATTERS: None.

13. SOUTH MATTERS. South has offered their assistance with the promotion of umpiring in the counties.

14. CORRESPONDENCE: An email has been received regarding the poor behaviour of players from St Edwards School. JJ will pass this on to OHA

15. AOB. Andy asked if we need DBS checks. Conclusion - no as we are not working with individual children on a regular basis.

Bridget asked for a list of our Young Umpires for the South Mini's competition. Andy will supply information.

16. NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2015, 7.30pm, OUP S&S CLUB.