

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 2015, 7.30pm

OUP SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

MINUTES

PRESENT: JJ Jeczalik, Jim Boylan, Ray Hipkin, Clive Briant, Lesley Potter, Sarah Jones.

1. APOLOGIES. Steve Curnock.
2. APPROVAL IF PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING. These were approved and there were no matters arising.
3. RADIOS. Funds have been received from OHA and the sets ordered. Due in early May. Coaching sets are not yet available - still being developed.
4. TREASURERS REPORT. C/A £2700, D/A £4820. The end of season invoice to OU is outstanding as are around £300 of fees from clubs. The JAQS is due to be sent out soon.
The new rule books have been bought and paid for.
There is some confusion regarding the charges for $\frac{1}{2}$ days and multi games which needs to be sorted.
5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT. We have 3 new members. Lesley has highlighted those that have not renewed; Andy will check the list before reminders are sent out.
Junior members - should we charge them a membership fee. It was agreed that we should and it should be proposed at the AGM.
6. APPOINTMENTS. Andy reported issues with funds due to the extra costs of rearranging cancelled games. There is a £700 shortfall. A number of clubs from Bucks have not been providing the required umpires. Discussions have taken place.
Summer league fixtures are due to be published next week. There are a few candidates to be assessed.
7. COACHING. Ray has fulfilled 18 coaching appointments. He has had several umpires with a poor attitude towards the players as well as cases of umpires failing to act in cases of retribution.
There has been a problem with umpires not turning up for assessments. This will be discussed with OHA.
Ray has proposed that we have set Assessments days on non-league weekends. He would like to develop a coaching profile for clubs that will formalise the purpose of coaching. This should aid OHUA in identifying umpire categories. Biggest problem with this is resources and manpower.
All agreed that the Newsletters Ray has done have been well received.
Future plans include running sessions for umpires hoping to progress. There is help available from South for this.

The use of non-qualified umpires for league games is possible only after notification of the league. There have been problems this season as only last year's rules are available on the website so clubs have the wrong information.

8. WEBSITE. Jim has contacted 7 other counties that share our IPS address. He received 3 replies and they reported no specific issues. He considers that we have some security issues and our website is vulnerable. The missing reports have been permanently lost. We need to check our contract with Tex to see what the procedure should be for backing up files. Jim will send a report to JJ to discuss with Tex Solutions.
9. AGM DATE. June 11th. Emails to go out asking for potential committee members and secretary.
10. OHA MATTERS. Their AGM is on May 18th and will be followed by a discussion of the new rules and how to deal with the attitude of umpires, players and coaches. It is hoped to end up with a conclusion statement. At present there is no firm guidelines or policy from EH or SCHUA to help us.
11. SOUTH MATTERS. We will need a new rep for South for next season. Their rules evening was cancelled due to lack of response.
12. CORRESPONDENCE. None.
13. AOB. Clive suggested that we need a new Website administrator that is based in the county. At present Ashley is in charge. We need someone with an understanding of the website and urgently need to find a suitable candidate. Jim enquired whether it would be possible to have some coaches at the Abingdon Summer League - unlikely because of lack of available coaches.
14. NEXT MEETING. Room booked for September 3rd 2015.