

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2010 7.30pm

KIDLINGTON FIRE STATION MEETING ROOM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Andy Gwinn; Ian Cox; Lesley Potter; Sarah Jones; Steve Curnock; Ashley Hurden; Rory Bowden.

1. Apologies: Gareth Evans; JayPee Wentzel; Mark Jarvis; Bridget Midwinter.
2. Minutes of the meeting held November 2009: These were approved.
3. Matters arising from minutes: There has been no coaching meeting yet to discuss grading policy.
4. Finance: To date we have no outstanding fees or expenses. It was agreed by all those present that the Level 1 course fees should rise to £90 (includes £40 deposit) and that coaching and umpiring expenses shall be the same rate.
5. Subscriptions/membership: Ashley's reminders have prompted a few more members to renew their memberships. 2 candidates have informed him that they are waiting to be assessed before renewing.
6. Website: Ashley and Rory met with Paul Stanley of Berks HUA and he would appreciate any assistance with appointments that a website could offer. There have been no discussions with Bucks yet.
URGENT ACTION - To make contact with Bucks. The committee agreed that if there were no positive responses from Bucks regarding a shared system then Oxon should proceed with an individual website. Ashley is to lead on this.
7. Young Umpire Development: No report. Andy will contact Jarvy regarding Mini tournament.
8. Assessments: Greg Bristow awarded Level 1. Andy will make a list of all those requiring assessments.
9. Coaching: The Rover tournament is on April 18th and will be used for coaching as well as preparation for the summer league. Andy has sent out a request for coaches and umpires. He also needs an umpire manager.
10. Appointments: a) BBO league - Bucks HUA have been used to appoint to some of the games in their county. Otherwise there have been no problems. b) Other - Rory is away for the month of March and has arranged that Martyn Shuttler will liaise with the University. Ashley will be an alternative contact as well as Andy being available via email.

There followed a discussion regarding the number of leagues in the BBO that we appoint to, primarily to give our umpires more opportunities to develop.

11. Discipline matters: None.
12. Club Matters: None.
13. OHA Matters: None.
14. South Matters: None.
15. Kit/Equipment: We need to use the Rover Tournament to promote our kit.
16. Correspondence: We received an invite from Rover HC to enter an umpires team in their quiz.
17. Any Other Business: Andy received a query regarding weather damage to pitches. It was concluded this was a matter to take up with pitch managers and not a responsibility of OHUA. Ashley passed on a request from Magdalan College School for Umpires.
18. Date and Venue of AGM: First choice 10th June, alternative 3rd June. The OUP S&S Club at Jordan Hill is our preferred venue. Sarah will make enquiries and book if possible. It was proposed that the formal AGM meeting will be followed by DVD's and discussions.
19. Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th April 2010 at Kidlington Fire Station.