

OUHA Committee meeting

10 Sept 2019

7:30 at Tim's

Attendees: Tim Dudgeon, Andy Gwinn, James Bartrip, Lesley Potter, Colin Toms, Hatty Wood, Bridget Midwinter, David Hughes, Mark Cumming, Ray Hipkin, Mike Vince,

1. Minutes of previous meetings

Previous committee meeting (29 Apr)

Minutes were approved. Outstanding actions:

1. Update umpiring panels (A,B,C,CQ,CNQ) on web site. These need to be reviewed again following summer hockey and then the website updated [Action: Colin/Mark, due by end Oct].
2. Katie Sunderland and Adrian Higgins were invited to the google group mailing list.
3. Wychwood Badgers currently have no umpires.
4. OHUA club liaisons were notified of the action list
5. Umpiring courses were discussed at the AGM.
6. L2 process to be discussed at this meeting.
7. Getting into coaching to be discussed at this meeting.
8. Summer hockey - OHUA liaisons were requested to ask clubs to suggest umpires for summer hockey
9. Bank mandate - discussed in this meeting
10. Issue with OHA and JAC matches has been resolved [in what way?]
11. Issue with some individuals making "donations" via expense claim to OHUA was user error and have been corrected.
12. Guidance on interpretation of rules - Bridget reported that there was some guidance on the SCHUA web site that we could copy to our site. [Action - Tim to create document and then post new item]
13. Club nominated contacts - updated as listed at the end of this document.

AGM

Details for minutes still need to finalised [Action - Tim] and then minutes reviewed.

External docs (e.g. slides) will be created as read-only public Google doc and then linked to from the minutes as the website does not provide a mechanism for handling these sorts of docs.

Information still needed is:

- Figures to show for the finances [Action - Mike to supply]

2. Interactions with clubs

Status of membership and payments

Lesley is chasing membership details from the clubs. She is still waiting on Abingdon, Kidlington and Hawks.

Hawks, Wallingford, Abingdon still owe payment from last year.

OHUA nominated contacts

Representatives updated (see below)

Need handle points 4 + 6 on action list [Action - Tim to notify people of this]

Wallingford and OHC interested in hosting an "Introduction to umpiring" course.

Oxford Uni might be interested as well.

Ray reported that a trial in Essex (3 intro courses leading to a L1 course) worked well.

The intro course is 3.5 hours

The L1 is 5 hours.

Treasurer items

OBU still owing for last year. No appointments will be made until they have paid.

Bank mandate still ongoing [Action: Mike]

Summer hockey report

We appointed to every match.

Coaches were provided for every match where required.

Coaching

The key concern is how to prioritise coaching resources.

Need to work with clubs and their umpires, and with their umpire developer.

Getting quality time with people after games can be a problem.

It was agreed to aim to run a couple of Introduction to Umpiring Courses in November and December with a view to making sure those attending the L1 course were more likely to go on and umpire [subsequently Ray indicated that Nov 3 and Dec 1 are potential dates for this]

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Clubs needs to provide a list of people and needs.

Letter from Andy+Colin (Hatty to draft letter). Send to club chair and umpiring development officer. [Action: Hatty, Andy, Colin, due by end Sept].

L2 progression - procedure is for Colin to nominate people to look at (not juniors at this stage). Consider Men's matches for assessment.

Website

Mark has restructured the site resulting in a better flow.

Pre-match discussion card needs updating as it is quite out of date [Action: Ray, Mark].

James reported that there is no visibility of national league appointments making it difficult to handle appointments in some cases.

“Who’s the umpire” still hoped to be introduced for OHUA for next season which will provide a single system covering all levels.

Tex has made some changes with contact names and details now being in members Personal Area. The only public address is the webmaster. It was agreed that the generic committee addresses (e.g. chair@ohua) are put into the public area [Action: Mark].

EH league reorganisation plans

All should read EH plans: “A structure fit for the future” (see [this](#) on EH website).

Most HUAs will be disbanded and replaced by sub-committees.

8 regions replace 5.

Feedback by 27 October. Planned for implementation for the 2021/2022 season.

South region split into greater london, south east, south central.

Several concerns were raised over the impact on umpiring.

[Action: All need to review and consider input].

AOB

Mike - do we know where the assets are?

- Colin has a list of radios.
- Bridget has laptop
- Andy has projector.

James - Richard Young wants to join committee. Currently there are no slots to fill. Ask him to consider again at next AGM

Next meeting targeted for the week 2-10 Nov.

Meeting closed at 21:28

Club	Umpire Developer	OHUA contact
Abingdon	Mark Cribben	Mark Cumming
Banbury	Lesley Potter	Mark Cumming
Bicester	Rachael Hucker	

Hawks	Katie Sunderland	David Hughes
Henley	???	Les Cooke
Kidlington	???	???
OHC	Tim Dudgeon	
Thame	Clare Seed	Colin Toms
Wallingford	Hatty Wood	
Witney	James Bartrip	
Wychwood	James Bartrip	
Wychwood Badgers	???	???

Roles of Club Umpire Developer and OHUA Liaison

Proposed objectives for these positions. Note: in some cases one person will be playing both roles, in others there will be a separate person from the club and the OHUA committee who need to work together. When the role is split the two parties will need to work out how to divide the responsibilities. It's probably not right to be descriptive on how this split should happen at this stage - it is for the two parties to work out how best to achieve these objectives between them.

Goals

1. Umpiring
 - a. Identify individuals at clubs willing to take up umpiring and provide them with encouragement and support.
 - b. Assist club umpires to go through the L1 process, including running 'Introduction to Umpiring' courses.
 - c. Maintain and improve standards of club umpires even if they are not taking appointments
 - i. Identify key individuals needing support.
 - ii. Target coaching to those identified.
2. Broaden knowledge of umpiring amongst players
 - a. Mutual respect for players and umpires.
 - b. Recognition of how the appointment system operates.
 - c. Better understanding of the rules and their interpretation.
3. Improve interactions between the club and OHUA
 - a. Club contacts on website should be kept up to date.
 - b. OHUA membership on website should be kept up to date.
 - c. Regular contact between the two parties if being filled by separate people.

- d. Umpiring issues to be escalated to the main club committee where needed.

OHUA Liaison Action List

1. Identify their counterpart at their club(s) where not known (Hatty: Henley, Mark: Abingdon).
2. Introduce themselves to their club counterpart if not already done so. Inform them of the developer/liaison process and the job spec (above).
3. Notify them of the AGM on 13 June and make sure someone from the club attends.
4. Provide a 'heads up' about the possibility of the 'Introduction to Umpiring' and 'Umpire Developer' courses (see minutes for details). These will be discussed at the AGM.
5. Notify club umpires about summer hockey and the opportunity for coaching. Encourage members to sign up with availability.
6. Request the club to review and update the club contacts (chair, treasurer etc.) listed on the OHUA website.