

# OUHA Committee Meeting

6 May 2021. 7pm via Zoom

**Attendees:** Tim Dudgeon, Mike Vince, Mark Cumming, Bridget Midwinter, James Bartrip, Hatty Wood

**Apologies:** David Hughes, Lesley Potter, Ray Hipkin

## Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Tex - a plea for help
3. Finances
4. Date for AGM
5. What do we do with 2020/21 membership fees
6. What do we do with 2020/21 match club charges
7. SCUTT update
8. Winding up OHUA
9. AOB

## Minutes

From the actions of the previous meeting the following are of note:

1. [Mike] - a statement is still needed regarding safeguarding related to the terms of our insurance **[Action: Mike]**.
2. [Ray] - Ray was to contact the clubs and urge them to keep the contacts on the website up to date. As Ray was unable to attend it was not clear if this had been done **[Action: Ray]**.
3. [Mark] The FH umpires subscription has been enabled. 18 or the 20 licenses have been set up. Not all people have registered yet, but most are using it.

The minutes were approved.

## Tex - a plea for help

The umpiring community is coming together to support David Lane in his time of need. David, through Tex Solutions, is responsible for the website we use, and his problems put this at serious risk.

It was suggested that we might make a contribution as the current website is critical to our operations.

Some counties have made donations, others have given Tex extra work for the website.

James had asked whether we can constitutionally make a donation. The constitution did not definitively cover this, but states that the committee can "*Act on any matter on which the*

*Constitution is silent*" so we felt that if this could be considered to be of benefit to Oxfordshire umpiring then this would be OK.

As the Tex website was still likely to be used by OHUA for at least 1-2 years it was felt that it was of benefit to OHUA to keep the system running. Hence it is in our best interest to keep this running.

It was agreed that we would make a £250 donation through the Just Giving website.

Mark will make the payment and claim it back as an expense [Action: Mark].

Mike will establish how to classify this in the accounts [Action: Mike].

## Finances

The situation with the bank signatories is still a mess. The current situation is that the following signatories were agreed in the 29 June 2020 committee meeting:

- Treasurer (Mike Vince)
- Chair (Andy Gwinn)
- Secretary (Tim Dudgeon)
- Webmaster (Mark Cumming)

Only one signatory is needed to sign cheques and authorise electronic payments.

Since that meeting the Chair has stepped down and is unlikely to be replaced in the short term so it was agreed that this role would be replaced by the President (Bridget Midwinter).

We should aim to get the accounts verified this year as it is important to do so before any discussions take place on the possible winding up of the association. Tim will approach Paul Wilson to see if he would be willing to do this [Action: Tim].

## Date for AGM

The AGM must take place before the end of September.

The proposed date is Thu Jul 8.

We aim to do this with Zoom as the attendance is better.

## What do we do with 2020/21 membership fees

Most memberships have been paid, but due to Covid-19 restrictions little hockey took place during the year.

Some HUAs have refunded membership fees.

The subs total ~£1,700.

It was agreed to refund to the clubs/members in full for this year's memberships as there had been so little hockey and our finances are sound [Action: Mike].

## What do we do with 2020/21 match club charges

Some clubs have paid in advance for matches that did not take place due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will refund any payments that have been made but for matches that did not take place. Likewise any clubs who have not yet paid for matches that did take place will be invoiced. [Action: Mike].

## SCUTT update

2 sessions setting out the position with the new South Central Area organisation were hosted by Simon Milford, one for appointed umpires and one for club umpires. There is still a lot to be sorted out regarding the EH re-organisations. SC are reasonably well placed but are dependent on EH for various things. Much is still to be done.

## Winding up OHUA

Although the EH restructuring will come into effect on 1st September 2021, preceded by the establishment of the new England Hockey Officiating club (EHO), OHUA will continue to operate. The expectation is that we will need to wind up OHUA in about 12 to 18 months time. Some HUAs will continue to operate like us and others will be winding up before the start of the 2021/22 season.

The constitution does cover the basic scenario, but we may need to make some adjustments at the AGM to handle some aspects.

## AOB

Next committee meeting on 10 June.

Mark requested another coaching radio so that he can record the sessions. Cost ~£70. This was approved [Action: Mark].

Surrey HUA has recordings of umpiring sessions that might be of interest. Bridget will try to access these [Action: Bridget].

Meeting closed: 20:32