

OHUA Committee Meeting

5 August 2021. 7pm via Zoom

Attendees: Tim Dudgeon, Lesley Potter, Mark Cumming, David Hughes, Mike Vince, Bridget Midwinter

Apologies: James Bartrip, Ray Hipkin

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Finances & bank account
3. AGM post mortem
4. Planning for the start of the season
5. Coaching update
6. SCUTT update
7. Winding up OHUA

Minutes of previous meeting

[Mike] It was agreed to refund the clubs/members in full for this year's memberships.

Unclear whether this has been done yet.

This is mostly done, but there are a small number of items still outstanding.

[Action: Mike]

[Mike] 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.

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[Action: Mike]

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

Bridget has provided these. We should put them on our website.

Still needs to be done

[Action: Mark]

Ray: Some jackets were the wrong size and the supplier is not being responsive .

Unclear on the status.

[Action: Ray will talk with James]

Following the meeting it was noted that the supplier has gone out of business so no more can be done on this.

The minutes were approved.

Finances & bank account

HSBC have closed the bank account and sent Clive a cheque, which is now in Mike's hands. The mandate that would have given Mike access to the account was sent to the bank in June, but HSBC did not enact it and have now closed the account due to money laundering concerns which Mike was unable to address as the mandate had not been processed. New bank account needs to be opened. This may take some time. Mike needs to find a suitable candidate bank and recommend it to the committee, which will need to be minuted at a committee meeting. **[Action: Mike]**

Paul Wilson has been reviewing the accounts. He had questions on debtors and creditors that have now been addressed now that this information has been made available through the Tex Solutions website. A few small issues still remain to be resolved, but lack of access to the bank account is making this difficult.

A message has been posted to the website explaining that we are in the process of changing bank accounts. Members and clubs will be unable to make any payments until a new bank account has been established.

It was agreed that we should make a formal complaint to HSBC as they have lost the mandate application on three occasions, and also to request bank statements **[Action: Mike]**.

AGM post mortem

An AGM motion was approved that membership fee for 2021/22 should be £1 rather than the committee's suggestion of membership being free. The reason for this was to be able to have proof of membership in case of any insurance claim

There was a discussion on whether OHUA should return those £1 payments to the clubs or members in some way as we do not need the income, and we should incentive the clubs or members to make the payment. One option could be to pay the EHO membership fees of umpires taking neutral appointments (Hampshire HUA is supposedly doing this), but it was not clear what the qualifying criteria would be and how many memberships would be involved, and hence unclear on the potential cost.

[Action: Mark to talk with James to establish an estimate for the numbers].

Planning for the start of the season

It is now clear that EHO will handle all appointments (neutral and club) through GMS. The existing HUAs are being used as a fallback situation if GMS is not operational in time, so OHUA umpires have been asked to put availability for August and September into the Tex website.

Coaching update

5 L1 assessments completed during summer league. 64 matches were handled in total. James Thompson and David Boyle joined the coaching team. Coaching and umpiring was well received by the clubs.

SCUTT update

The latest SCUTT newsletter has just been circulated.

League fixtures have been published.

It's not yet clear how far down the leagues neutral umpires will be appointed.

There is still no clear date for when EHO will be operational, but it's expected to be in the next few days.

EHO membership fees are expected to be £30/gold. £15/silver, £5/junior, £0/bronze tiers. Silver does not provide on game coaching and bronze does not provide coaching or insurance.

Feedback from OHC was that the upcoming changes to officiating had not got through to those responsible for day-to-day umpiring management at the club. This might be the case at other Oxfordshire clubs.

It was decided that OHUA liaisons should contact their umpire developers and ask them to ensure that the upcoming changes are known to the key people at their clubs. **[Action: all liaisons (see below)]**

Additional feedback from OHC was that there was a concern that there would be significant extra workload for the umpire coordinators, and a big concern at the lack of insurance for bronze tier members.

Winding up OHUA

Nothing to discuss at this stage.

Meeting closed 20:16

Below is the list of current club umpire developers and OHUA liaisons (based on information supplied by Ray).

Club	Umpire Developer	OHUA liaison
Abingdon	Mark Cribben	Mark Cumming
Banbury	Lesley Potter Jim Chadbourne	Mark Cumming

Bicester	Gary Brock	Tim Dudgeon
Hawks	David Hughes	
Henley	Ryan Foggoa	Ray Hipkin
Kidlington	???	???
OHC	Tim Dudgeon Marianne Bint	Tim Dudgeon
Thame	Clare Seed	Ray Hipkin
Wallingford	Hatty Wood	
Witney	James Bartrip	
Wychwood	Joanne Smaldon	James Bartrip