

# OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

## COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30th 2010 7.30pm

OUP S&S CLUB, JORDAN HILL, OXFORD

### MINUTES

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

1. **Apologies:** Bridget Midwinter; Lesley Potter; Mark Jarvis.
2. **Minutes of meeting held July 2010.** These were approved.
3. **Matters arising from minutes.** None
4. **Finance.**
  - i) **Current situation:** We have approximately £4,500 in the bank. We have paid for the web site except for £500 which we are withholding until security measures regarding access codes in the event that TexSolutions should cease to operate are implemented. The web site cost £6,000 plus £400 for the first year maintenance and hosting in addition to operating costs of £12/month. This is split equally between us and Berkshire. An expected contribution from OHA was discussed at a recent OHA committee meeting. They have requested a report on the value of services provided by OHUA to the County along with a table of our expenses rates. AG will attend the next OHA meeting if available otherwise he will send a reply to their request. OHA agreed to a grant of £500 towards the website costs.
  - ii) **Subscriptions/membership.** 2 thirds of last years membership have paid their subscriptions and 22 people have yet to sign on to the website.
  - iii) **Course costs.** The average cost of achieving a level 1 is £75 including all coaching costs. Andy and Ashley proposed that the cost of the course be increased to £90 with no returnable deposit. This was agreed by all those present. Other suggestions for improved delivery of umpiring tuition were a) Having an 'Introduction to Umpiring' about 1 month prior to full course to eliminate those candidates that the course would not suit; b) Produce a website presentation(Devon HUA has a good one) that will give prospective candidates an insight into what to expect on a course. Andy proposed a website presentation in the first instance and will produce one.

Ashley announced that due to a change in his personal situation he will be retiring as treasurer at the end of this season and he would like to find someone to take over that he could train up prior to his retirement.

5. **Expenses for umpires and coaches.** The BBO/South 3A expenses are to be transferred to the League to administer.  
After discussion the following umpire expenses for OHUA appointed games were agreed:  
£15 per game with no mileage rate  
Tournaments -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day(<3hrs) £25, full day(over 3hrs) £45.  
Coaches will be paid at the same rate - only appointed coaches.

**CHARGES FOR PROVIDING UMPIRES:**

GDST or similar - £60/umpire  
JACs - £20/umpire/game  
University - £25/umpire/game  
EH competition games - £40 for 2 umpires  
Schools - £15  
Other league games - £15

6. **Website** Andy passed on the committees thanks to Ashley for the large amount of work and time he has given to get the website up and running. There are some teething problems to sort out - the accounts package is not desirable in its present form and we will be running our old system along side the website one this year. We require a set of passwords/codes to be deposited in a secure place and to be available to us in the case of TexSolutions being dissolved. £500 has been held back until this is provided. The main thing is to get everybody using the system and ensuring that members, clubs and teams keep their information up to date. All problems encountered should be reported to Ashley.  
It was proposed that the minutes of committee meetings should be sent to committee members by email and approved by return email so that they can then be posted on the website ASAP.
7. **OHUA Rules.** Andy has produced a set of rules that he asked the committee members to take away and read. These rules would be posted on the website and would be changed at the discretion of the committee as and when necessary. Therefore a constitution change will be needed to say that all members shall abide by the rules and that changes to the rules can be made by the committee. It was proposed that the committee should delegate the Rules to a sub committee with any changes ratified by the full committee.  
Rory suggested that any constitutional changes can be published on the website as a proposal to be approved by the members at the AGM. This would eliminate the need for an EGM.
8. **Appointments:** a) **BBO League.** Initial use of the website system is going OK with all parties getting use to it.  
b) **Other.** It is hoped that we can appoint to the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> team league games. This will be trialled to ensure we have sufficient umpires as it will be necessary for clubs to

release their umpires to give us a suitable pool. Rory is in discussion with the 3 oxford clubs regarding details.

Brookes have requested appointed umpires for their Wednesday matches - they have previously organised them their selves. It was agreed that if we take this on we will appoint to all their games. Rory will talk to Brookes and also to Neil Holdstock who currently umpires 2 or 3 games a week for them.

**9. Role of Committee members without portfolio.** The following tasks need to shared by the committee members:

- a) L1 course administration including organising the assessment day - Steve agreed to take this on.
- b) Web site administrator - JayPee volunteered.
- c) Membership - TBA
- d) Club Contact - this role needs defining.

**10. Club matters.** None

**11. OHA Matters.** The next meeting is on the 26<sup>th</sup> October.

**12. South Matters.** Sarah reported that SCHUA has reorganised its coaching committee and will be feeding more information down to the counties and offering more assistance.

**13. Kit/equipment.** It was suggested that pictures of the kit on the website would be a good idea.

**14. 5 year plan/budget.** This was deferred but Andy asked that the committee think about the Goals of the OHUA. A draft plan will be posted around the committee.

**15. Coaching and assessments.** The Summer league enabled us to get 18 umpires qualified and Andy would like to carry out more assessments during the main season.

**16. Young Umpires.** No report.

**17. Correspondence.** None

**18. Any other business.** None

**19. Date of next meeting.** THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> 2010, 7.30pm.