

OXFORDSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25th 2010 7.30pm

St MARYS SCHOOL, BICESTER

MINUTES

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

1. *Apologies:* Lesley Potter
2. *Minutes of meeting held September 2010.* These were approved and posted on the website
3. *Matters arising from minutes.* The website presentation is being prepared.
4. *Role of Committee members without portfolio:* Lesley is willing to become involved with the membership secretary role. The role of Clubs liaison still needs defining.
5. *Finance.*
 - i) *Current situation:* Balances are very healthy at present but there will be expense claims in December.
 - ii) *Subscriptions/membership:* All those on the website list have logged on to the system but 35 are still to pay their membership. 96 are fully paid with 3 juniors and 4 life members. Recent instruction from Jane Nockolds at EH says that those umpires that have not been active for 1 season will be listed as non-active and to be reinstated they must be assessed by OHUA
 - iii) *5 year plan/budget:* carried forward.
6. *Expenses for umpires and coaches.* Brookes appointments -OHUA only appoint 1 umpire per game with Brookes providing the other. A cash payment is paid directly to the umpire. The expenses agreed at the previous meeting have created a problem on the website but this will be resolved after the Christmas break and Ashley will be checking all the expenses claims in December to verify the efficiency of the website system.
7. *Website:* Tex solutions have given information on possible enhancements of the website. Those being considered are a) Coaching reports - agreed that this was needed but has a possible cost of £1180 and discussions with Berkshire will be required; b) Managerial handbook and c) Youth umpiring.

A meeting with Berkshire is required to formalise the governance of the website and Oxon's relationship with Berks as well as coaching resources and enhancements. It was suggested that Andy and Ashley attend the next appointments meeting with Paul Stanley along with Rory.

Tex Solution has been fully paid by Oxon but Berks still owe £500. Jaypee has had a meeting with Ashley to discuss the Web Master role.

8. *OHUA Rules:* A sub committee is required to finalise a set of rules. Andy, Rory, Jaypee and Ashley volunteered. It is hoped to have the Rules ready to be proposed for inclusion in the constitution at the AGM.

9. *Coaching and Assessments:* Andy Stalker has been doing lots of coaching as well as Andy Gwinn. Martyn and Zohair are also available and, depending on availability, we could use our Level 2's as watchers. Steve agreed to become a Mentor. A coaching meeting will be arranged for the New Year.

10. *Appointments:* a) *BBO League.* - Rory has better availability this year and, when available, has been using higher umpires to partner less experienced ones. The proposal to appoint to BBO Prem 2 requires some communication with the clubs to get there reactions.

There is disparity of the umpires panels of Oxon and Berks which would be improved if we had a joint Coaching Policy. Rory will discuss and verify Berkshires appointment system at their next meeting where Rory will be taking the lead in the next batch of appointments.

b) *other:* The mid week university games have a good pool of available umpires with several Level 2's but more lower grade umpires are required for the lesser games. Schools Tournaments - OHA have been unclear on their requirements and are reluctant to pay for umpires. The arrangements for school competitions needs verifying with OHA for future years.

GDST Rally - there was good feedback from both the schools and the umpires.

c) *Mens:* Rory is experimenting with the MBBO Div 2.

11. *Young Umpires development:* Thame club would like to run an 'Introduction to Umpiring' session. AG will talk to Jarvy.

12. *OHA Matters:* OHA have given us £500 towards the cost of the website. AG will prepare a 'value statement' to be presented at the 1st OHA meeting of 2011.

13. *South Matters.* The south coaching committee is hoping to make their coaches available to visit the counties.

14. *Kit/equipment.* At present we have a good supply. Jaypee volunteered to investigate alternative kit.

15. *Correspondence.* Abingdon Club enquired how they should deal with a biased umpire (not an OHUA member) - AG responded.

16. *Any other business.* Jaypee would like to progress to Level 2.

17. *Date of next meeting* - 20th January 2011, OUP Sports and Social Club, Jordan Hill, Oxford