

OHUA Committee 13 Nov 2017

Attendance

Apologies: Ashley Hurden, James Boylan, Lesley Potter, Neil Holdstock

Attendees: Andy Gwinn, Ellen Schallig, Colin Toms, Clive Bryant, Mark Cumming, Bridget Midwinter, Steve Curnock, Tim Dudgeon

Approval of previous Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Some people could not download from website. This should be checked [Action: Tim].

Vision statement & committee structure have been updated by Bridget - needs update of the website [Action Bridget].

Bank mandate has gone to bank. Awaiting response. [Action: Bridget to progress]

Email forwarding from EH has been set up by Ashley.

Bridget is waiting for response from Jacqui Barlow on the management of expenses with Berks.

Plans

Information gathering: Lesley sent out a form gathering information on umpiring to clubs, and most/all have returned.

Engagement with clubs: Colin described that it has been difficult to get engagement from clubs on umpiring matters. Decided to approach clubs directly requesting them to provide attendee to a meeting, maybe 9 & 11 Jan. [Action: Tim to check on availability at Jordon Hill. Colin to notify clubs once arranged].

Engagement with OHUA members at the clubs: it was decided to start by going through clubs meeting that is being arranged.

Engagement with OHA: there have been no real engagement from OHA yet. Bridget will try to obtain a list of committee meeting dates so that we can attend.

Young Umpires: Mark has had some initial contact with Joy Elliot-Bowman and expects to get access to info from Middlesex. The issue is how to identify suitable candidates to work with, especially as OHUA no longer managing the L1 assessments.

Admin matters

Email group: Tim has set up oxhua@googlegroups.com as an email group and it seems to be working. Send to just that one address and all committee members will receive the email. A Google account is only needed if you need to log in to the site. You can send and receive email without one.

Expenses payments: Ashley was asked to investigate the impact of fixed fee expense payments for mid-week appointments: how many people affected, how expenses should be remunerated [Action: Ashley]

New Treasurer: still looking for new treasurer to replace AH

Clubs paying fees on behalf of their umpires: most clubs do this. The ones that don't should be encouraged to do so.

Berks/Oxon joint web-site: Agreed that Ashley should approach Berks to discuss future use of website and expense payment issues [Action: Ashley]. Bridget to continue to chase Jacqui Barlow [Action: Bridget]. The deficiencies and doubts about the long term sustainability of the current web site were noted. It was felt that this could not be addressed at a county level and really needed to be considered at a national level. Ideally this should handle the playing aspects as well as the umpiring aspects of matches. Ellen showed the system used in Netherlands that seems to handle this in a much better way.

Web-site: James and Tim still need training for website. James mentioned that it would be preferable to be able to review who has access to what. It was noted that this is available from the site, but is somewhat buried. [Action: Ashley to train James in use of the web site, James to pass this knowledge on where needed].

England Hockey emails: Tim received a number of emails from England Hockey that have been passed on in an inconsistent manner. In future all emails will be forwarded to the oxhua@googlegroups.com group.

Umpiring matters

EHL re-structure proposal: The proposals will have impact on umpiring. Bridget to attend meeting organised by EH on Dec 3.

Appointments: Clive reported that appointments are ticking along OK. No major issues.

AOB

Radios: Steve passed on a collection of radios to Colin. Colin authorised to purchase a 3-way motorbike radios for training purposes to investigate how useful these would be for more widespread use.

Rule Books: - Steve has a large number of rule books. They need to be given to members in the clubs. Some were passed on after the meeting. Should distribute these at the meeting with the clubs. It was noted that there is one minor error in the printed version (regarding goalkeepers equipment?)

Next meeting: end Jan [Action: Tim to organise].

Meeting Closed 22:20

