

OHUA 2020 AGM

8:00pm, Sept 23 2020

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions that were in place this meeting was held remotely using Zoom. Voting was done using the Zoom chat feature with each attendee casting their vote by typing yes, no or abstain into the chat.

Attendees: Tim Dudgeon, Mark Cumming, Mark Cribben, James Bartrip, Andy Gwinn, Gary Brock, David Hughes, Ray Hipkin, Hatty Wood, Adrian Higgins, John Dykes, Mike Vince, Dawn Tucker, Huw Richards, James Boylan, Chris Birch, Lesley Potter.

Apologies: Linda Billington, Carol Hicks, Stephen Coleman, Bridget Midwinter

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of 2019 AGM (attached)
2. General report from the chair, including a summary of the back to hockey situation
3. Financial report from the treasurer
4. Approval of membership fees
5. Election of officers
6. AOB

1. Approve minutes of 2019 AGM

These had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposed: Mark Cumming

Seconded: Ray Hipkin.

Vote was approved. 13 votes for, none against, 1 abstention.

2. General report from the chair, including a summary of the back to hockey situation

A report from the chair on the general situation was circulated in advance of the meeting. The chair gave a brief review of this. There were no questions.

3. Financial report from the treasurer

A report from the treasurer with the financial reports were circulated in advance of the meeting. The treasurer summarised this saying that we currently have surplus funds, with reserves increasing from £16,000 for the previous year to to £19,000 for this year, suggesting that these should be spent on hockey and umpiring. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The biggest change other than the Covid-19 situation was that there were no Oxfordshire clubs in the South 3A league (only Milton Keynes and Buckingham 2s from Bucks) resulting in less income, but also less umpiring expenses.

The Covid-19 situation meant that only one round of JAC matches was played, again reducing income and costs.

The financial report was voted on.

Proposed: Lesly Potter.

Seconded: Mark Cumming.

The motion was approved. 17 votes for, none against, no abstentions.

4. Approval of membership fees

Membership fees proposed to remain at £10 for next season.

Proposed: Mike Vince.

Seconded: Mark Cumming

The motion was approved. 16 votes for, none against, no abstentions.

5. Election of officers

With the exception of Any Gwinn who is stepping down from the role of chair and Les Cooke who is moving out of the area and so will not be continuing as a non-portfolio committee member all other committee members were willing to stand again in their current positions.

The vacant position of chair will be managed between other committee members until it can be filled.

No other candidates had come forward so it was agreed to vote in the existing and remaining committee members en-bloc.

Proposed: Huw Richards

Seconded: Andy Gwinn.

The motion was approved. 17 votes for, none against, no abstentions.

The committee is therefore as follows:

Chair: <vacant>

President: Bridget Midwinter.

Secretary: Tim Dudgeon

Treasurer: Mike Vince

Membership: Lesley Potter

Chief coach: Ray Hipkin

Appointments: James Bartrip

Web master: Mark Cumming

Youth: Mark Cumming

SCHUA rep: Mark Cumming

Non portfolio: Hatty Wood, David Hughes

6. AOB

No items had been received in advance.

Mark Cumming, on behalf of the committee, thanked Andy for all his efforts to umpiring over many years. Bridget Midwinter has proposed that Andy is made a life member, and Mark seconded this. All agreed on this.

There was a general discussion on how to spend the excess funds, with radios and clothing being obvious candidates. With the England Hockey re-organisation changes having just been approved it's clear that OHUA may not exist in two years time as it will likely be merged into a larger, regional umpiring organisation, though some activity may still be needed at the county level. The different county HUAs forming this regional organisation would need to provide some initial seed finance so we need to reserve some funds for this, though there is clearly some excess that we should spend in the shorter term.

Clubs were asked to ensure that OHUA were informed of any change to their umpire developer.

A general discussion on the Covid-19 restrictions took place. Details are not recorded as they were not relevant to the AGM.