



Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21st March 2017
7:30pm start

Rudleigh Inn, Martcombe Rd,
Easton in Gordano, Bristol BS20 0QD
Not far from Junction 19 M5

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| <p>Apologies received from: Charles Hallows; Peter Lovell; Vanda Fenn; and Mike Bendry.</p> <p>Present: Alex Langman; Chris Davis; Martin Somers; and Martin Hadley.</p> | Actions |
| <p>Responses received via email regarding Chris Davis's proposal:</p> <p>CH – Does not believe that the fee charged to clubs per umpire should be raised to £25.</p> <p>VF – Should continue with the current amount being charged to clubs for appointed umpires.</p> | |
| <p>Committee discussions re Chris Davis's proposal (continued)</p> <p>CD – Another option (following on from the above) would be to pay umpires £7.50 and then 25 pence per mile. A balanced approach.</p> <p>CD - Umpires umpiring local games currently get less than what the association receives in charging clubs / umpires for the game.</p> <p>CD – There is a need to 'compete' (now) for umpires.</p> <p>MS – (Following on from CD), people still want to continue to play hockey; and not necessarily umpire.</p> | |
| <p>Radios – Who has them?</p> <p>AL – To put a list together of those who have been appointed and have radios.</p> <p>Andy Bessant has returned his radio. To be given to Paul. Ian Tibbitt has a radio.</p> | <p>AL – Appointed umpires with radios - List</p> |

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| <p>Umpire Developers' Course – Did not go ahead in January – Update from Vanda.</p> <p>Reason – Lack of interest from clubs.</p> | |
| <p>Approaching umpires to umpire for the association</p> <p>General discussion around approaching umpires to umpire for the association.</p> <p>A follow-up-plan for persons who come forward and want to umpire is desirable.</p> <p>Emailing umpires - AL to send email to registered umpires to prompt them to consider umpiring for the association. Apologies to be communicated if they are already associated with the Avon Womens' association.</p> <p>This is a scatter-gun approach. AL to draft the words and then send them to the committee for consideration prior to sending out.</p> | <p>AL to send out an email asking umpires to consider umpiring for the Association.</p> <p>Draft words to be cleared with the committee first.</p> |
| <p>New shirts</p> <p>The decision is still open.</p> <p>CD to phone a shirt company to get some information. Consideration should be given to whether the shirt company can support orders for singles or a small number of shirts? Chris to find out.</p> | <p>CD to approach a shirt company to assess a new supply source.</p> |
| <p>Recent junior umpire related communication</p> <p>Re the requested assessment of a junior umpire.</p> <p>The committee decided that the Junior Associon should handle this.</p> | |
| <p>Send out next committee meeting early</p> <p>AL to send out next committee meeting date early to ensure attendance.</p> <p>Next committee meeting – Tuesday 25th April 2017 at the Rudleigh Inn.</p> | <p>AL to send out date of next committee meeting early.</p> |
| <p>AGM considerations</p> <p>Committee decided that Tuesday the 20th June 2017 should be the date (provisional) for the AGM.</p> <p>Billing clubs – Martin Hadley is due to start billing clubs and universities for the appointed games during the second half of the season in approximately two weeks time (from the date of this committee meeting).</p> | |
| <p>Bank Accounts</p> <p>MH – The bank accounts will be changed over after the season has been completed.</p> | <p>AL to arrange an audit of the accounts prior to the AGM taking place.</p> |

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| <p>Audit of the accounts – AL to liaise with Martin H on the subject of completing an audit.</p> <p>MH – The Association accrued £2k surplus for the first half of the season. Difference between what was received and paid out.</p> <p>MH – Proposals for spending money will be met positively.</p> | |
| <p>Recruitment Package (leading on from MH’s surplus communication)</p> <p>A recruitment package for umpires should include: A set of cards; a radio; a whistle; a shirt and a water proof ‘mac in the sac’.</p> <p>AGM – Something to placate the clubs regarding the fees?</p> | |
| <p>Appointment fees charged to clubs and universities</p> <p>MH – Does not want to touch the fees charged to clubs and universities for the next two years.</p> <p>MH – Wishes to maintain a 20% margin of income over expenditure going forward.</p> <p>MH – Broadly happy with the numbers proposed by Chris Davis. Suggest that option 3 in the proposal is changed so that there is only one claimable fee by an umpire if they do two games on a particular day.</p> <p>MH – Will play with the numbers (Chris’s proposal) and will then propose something. The possibility of paying umpires more for Wednesday games is a consideration. MH will formulate his views and make a proposal at the AGM.</p> | |
| <p>Full Members / Associate Members etc</p> <p>MH - Requested help with how the classification is changed in the website? MH – To write to people to ensure that everything pays the £10 fee in order to be covered for insurance.</p> <p>Membership – MH to send email list to AL re moving / updating membership status.</p> | <p>AL to reaffirm membership status of umpires with MH.</p> |
| <p>Insurance</p> <p>MH – Chasing the insurance coordinator. The possibility exists that the Association might need to source its own insurance cover.</p> | <p>MH – Insurance.</p> |
| <p>Mileage re attending committee meetings</p> <p>– All should be able to claim mileage when travelling to the committee</p> | <p>AL committee members mileage.</p> |

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| meetings. To be added to the AGM proposal list by AL. | |
| END OF COMMITTEE MEETING ON 21/03/2017 | |
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