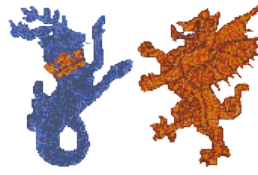


Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 21st November 2017 at the
Warwick Arms in Clutton 8pm
Upper Bristol Road, Clutton, BS39 5TA

Present:

Charles Hallows (CH); Alex Langman (AL); Martin Hadley (MH); Mike Bendry (MB); Chris Davis (CD); and Martin Somers (MS).

Apologies:

Vanda Fenn (VF)

Taunton Vale – Not receiving the umpire appointment email.

Action - AL to look into this.

New England Hockey Umpires' numbers – AL has not received new numbers for allocation.

Action - CH to provide list of these new numbers to AL.

Wednesday games – MB - University games have to be manually added to appointments' section.

MB – Considerations as to whether this could be automated next year?

Umpire classification on ASHUA website.

Umpires who regularly umpire games for the association should be designated as a 'County Umpire' on the ASHUA website.

Restructure of the National League – CH – Additional teams (expending).

England Hockey conference 3rd December – CH attending as the West & ASHUA representative.

Circulate the recent governance related communications from England Hockey.

Action – AL to circulate.

CH investment ideas – Ideas requested from the committee. Things can be invested in which can make a big difference.

CD – Adrian in Yate as a possible ASHUA umpire.

Action - Chris to contact Adrian.

Umpire expenses – MH - Difficulties arisen in programming the umpires' expenses and getting the correct outcome for two games umpired on a Saturday.

Insurance – Confirmation provided by MH that umpiring insurance is in place. MH has communicated the benefit of having insurance to the membership.

Reminder – The committee was reminded by MH that people would lose their insurance cover where the membership fee is not paid.

Number of umpires on website – The greater the number of umpires stored on the website, the greater the cost to our association via increased charges from Tex.

Action – For ongoing consideration.

Action – MH to email umpires as to whether they wish to be a member of the Association and therefore, pay the annual fee.

Go-to-place for umpires in the area – CH – We should be the go-to-place; and that if it were to cost an additional £200 per year to hold these additional umpires on the website, this would be acceptable.

Bank accounts – MH – We currently have only one signatory. Committee agreed that a second signatory is required.

Action – Mike Bendry (MB) to complete the necessary paperwork in order to be the second signatory on the two bank accounts.

Coaching – MH – Coaching initiative considerations; perhaps a coaching evening? The possible involvement of Terry / Richard.

Action – MH – Consider a coaching event.

A coaching event – MH to hold a pilot coaching event with Bristol and West hockey club, and if successful, extend this further.

CH – This coaching event could include supporting / coaching the clubs' Umpire Developer.

Shirts – CD – Various options as a result of having approached shirt retailers.

Examples cited – Tempest have a 10 day lead time; would meet our requirements and would incorporate the ASHUA logo. CD is waiting for a sample to arrive from Tespenst.

CD – Ideally, we are after a supplier who can provide a continuous supply of shirts.

CH – Mentioned, and was positive about, Adidas as a potential supplier of shirts.

CD – Need a supplier who can provide waterproof clothing, as well as shirts and sweatshirts.

MB – Why not continue to use Silverfox?

General concern about shirt suppliers – That the administrative organisation of suppliers is not as good as it could be.

Other shirt supplier considerations – Mercian?. It is understood that Firebrands use Greys.

Action – CD to keep researching the ideal shirt supplier.

Radios – No new radios required at the moment.

Umpire numbers and promotions to the West – Discussed.

Next committee meeting – Tuesday 6th February 2018, at this location, The Warwick Arms.

Action – AL to send a email to VF to let her know the date of the next committee meeting.

END OF COMMITTEE MEETING