



Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 26th February 2019

8:00pm start

The Temple Inn, Main Road,
Temple Cloud BS39 5DA

No apologies, full attendance.	
In attendance: Alex Langman; Charles Hallows; Martin Somers; Mike Bendry; Steve Hamey; Vanda Fenn; Chris Davis; and Martin Hadley.	Present
<p>Action points from 6th November 2018 committee meeting</p> <p>DONE - AL – Administrative access to ASHUA website granted to Steve Hamey.</p> <p>DONE - CH – Three radios provided at committee meeting; one being a three-way radio for Steve Hamey (coaching), and the other two being normal radios. One of these normal radios was provided to MS in order to give to give to Andy Bessant on the Saturday following the committee meeting. The other radio is held by AL in reserve.</p> <p>DONE – AL – Shirts – Six umpires requested new shirts, following AL’s posting of a message on website. CD and MS were emailed with the shirt requests and arranged distribution of said shirts.</p> <p>Work-in-progress – Mileage – All committee members to send mileage re attending committee meetings to MH.</p>	
<p>Umpiring Situation</p> <p>MB – Struggling appointing to Sunday games; otherwise OK with regards the appointments’ situation.</p> <p>MB – Mentioned it was not practicle to appoint to some lower-league clubs.</p> <p>All – General discussion around potential / new umpires.</p>	No action point.
<p>England Hockey – Centralised appointments (early stage)</p> <p>AL – Communicated re the new portal being setup by England Hockey. AL added his details. Updates to follow from England Hockey during 2019 re progress and its use as the system for appointments etc.</p> <p>Umpires’ Numbers – All – Discussed the need to update Level 1 / 2 numbers in the new format on the ASHUA website. However, with new England Hockey system in the pipeline, any urgency may diminish.</p> <p>Tex Solutions – All – We will run with the current Tex system for the next season until the new England Hockey system is fully operational.</p>	AL to add CH and MH’s details to Eng Hockey portal.
<p>Coaching and new umpire considerations</p> <p>SH – Required to complete a coaching course.</p> <p>SH – To ask Liz Powell to assist in getting fully qualified as a coach.</p> <p>SH – We should look elswwhere for new umpires, rather than attracting them from clubs. Suggested we engage with the Junior League; as parents can be keen umpires. For further consideration.</p>	SH coaching course & involve Liz Powell

<p>MB – There is a shortage of people / umpires willing to take neutral appointments; however, there are sufficient numbers of umpires (the potential).</p>	
<p>Closer ties with ACWHUA All – Committee agreed that closer ties with ACWHUA would be welcome. AL – To email Justin N at ACWHUA with a request that closer cooperation with ASHUA be considered / raised at their next committee meeting.</p>	<p>AL to email Justine re cooperation.</p>
<p>Radios In addition to the radios mentioned in the action points from the previous committee meeting, the committee requested that a further three radios be purchased from CH. AL to formally send an email requesting three radios, with his address, to CH. AL – To add a news item to appointed umpires' personal areas, in order to let AL know who has a radio and to ask whether it is an ASHUA radio?</p>	<p>AL to request three radios from CH. AL news item requesting inventory of radios from umpires.</p>
<p>Committee Meeting Mileage MH – Committee meeting attendees to forward mileage claim to Martin H.</p>	<p>Send mileage to MH</p>
<p>AOB Insurance – MH – We pay for annual insurance covering 50 umpire. Safety – CD – Concern raised that at some games the spectators are trying to get too close to the side of the pitch; which included a pushchair as an example. MB had also noted this. VF and CH – Comments – Umpires have to express any concern re safety. Welfare Officer – VF received an email from AL but was addressed to the Welfare Officer (VF). AL to see why the email did not go directly to VF. VF received enquiry re a club which had received two red cards on a single day. The appeals procedure. The County Disciplinary Officer should be contacted in these instances. Indoor hockey – AL to put the email address of The Indoor Hockey League on the website for umpires to contact should they wish to have a go at indoor hockey. Contact received re indoor hockey. New hockey rules – VF – When the new rules will be applicable? CH's view was directed towards the extent to which the new rules will be introduced.....</p>	<p>AL re Welfare officer email to VF. Ensure forwarding works. AL indoor hockey contact details on website.</p>
<p>Nect Committee Meeting & AGM To be held on Tuesday 4th June 2019 starting at 8pm. Given that the Warwick Arms appears to have closed, AL to consider a pub in Pensford (Traveller's Rest). AGM date – Tuesday 2nd July 2019. Venue to be decided.</p>	<p>AL source a new venue for committee / AGM.</p>
<p>End of Committee Meeting</p>	