



Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 4th June 2019

8:00pm start

Travellers' Rest, Pensford. BS39 4LF

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| One apology from Mike Bendry. | |
| In attendance: Alex Langman; Charles Hallows; Martin Somers; Steve Hamey; Vanda Fenn; Chris Davis; and Martin Hadley. | Present |
| <p>Action points from previous minutes in February 2019: CH and MH's contact details added to England Hockey portal – DONE. SH to become a fully qualified coach. Contact with Liz Powell – OUTSTANDING. Ties with ACWHUA – AL made contact, but had no response. DONE. However VF informed the committee that ACWHUA indicated in their recent committee meeting that they would wish to engage in talks. Three radios to be purchased from CH. AL sent a request to CH. DONE. Radio inventory request to umpires. Only a single response received by AL. AL to email umpires as part of the AGM notification email to be sent out after committee meeting re the Hambrook Cricket Club venue. Mileage to be communicated to MH, related to committee meetings. To be done by committee members should they wish to claim. Amend forwarding Welfare Officer email address from AL to VF. DONE. Advertise indoor hockey on website. DONE by AL. Committee decided that ASHUA does not have the means to support indoor hockey at this moment in time. Venue for AGM on 2nd July. Whether Travellers' Rest is suitable? Outstanding. MH communicated with Hambrook Cricket club during the committee meeting and secured the venue for the AGM.</p> | <p>AL to setup inter-committee meeting between ASHUA and ACWHUA after AGM. AL – AGM venue communication & radio inventory.</p> |
| <p>England Hockey presentation on 1st July in Taunton CH will be attending and will feed back any proposed changes to umpiring suggested by England Hockey. AL – Considering attending England Hockey conference on 15th June in Loughborough.</p> | Engagement by CH. |
| <p>Tex Solutions two invoices received during the week Invoiced figures discussed by the committee. Invoices confirmed as paid by MH. MH is to query a couple of the numbers; and will liaise with AL. MH – When there are two games on the same day and there is a cancellation, this causes a problem for the website.</p> | MH and AL to check some of the figures in the invoices and engage accordingly with Tex Solutions. |
| <p>Finances MH – Overall for the year, the expectation is for a loss of approximately £1k. MH – Total bank balance remains in credit, approximately £17k. HM – May propose at the AGM a change in the membership fee; currently £10.</p> | |
| <p>Coaching MH – Goose from Yate Hockey club is a new umpiring recruit. Committee discussion with regards an umpire named George who has no transport, has not been appointed to games, but needs to be watched / assessed.</p> | MH encourage interested umpires to proactively add |

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| MH to contact umpires who have expressed an interest in umpiring for the association. To remind them that they can take appointments but also need to proactively promote themselves and add their availability to the website. SH – We need to keep in touch with new umpires, and new umpires need support. | their availability to the website. |
| Engagement with ACWHUA VF – (as covered in the action points above) said that ACWHUA committee have reacted positively to engaging in discussions. AL to phone and arrange a time for members of the ASHUA committee to meet with the ACWHUA committee; but arrange this after ASHUA has had the AGM. | AL to set up a meeting with ACWHUA |
| Radios AL – As part of the AGM venue communication to all ASHUA umpires, AL to ask each umpire to communicate whether they have an association-provided radio? | AL to request radio inventory from umpires. |
| Committee members without portfolio (CD and MS) Nothing to add. | |
| Junior League SH – Could provide the potential for recruiting new umpires. | |
| Womens' Hockey League CH – Conversations with the womens' league could suggest that each team might have to provide an umpire for county umpiring duties. Discussions around umpiring fees charged by ASHUA to the clubs; with the note that this should be thought about again. CH – Why not appoint to the ladies games? For future consideration / thought by the committee – For example, with regards Prem 2 womens' clubs → If we were able to do so, would they (Prem 2 womens' clubs) consider having appointed umpires? Also potential to extend to North, South, and Central. SH – This consideration (paragraph above) could be something ASHUA and ACWHUA work on / coordinate together; to provide womens' appointments. For discussion with ACWHUA after our AGM. | Committee to think about fees charged to clubs for appointed umpires. Committee to consider approaching Prem 2 clubs re appointing umpires. Discussions with ACWHUA re appointing umpires to womens' games etc. |
| Re-election indication of committee members All committee members present at the committee meeting indicated that they would stand for re-election. Need to ask MB whether he wishes to stand. CH – We need a succession plan for appointments. MH – We could have two appointment secretaries, one for Wednesday games and a second for Saturday games. Something to consider. | |
| Indoor Hockey Following wider discussions, the committee decided that the association does not have the capacity to support indoor hockey at this moment in time. | |
| AOB SH – Schools' tournaments – West s not providing umpires next year. However, we could have Avon umpires attending?? CH – To get the dates of the schools' tournaments – Normally in February and March. | CH to get dates for the schools' tournaments next year. |
| AGM AGM date – Tuesday 2 nd July 2019 at Hambrook Cricket Club. Starting time 7:30pm. | |
| End of Committee Meeting 22:10 | |