



Avon & Somerset Hockey Umpires Association

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 19^h November 2019

8:00pm start

Travellers' Rest Pensford
Pensford Hill, Pensford, Bristol BS39 4JF

<p>In attendance: Alex Langman; Charles Hallows; Mike Bendry; Steve Hamey; Vanda Fenn; Chris Davis; and Martin Hadley. Apologies: Martin Somers</p>	<p>Present</p>
<p>SH wrote to a number of clubs Regarding providing umpiring support to the association. Result: A couple of possible umpres, but not a great response from clubs. Clubs want to hold on to their better umpires. Chris D – The league needs to do something.</p>	
<p>Coaching CH – ASHUA umpires could provide coaching services to club umpires. This is an opportunity for ASHUA umpires to reflect on their own umpiring. SH – Made reference to club umpires experiencing what it is like to umpire outside of their club environment. CH – Need a way of getting the message out there (to reach and attract new umpires); e.g. by use of social media to get the message across. For example: Send a Tweet that ASHUA umpires are having a week off to do some coaching. SH – Suggested that the coaching exercise should be done on January 18th, as there are 5 home teams playing on that day. CH – It is about showing your face and providing support. CH – We have no stick to attract umpires. MH – Could arrange a meeting with club umpire coordinators? CH – We are appointing but not getting back anything from the clubs; and the option we have in order to get clubs to take note, would be to withdraw umpires. SH – People we should watch as potential ASHUA umpires tend not be on or around the games we umpire. MB – ASHUA umpires could arrive earlier to a game and spend the time watching club umpires? SH – To email clubs in order to organise meetings south of Bristol; to discuss umpiring etc. There should be two meetings; one at Old B's clubhouse and a second meeting further south to allow for engagement with Shepton, Yeovil, and Taunton. These meetings are about increasing umpire numbers. SH – Would like to be assessed in order to become an umpiring coach.</p>	<p>SH to arrange two meetings with clubs re gaining additional umpires. MH to engage with club umpire coordinators and to assist SH.</p>
<p>Umpiring CH – Raised the question with regards the lack of capacity to appoint to womens' games; and in the light of the West not able to appoint to womens' games. All – Discussions regarding the performances and abilities of individual ASHUA umpires.</p>	
<p>Shirts CD – Stock of new shirts is getting low. Committee agreed that CD should order 10 new shirts.</p>	<p>CD to order 10 new ASHUA umpiring shirts.</p>

<p>England Hockey VF – The importance of reporting injuries. England Hockey Impact Injury Assessments. Injuries need to be reported to England Hockey, and there is the concern that injuries are being missed through lack of reporting. VF has requested clarification with regards injuries form England Hockey.</p>	VF – Seek and communicate the injury related position from England Hockey.
<p>Radios MH – Need to work out how many radios are in circulation and potentially order some more.</p>	MH – Radio situation.
<p>Next committee meeting Tuesday 11th February 2020. CH - Committee members to consider the message that we (AHSUA) want to give to clubs regarding the future of umpiring. CH – Requested that AL book / hire a room for our next committee meeting; with the aim of starting at 7:30pm rather than 8pm. MH – Whether we should remove the non members for the website? That these non members could be emailed. AL mentioned that automated GDPR emails go out to persons listed on the website; and that AL has removed quite a few.</p>	AL to book a room on the 11 th Feb. Ask Travellers' Rest pub re a room. MH / AL – Whether to email non members.
<p>End of Committee Meeting 9:47pm</p>	