

OHUA AGM 2023

13 September. 7:30pm

Attendees: Mike Vince, Mark Cumming, David Boyle, Roger Dobson, Jacqui Barlow, Odette Dawkins, Hatty Wood, Jerry Unsworth, James Bartrip, Jerry Unsworth, Tim Dudgeon, David Hughes, Andrew Kaye, John Burdett, Ashley Hurden, Howard Tucker, Dawn Tucker, Richard Young, Jim Chadbourne, Lesley Potter

Apologies: Ray Hipkin, Mike Monaghan, Bridget Midwinter, Richard Bennett, Charlie Baggs, Mike Corran, Martyn Shuttler

Agenda

1. Minutes of the 2022 AGM
2. Committee report, including financial report
3. Winding up OHUA
4. AOB

Minutes

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved.

Committee and Financial report

Mark Cumming gave a brief report about the association's activities over the year, as most officiating functions move to be organised by South Central.

Mike Vince gave a brief overview of the finances, details of which had been circulated previously. Approximately £5,000 is expected to remain once outstanding invoices and debts have been settled.

The financial report was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Winding up

Mark Cumming gave a summary of the proposal for winding up the association:

- We would like to see umpiring in Oxfordshire benefit from the winding up of OHUA
- As such we are proposing a transfer of funds to the Oxfordshire Hockey Association (OHA)
- Any monies transferred would be ring-fenced and there would be an umpiring representative on their committee who would have sign-off of the use of these funds

- We propose to deal with this in two phases. In phase 1 we would transfer £3,000, but hold back sufficient funds to cover operating costs for a final season. This is in order for us to continue to support university and school fixtures at the request of South Central hockey.
- At that point the committee would be reduced to three positions, Treasurer, Appointments Secretary and Young Umpire Co-ordinator.
- In phase 2, once the fixtures are completed and the accounts are finalised, we would transfer the remainder of the funds and formally wind up OHUA, closing the website and bank account.
- OHUA will dissolve and cease to exist at a time determined by the remaining Committee, but no later than 31st August 2024.

Howard Tucker asked for information about OHA and what it now does. Mark clarified that this was Oxfordshire Hockey Association, the county organisation that now mostly handles junior and masters hockey, and is chaired by John Dykes.

Jacqui Barlow asked how BUCS and schools would be handled especially regarding umpiring fees. The expectation is that GMS would handle that but there are some issues that will need to be addressed during the year.

Andre Kaye asked how the OHUA funds could be used once transferred to OHA. Mark Cumming suggested some possibilities, including provision of radios and providing coaching, and maybe supporting the summer leagues.

David Boyle mentioned that Hampshire is handling BUCS using GMS, which has been inconvenient.

Jim Chadbourne mentioned that juniors can't register with GMS which risks losing them from the system.

Vote approved by 19 votes for, 0 votes against.

AOB

Jacqui Barlow, on behalf of hockey and all umpires, thanked the committee for their work over the years.

James Bartrip reminded members that BUCS games are on the website and looking for umpires.