

# Oxfordshire

## COUNTY SCHOOLS & YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 34 THE GLEBE, CUMNOR, OXON AT 8 pm ON  
MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2001

|         |                   |                                      |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Present | Mike Betton       | Under 19 Manager                     |
|         | Alex Cock         | Under 15 Manager                     |
|         | Rachel Cole       | Secretary and joint Under 14 Manager |
|         | Bridget Midwinter | Treasurer                            |
|         | Mark Scarth       | Oxfordshire Hockey Activator         |
|         | Steve Vermeulen   | Chairperson and Under 13 Manager     |
|         | Richard Walker    | Under 16 Manager                     |
|         | Roy Williams      | Mini-hockey Organiser                |

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from David Cole

### 2. WELCOME AND FORMAT OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All present were welcomed in particular Mark Scarth (MS) and the new treasurer, Bridget Midwinter (BM)  
Steve Vermeulen (SV) as chairperson recommended that matters not covered should be covered at the beginning rather than the end of the meeting so that issues not on the agenda could be clarified without delay. He also suggested that the agenda should follow the format of "as things crop up" rather than in a fixed manner and the standard approach should no longer be used but rather to have one that is seen as appropriate to each meeting. This was agreed by all present.

### 3. MATTERS NOT COVERED ON THE AGENDA

1. MS informed the meeting that a tactical 4 hour coaching session from Ian Jennings would take place on either October 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. There remains a vacancy for the post to organise the RAF Youth Cup. It is hoped that either Barney Sandown or Charlie Baggs (CB) would do this.  
Mike Betton (MB) will contact CB

### 4. TREASURERS REPORT

BM asked for clarification of the following

[REDACTED]

2. School affiliation income. MS advised not to worry about this as Active Sports will pick this up

[REDACTED]

4. Expenditure for umpires. Rachel Cole (RC) to ask Alec Graham what the cost is.

5. **BOYS/GIRLS MERGER**

Nick Maldon, secretary of girls school and youth hockey and SV have been in discussion and are in the process of drawing up a constitution for both committees to examine. Both committees agree a merger would be sound. Both are in a financially similar situation and a merger would for example reduce the need for 2 posts as treasurer and secretary. It was agreed that it was important that the girls organisation should not feel they are being taken over and that the emphasis should be on a merger. It is hoped to merge by the end of the season with possibly the boys AGM to be an IGM for the girls

6. **COUNTY SHIRTS**

The OHA stipulate Oxon home colours are Royal Blue and away colours are Red.

Currently the girls county shirt colour is royal blue with a variety of colours in use for the boys. Clearly this difference is unsatisfactory and it was agreed that the boys should come into line with the girls. Any future shirts will be bought in royal blue.

SV to liase with Nick Maldon re suppliers.

RC to chase possible sponsorship. If unsuccessful then SV to go ahead and purchase 1 set each for the 13/14 age group and one for the 17/19 age groups.

7. **UNDER 15/16/19 TRIALS**

All the above take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Schools and clubs in the county have been notified by MB. RC to confirm pitch booking for first home championship match on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Alex Cock (AC) to confirm umpires with Alec Graham.

8. **PITCHES FOR COMING SEASON**

This has been organised

9. **CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES**

1. SV expressed concern with child protection and its implications for coaches. MS suggested that a nomination should be made, possibly from the Sports Active Group, for the post of Child Protection Officer for Oxon. SV to follow up.  
OHA leaflets to be circulated to all team coaches, managers and players.
- 2 All coaches to have accident report forms to use if necessary.
- 3 Parental consent forms to be given to each squad member by their coach.
- 4 It was agreed that the Under 16 and Under 14 managers should each purchase a First Aid Kit for their use.

10. **NEW BALLS**

MB to purchase 4 dozen balls and distribute to the team managers.

11. **MINI HOCKEY REPORT/PROPOSALS**

MS and Roy Williams (RW) have set the date for March 10<sup>th</sup> 2002.  
MS to contact all schools and clubs prior to Christmas. There will be 5 areas each with a winner to compete in March. At present only the under 11 age group are mixed boys and girls with all other age groups being boys only except for the under 13 girls. It is hoped to have both boys and girls teams in each age group.

12. **AFFILIATION OF WALLINGFORD INTO OXFORDSHIRE**

Wallingford committee agree and the move is in its final stage. Wallingford have been invited to the trials by each coach with places in the squads awarded on merit.

13. **OHA REPORT**

AC reported :

1. The OHA are receptive to application for money.
2. There is support for the merger of boys and girls.
3. Vincent Murphy, publicity for the girls, will co-ordinate all publicity for youth hockey in the county.

14. **SOUTHERN COUNTIES REPORT**

MB reported :

Next meeting to be at Epsom College on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2001.

15. **DINNER WITH THE PADLEY-SMITHS**

MB to organise and also to invite Ashley Slay.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

1. Divisional hockey :  
Under 14 ; 7 representatives, 4 of whom are under 13.  
Under 15 ; 4 qualified  
Under 17 ; final squad of 24 with 3 from Oxon.
2. AC asked if coaches could go ahead and hire pitches for training.  
This was agreed by the committee.
3. It was agreed each squad member should be charged £15 subscription to cover all championship matches and a further £5 for training. If appropriate team managers can ask players for a further contribution.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> 2002 at the home of SV.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05pm with a vote of thanks to Mike Betton for his hospitality and to Rachel Cole for her home baking.