

REPORTS TO THE OBA MANAGEMENT MEETING ON 16TH JULY 2015

John Slater – Team leader, Selection and County Team Management

1. The county ended up 1st, 1st, and 2nd respectively in the three divisions of the Midland Leagues.
2. In the playoff with other Regions held on June 28th in Coventry, we came 3rd in the A division behind a very strong team from Manchester and Sussex; and 2nd in the B final behind Hertfordshire.
3. It would seem appropriate for the management committee to formally congratulate the chair of Selectors and County captain for the overall performance of the county teams during 2014/5 as well as all those involved.
4. The selection committee is due to have its first meeting for 2015/6 on July 21st in a drop in environment.
5. The doodle poll method of indicating availabilities was successful and will continue.
6. The committee has analysed the results of the recent questionnaire selection section and produced a statement that has gone out to county players, about the factors that will be taken into account in choosing the county teams (thus helping to meet a request for increased transparency). In addition we are likely to be more formal about gathering data and selectors will make an organised effort to play against and observe potential county players.
7. In the views of the county players, Wessex League performance was considered to be the third most important factor (after national performance and performance for the county). Accordingly, with the help of Nigel Wilkes we shall be collecting the results (Butlers) from all League 1 Wessex League matches in 2015/6 and using them as an input to selection. This will involve at least all but one team collecting these accurately (and preferably strictly more) but this is relatively easy given the technology available and used.

Stephen Brown – Chief Tournament Director

May I give my apologies for the meeting, it's my last day at school and I shall be out celebrating! I have nothing to report, I'll leave that to Claire and the competition team.

Three things that need to be confirmed / discussed :

1. The Website moving to a new platform so that we do not need /joomla anymore. This either needs the password from 1to1 to be revealed and Mike Edwards to transfer the website. Or a new domain to be bought. My understanding is that this is Aleks' role and this needs to move forward.
2. The Congress being kept on the same date for 2016. I would appreciate the management committee formally inviting me to direct next year if this is their wish so I can plan and book flights appropriately. I would like to continue running the congress; it give me an opportunity to keep in touch with my friends from Oxfordshire. The school and Gary also need to be formally booked.
3. Subject to point 2 being agreed I would value the committee considering a change to mid-May for 2017 (e.g. 11-12 May) if the school is free and Gary is free. I am happy investigate if the committee wish.
4. Has the Scoring Training happened?