



SOUTH CENTRAL HOCKEY NEWS

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Welcome to the March 2023 Newsletter

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Paul Stanley

Paul Stanley, that long standing servant of hockey generally, and especially in Berkshire, died on Thursday 23rd February after a short battle with cancer.

Many of you will have known Paul, either as a player, an umpire, or an administrator where he ran Berkshire HUA for many years. Without him Berkshire HUA would not have been so well run over the years as it was and many matches would not have been umpired so well.

We have no further details at the moment, but we send our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

The hockey family has lost one of its stalwarts.

Officiating News

There will be a Young Umpire development day at Reading hockey club on Sunday 5th March.



The plan is to watch the Men's Premier league match between Reading and Surbiton, discuss the umpiring during the match, meet the umpires after the game, and also meet other South Central young umpires.

Please contact Sam Krasner on LeadYoungUmpires@southcentral.hockey for more details

There are also opportunities coming up for Young Umpires including on Sunday 23rd April. Again, please contact Sam for details of this and any other upcoming Young Umpire development opportunities.

Photography

Recently there has been an issue pitch side involving players and photographers. It should be noted that there are no specific policies regarding photography but accepted practice is for the photographer to speak to teams to advise of the presence BUT even if asked not too away teams can not stop photographers or filming.

Although common sense suggests teams would acquiesce to the request.



Finance Update



EXPENSE CLAIMS : Umpires if you have not been paid it is because you have not sent your bank details to the South Central Hockey Finance Director. finance@southcentral.hockey

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

The South Central Hockey AGM is provisionally set for 19.30 on Thursday 20th July.

As in previous years this will be held on-line using the England Hockey digital platform.

Post holders are all elected to positions by you the membership. In keeping with the regulations, two Directors are required to stand down at each AGM and elections are to take place. You will see the advertisements for these roles in the following pages.

Expressions of interest in the Vice Chair and Operations Director roles are sought and these should be sent to operations@southcentral.hockey for consideration by the remunerations and appointments committee

Adult Leagues Update



The Adult League Management Committee will be looking at the promotion and relegation issues in the next month. The GMS already shows the likely promotions and relegation but clubs need to be aware that these are provisional because of factors outside of the South League control.

The Conference leagues that affect South Central are, on the men's side, East Division where Oxford University sit at the bottom of the league. On the Women's side we have Trojans, Basingstoke and Reading fighting to avoid relegation (two teams from each conference league will be relegated with only one team being promoted from South Central Premier Division 1.

If we do receive two teams back into Women's South Central Premier 1 this will have a knock on effect throughout the divisions. We will send out scenarios in the early weeks of March showing the 'likely' promotion and relegation spots (without naming teams). This will be sent to club admins for onward distribution within the club.



Vacancy for Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

Purpose

To support the Chair in providing the vision, leadership and business planning to help develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.



Key Tasks of the Role

1. To understand the responsibilities of the Chair and to perform those duties in the absence of the Chair (see Chair Role Description).
2. To support the Chair and undertake work assigned by the Chair.
3. To attend all Board Meetings and participate as a vital part of the Board leadership.
4. To chair the Directors' meetings in the absence of the Chair.

Is this Role for you?

If you are aspiring to be a future leader, developing experience in effective management and business administration, strong communication skills, and a diplomatic and discreet manner, you could aim to hold the most prestigious, highly respected and incredibly rewarding position within the Area, fostering your skills by working alongside the Chair and ensuring that the Area reaches its full potential.

If so please send your expressions of interest in this role to operations@southcentral.hockey including your credentials and reason for applying.



Vacancy for Operations Director on the Board of Directors

Purpose

To support the Chair and Board in the achievement of Strategic objectives and act as a confidential sounding board to the Chair and Board whilst promoting good governance and to provide an efficient administration service to the Area, ensuring the Area functions smoothly and effectively. Be the main communication link between internal and external stakeholders embedding effective membership consultation.

Key Tasks of the Role

1. Lead the operations of the Area effectively

- Lead the organisation of the AGM, Board of Directors and Management Committee meetings, ensuring agendas and paperwork, minutes and key governance documents are up to date. Ensure the distribution of the right paperwork to relevant individuals in the organisation.
- Notify all members of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee of all meetings.
- Notify all members of the Annual General Meeting and General Meeting.
- Prepare and issue all agendas for and minutes of all Board of Directors meetings, Management Committee meetings, Annual General Meeting and General Meeting any other 'ad hoc' meetings as required.
- Keep signed copies of all meeting minutes on file.
- Develop and implement processes to sustain and promote good corporate governance, keeping regulations and policies under review.

2. Manage and maintain record keeping

- Manage all inward and outward Area correspondence; manage all legal and insurance matters, in conjunction with other relevant members.
- Deal with all Area correspondence, distributing to relevant officers for response where required.
- To carry out or delegate all of the administrative duties thereby enabling the Area and its members to function effectively.
- Working alongside the Finance Director to maintain the register of members.
- Maintain statutory records and filings at Companies House.

3. Maintain communication between other bodies

- Communicate any important matters between England Hockey, Sub-Areas and clubs, demonstrating a thorough understanding of the rules of each respective body and provide all details as necessary to England Hockey and Sub-Areas.

Is this Role for you?

If you are a capable manager who gets things done through strong communication, IT and delegation skills, as well as experience in administration and meeting procedures, you could hold a high profile and highly respected post in your Area.

Key Adult League contacts

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