

Meeting of the South West Womens Lacrosse Committee 24-3-14

Present: Michelle Bray (chair), Clare Stoot (vice chair), Erin Clare Cassidy (secretary), Helen Murray (clubs rep), Sally Keogh (talent rep)

1. Apologies

- a. Ryan Garnsworthy, Matthew Gurd, David Abini, Karen Coups, Justine Mackenzie

2. Minutes of last meeting – approved

3. Senior league

- a. January tournament at Clifton college, £600 for two astros, good venue.
- b. Feb tournament cancelled, not enough teams, clashed with National Schools, late venue changes
- c. Next and last tournament Sunday 30th March at Westonbirt, 4 teams confirmed
- d. HM meeting with Stanely Park sports ground to hold all of SW tournaments, £60 per pitch, problem- only available for Saturdays, not Sundays → HM to ask clubs who objects to this
- e. Looking ahead to next season, start league friendlies? Or just stick with tourneys → MB says just stick with tourneys for another year
- f. NUCCS needs to be rebranded- not as big as it used to be
- g. Southampton still up and running
- h. DA feedback- great format, not a great venue, didn't like Sherborne, clash of dates, a lot of younger players
- i. Should we have an extra 'lions' random team for the players on teams who don't have enough for the team to enter but they still want to play? → good idea!
- j. HM success! She is marvellous!
- k. Need to encourage people to have more friendlies- need to make sure people have each others' contact numbers
- l. We need to send league dates ASAP to get umpires

4. Senior Regionals

- a. Thank you SK for organising it
- b. SK not doing it next year
- c. Organisation and pitches was brilliant- well done Smoothy (SE)
- d. Not great scheduling- seemed quite unfair- rethink for future - Long delays between games, waiting around for hours to play, not good
- e. People still like the old system, why did we change it? Everybody loved territories
- f. Could it be played on astro? Can we look at venues for this?
- g. Build in extra training day, calendar is really tight but need another day, would have to be before Xmas. Can't do it on a Saturday because you are relying on teachers to coach.
- h. Whinges from players about selection, teams ended up playing down numbers, ended up playing 14 v 14
- i. What would help with this problem? Decide dates in June and send it out to everyone
- j. Everyone got paid promptly – thanks to Matt Gurd

- k. Just need to clear up communication
- l. More motivation to coach needed
- m. We need manager and coaching
- n. SK to approach Sophie Le Hardy and Bramble and others she can think about about managing

5. Junior Regionals Report

- a. SW won As and Bs! Well done to coaches: Martha Cornbrooks and Ryan Garnsworthy A team , and Leslie Christian and Anna Patterson, B team
- b. How do we appoint coaches? SK and DA interested in coaching for next year – ideally should one person stay to provide continuity and one new person be appointed?
- c. Jane Powell to be asked if girls SW national academy should be tied in with regional teams. SK and DA interested in coaching
- d. More warning to provide CV to coach—1 week not enough! may have bigger pool of coaches applying if had more time

6. Junior SW report - development, rallies, counties

- a. JM looking for someone to help out from June as she takes maternity leave. Ryan Garnsworthy stepping down due to new housemasters job
- b. U19 england squad invited to play in regionals training day, happened to be same day of senior regionals, Juniors coaches didn't see the calendar and didn't realize it was an actual event

7. Treasurer's report

- a. Expecting £6800 and received nothing as yet from ELA
- b. SK to chase Emma Hawkins to claim coaching money, she needs to claim it!
- c. £10 fuel expenses for meeting approved for all present
- d. Development expenditure:
 - i. Make own SW info booklet to give out at rallies and at uni's
 - 1. Need to have a unified one for after school and unis
 - ii. Goalie kit for clubs?
 - iii. Approach Southampton to start club running again?- whole point of the money was to use for development
 - iv. MB to write to all clubs, including Southampton, when we get the money

8. Safeguarding report

- a. KC→ Can you ask all to ensure clubs have designated safeguarding officer and that they forward their names onto me so that I can instruct TMG to let them be able to check DBS forms etc. also all coaches, managers, and drivers of any under 18 players need to be DBS cleared and ideally take an on-line safeguarding course all of which can be accessed through the English lacrosse by emailing humanresources@englishlacrosse.co.uk

9. Publicity- web/ facebook

- a. Giles Clark needs to hand over to someone in the SW
- b. HM to ask for someone to take over/liaise with Giles

- c. Facebook seems good, more and more joining it
- d. HM asks if clubs info booklet was approved? MB to talk to Polly E (ELA) about clubs info booklet that was supposed to be distributed at National Schools and HM's heroic efforts

10. AOB

11. Date of next meeting

- a. June 17th 2014 TBC- Salisbury, Wheatsheaf Inn