

Meeting minutes of South West Women's Lacrosse Committee
16th June – 7.30pm Fox & Goose, Coombe Bisset

Present: Helen Murray, Clare Stoot, Kate Nelson-Lee, Justine Mackenzie, Victoria Goldsack, Michelle Bray

1. Apologies

- a. David Abini, Karen Coups, Matt Gurd, Sally Keogh, Erin Clare Cassidy

2. Minutes of last meeting

- a. Approved

3. South West Senior League

- a. New Teams:
 - i. 3 new teams expressed an interest in joining league next season as league team
 - ii. 3 teams expressed an interest to attend as invitational teams
- b. League fees:
 - i. Proposed increase of league entry fee to £220 in order to cover additional umpiring promotion– Approved
- c. League dates confirmed:
 - i. 4th October, 1st November, 29th November, 24th January (indoors), 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April
 - ii. League finals to run along Men's national finals. Date TBC
- d. League venues:
 - i. **VG to confirm league venues** for each tournament, options include Westonbirt, Cheltenham Ladies College, Downe House, Marlborough, St Barts. Decision to keep venues close to motorways for easy travel.
- e. **VG to send out league invitations.** Invitations to include plea for umpires.
- f. Umpires: Separate e-mail to all schools to promote league tournament dates and umpiring opportunities. Re-send in September when staff have arrived.
- g. Friendlies: encourage local friendlies among teams rather than structuring friendly competition.

4. Senior & Junior Regionals

- a. Trials – 29th November (juniors) 6th December (seniors), training 10th January & 13th March. Tournament 19th & 20th March.
- b. Venues to be confirmed at SW Schools meeting in October
- c. We have asked for a "Regionals Rep" from SW regional players to sit on committee but had no response. Continue to look for Committee Rep
- d. Communication with Senior Regionals players difficult as most players live and play in SE.

- e. **HM to send out advert** for Junior & Senior Regional coaches and Managers ASAP and advert in the Draw. Contact last year's coaches first.
- f. **Cost (HM to calculate and distribute)**
 - i. Trialist cost to cover venue, coaches and insurance for trials
 - ii. Player cost to cover venue, coaches, insurance and tournament entry fee
 - iii. Coach fee at £50 per day of coaching
 - iv. **JM to follow up with Rachel** about fees from Juniors for 2014/15 (only £250 recorded as coming in)
- g. Suggested that online player registration and payment used this year to streamline paperwork and check payments received – **HM to speak to Sam Patterson about setting up.**

5. National Club day

- a. Only 6 clubs from SW signed up (mostly Welsh). All to push with respective clubs to sign up for event – clubs receive free promotional package from English Lacrosse
- b. General feeling that the purpose of the day hasn't been communicated very well and clubs unsure what they are expected to do.
- c. Comments about timing of event – mostly universities signed up as pre-season event. Reduces number of clubs involved.

6. Finance

- a. Matt Gurd to step down as treasurer. HM to take over as interim treasurer until more permanent replacement found.
- b. Position has been advertised but no one has come forward. All committee members to ask around for potential candidates. Advertise position on website and social media
- c. SW committee to encourage umpire development by subsidizing umpire course costs. Full subsidy of one level 1 and one level 2 umpire course per club, and 50% subsidy of one level 1 and one level 2 per university team. Candidates who take the subsidy will be required to pay for the course upfront and receive the reimbursement through umpiring at league tournaments.
- d. SW committee retaining large bank balance as development fund for potential LDO in region. **HM and MB to discuss plans** for 2016/17 season

7. Publicity – web/facebook

- a. Set up a SW umpire facebook page to communicate umpiring needs
- b. Check whether Bliss is happy to stay on as communications rep.

8. AOB

- a. KNL to stay on as SW events organizer. Regional tournament to be held in central location but organization responsibilities to be rotated among regions. SW organizing 2016 tournament.
9. **Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm Tuesday 3rd November, Fox & Goose, Coombe Bisset