

Southwest Lacrosse Committee Meeting

14-01-16

In attendance: CS, MB, HM, VG, KNL, ECC

1. Apologies:

a. JM, KC

2. Minutes of last meeting

a. Approved

3. South West Senior League

a. Indoor lacrosse tournament (January)

i. Squad size 8-10

ii. Agreed that Swaxlax ball would be best for tournament - Same weight, no bounce, limited roll, bit of traction to pick up. **VG to order 6 balls → approved as an expense**

iii. Agreed to use same rules as last year. VG to send out to clubs

b. February tournament

i. At Clifton College. 2 full Astros for the day. £500 for astro, kitchen, changing rooms, painting lines

c. March tournament

i. Confirmed at Westonbirt . Standard £100 hire plus Portaloo

ii. **HM and VG to discuss using this tournament as assessment tournament for umpires**

d. April tournament

i. Confirmed at Sherborne. No hire charge mentioned, will need to hire portaloo

e. 2016/17 Tournaments

i. Suggested that we use Westonbirt up to Christmas, then change around after Christmas. Will be discussed further at meetings later in the year.

f. Finance

i. HM paid £200 to Westonbirt for last two tournaments

ii. Paid £432 for portaloo, however Westonbirt have reimbursed £144 for Portaloo at December Tournament as tournament was cancelled but Westonbirt used them for Saturday fixtures.

g. Lions

i. Teams have not been willing to enter a lions, would rather play short or not attend. Suggested incentive: if you field over half the Lions team (6+ players) you get half the league points achieved by the Lions team. All agreed to implement this from now

ii. VG to send out new points rule

- h. National League Finals
 - i. It has been agreed that NLF will be held as part of Manchester Challenge Cup in Manchester (linking with men's tournament) and will be for foreseeable future. There will be travel money available from EL for travelling teams.
 - ii. Currently being organized, date: Sunday 15th May
 - iii. Can contact Dani Skelly for more info
 - iv. **HM or KNL to talk to Dani to say agree who SW winners play.**
If Div 1 winners, make sure they have a team – not just ringers!

4. Senior Regionals

- a. Trials and training review
 - i. Toks has been organizing trials and training on 6th Dec and 11th Jan. Done a very good job and very organized. Received all info that she needed and selected people. Did not manage to get any selectors so Toks did the selecting. She took a hard line this year and players who did not trial have not made team.
 - ii. Rob Clarke from Southeast answered advert to ask to be coach. He is Level 2. Rob will be coaching the B team. Toks is taking A team. Managing, not playing.
 - iii. Suggested that we could to sponsor him for Level 3 so that he stays with us. Decided to think about this further after the tournament.
 - iv. Fees have been collected **HM to collect from Toks**
- b. New kit
 - i. Need new kit as 4 shirts and 4 skorts are missing - cost for replacing 4 sets from existing suppliers is £187
 - ii. Bulk order (minimum 12 of each) for £491.76. Suggested that if we buy all now, then save us money having to buy small amounts in the future as Junior and Senior kit is the same as extra charge is added for small orders.
HM to speak to Juniors to see if they need any replacement kit – get 6 sets for junior, 6 sets for Senior
- c. Tournament update
 - i. Confirmed it will be at Warwick University this year, 19th-20th March. Both Junior and Senior. Don't know if senior is 3 or 4 team tournament, depends on England U19
 - ii. Entry fee not been set yet, likely to be similar to last year. KNL may need help organizing this, all committee have agreed to help where they can.
- d. Future for the tournament:
 - i. SW committee feel that Junior and Senior tournaments need to separate, this then puts it back to 3 major regional tournaments/ year (NLF, Junior regionals, Senior regionals). Jr's could then have two day tournament however this is a difficult commitment for them.

- ii. One on one day another on the next?
- iii. How many teams?
- iv. Discussion happening later
- v. Does it still need to exist if we have Super League? Yes.
- vi. Sr and Jr always rotate between SW and SE as National League is always in North
- vii. Need to think of what is best for SW and discuss

5. Junior Regionals

- a. ***HM to get in touch with Rachel O'Brien for feedback and check money collected***
- b. Tournament that they normally select the trialists from was cancelled due to weather (in Nov). Were conversations about whether they can reschedule. Schools agreed that girls who made County A & B teams could be invited to regional trials

6. Finance

- a. Updated forecast
 - i. Current bank balance £7,950 – see Appendix B
 - ii. Main outgoings – League Facilities and Portaloos, Regional Trials & Training, Regionals Entry
 - iii. Agreed that SW Committee Pay for Toks' hotel at Regionals
 - iv. Will need to pay umpires at next tournament
- b. 2016/17 proposed budget and grant application
 - i. New funding structure through English Lacrosse Regions can apply for up to £4000, but cannot go towards regional trials/tournament. This should be self-funded.
 - ii. Needs to be discussed at next week's NLC meeting
 - iii. Suggested that we could use workforce development money for coaching and umpiring to help subsidize some senior Regional costs
 - iv. General feeling of SW Committee is that regionals for SW is a strong grassroots development pathway, should be able to use money to help people from SW league to enter SW Regional teams

7. AOB

- a. Umpiring- give the date of a course and then a tournament they can then be observed and signed off
HM and VG to liaise on course and assessment tournament
- b. Individual Player subscriptions
 - i. EL using a new system called Participant UK. Is a global data management system used by other sports such as FA. Will help members with things such as making payments, uploading info onto their profile and supply individual member card which can be displayed on mobile phone.

- ii. Predicted individual subscription: approx. £30 per person per year. Anyone who wants to play, even just once, has to play and affiliate with ELA
- iii. Can't charge Uni players who play in BUCS, which is difficult as they don't pay
- iv. Discussion that individual clubs have to have as well
- v. Should have all the info to take to clubs by the next meeting in March
- c. Agreed that we need a junior/POP lacrosse section on the website to help schools network and enhance competition opportunities.

HM to chat to CS about pop lacrosse and the new pockets

8. Date of next meeting

- a. Tuesday 15th March, penciled in
- b. HM and KNL will go to NLC meeting and see if we should keep it