

# South West Lacrosse Meeting Minutes

17-3-15

In attendance: Clare Stoot, Michelle Bray, Victoria Goldsack, Erin Clare Cassidy

1. Apologies- KC, HM, SK, MG, KNL
2. Minutes of last meeting- approved

### **3. South West Senior League**

- a. VG taking over as League Secretary (voted in today)
- b. Extra money was available from ELA to pay umpires, but could not get umpires to come
- c. Bristol Bombers are going to try to train up 2 this season
- d. Needs to be more cross referencing with boys and girls so they can umpire for each other and their tournaments. Bristol B's already do this.
- e. Should we be more rigorous with clubs bringing qualified umpires because we can't rely on professional umpers?
  - i. Discount for clubs who provide umpires? Or pay a surcharge per tournament if you don't have an umpire?
  - ii. Money generated could go to training umpers.
  - iii. Suggested £20 per tournament – to be agreed next meeting and clubs to be informed
- f. Dates for next year sorted: 4th October; 1st November; 29th November; 24th January (Indoors); 7th February; 6th March; 3rd April
- g. Suggestion to find an additional location that might work better and not so far for everyone – (Seagulls travel 2+ hours each way)
- h. Format seems to be working well – not much take up on Lions team, no guest teams though option to be kept
- i. Cost will be different next year, will not cost as much as pitch hire has been renegotiated
- j. Southcoast Seagulls have won the league and will be playing the winners of the SE Div 1 (North to play SE premier winners)
- k. Would like to pursue getting a new team into league, much more established now
- l. Not much feedback from last two tournaments.
  - i. 20 mins games as opposed to 10 min games
  - ii. VG to send out something to teams for feedback
- m. Proposal for a mixed club tournament
  - i. Possibly in the summer
  - ii. Need official 'mixed rules'
  - iii. Work out entry fee, will be one off

#### 4. Senior Regionals

- a. **Results: Senior As:** North v U19A – 13-9; SW v SE – 9-16 : N v SW 8-10; Eng U19 v SE 4-16; Eng U19-SW 11-9; SEvN 14-14. Winners SE  
**Senior Bs:** SE v N 11-5; SW v Eng U19B 6 – 19; Se v Eng U19 12-11; N v SW 12 – 9: Eng U19 v N 14-8; SE v W 16-7. Winners SE  
**Junior As:** SE v SW 17-12; SE v N 13-12; SW v N 14-12  
**Junior Bs:** SW v SE 13-12; SW v N 17-14; N v SE 8-18
- b. After feedback from regional coaches and managers, the SW committee would like to explore the possibility of a Regional player / rep sitting on the committee responsible for for both Jr and Sr Regionals who would be:-
  - i. Responsible for finding coaches, managers for both Jr and Sr squads
  - ii. Main point of contact for all things regional
  - iii. Help streamline communications and easier for manager/coaches to talk to and feedback
  - iv. HM to approach Toks Ogunsanya/Sophie Smart
- c. Securing coach for all squads - preferably two would be ideal who would then work with 1 team manager- this would help team selection process
- d. Senior managers/coaches Toks Ogunsanya and Sophie Smart were happy with their roles but felt they could have been more supported by the committee with their role
- e. Committee agreed that Toks and Sophie have done a great job
- f. This year each senior team has to pay £190 for regional entry fees, juniors have to pay £140
- g. According to WPC guidelines, the regional tournaments are meant to be self-financing meaning that players should pay for all costs through training fees etc

#### 5. Junior Regionals

- a. No one at the meeting , no feedback

#### 6. National League finals

- a. Already talked about this in point 3

#### 7. Finance

- a. See Treasurer's report, Appendix A
- b. Committee expenses agreed: £10 for each attendance.
- c. Have to save money for regional kit in reserves
- d. Have spent £100 on gifts to CLC and Westonbirt
- e. End of year report to be passed in June
- f. Need new Treasurer officer as Matt has done three years and is too busy
  - i. Advertise on Facebook
  - ii. Write to clubs

8. Publicity

- a. Bliss M has taken over publicity and written two match reports
- b. BM to take over FB

9. Change of officers

- a. New Chairman- Helen Murray
- b. New League Secretary- Victoria Goldsack
- c. Clare Stoot staying as Vice Chair
- d. Erin Clare Cassidy staying as Secretary
- e. Michelle Bray taking over Sponsorship/Fundraising

10. AOB

- a. National Club Day, 19<sup>th</sup> September
  - i. Each club will have an open day
  - ii. They will get money for this
  - iii. Will be advertised nationally
- b. Thanks to MB for all of her hard work in the setup of the SW Committee and its success over the past years.
- c. Thanks to Matt Gurd for all his work.

11. Date of next meeting

- a. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Appendix A

**Treasurers Report**

Bank Balance : £7,991.15 **BUT** owe ELA £700 (due to receiving £700 too much) so more realistic bank balance £7,291.15

**Money in:**

ELA Fees : £2,800 (£700 too much and owe this back to them)

Trialists from senior regionals : £618

Trialists from U19 : £250

Total : £3,668

**Money out:**

Hire of pitches : £1,200 (Westonbirt Schools)

Umpiring: £700

Coaching: £150

Gift : £50 (for website)

Total Money out: £2,100

So far this season a surplus of £1,568 has been recognised. ELA overpaid £700 so this is due back to them. However per Bella Kiddle (email dated 10<sup>th</sup> March) the region is likely to receive additional funds from the ELA to cover the umpiring costs incurred.

Hire of pitches includes pitch hire @ £300 per day, this rate has now been negotiated to £100 per day going forward.

The gift of £50 was paid Giles Clark for setting up the website.