



Summary of the Somerset Hockey Association Committee Meeting

Thursday 21st September 2017, 7.30pm @ Taunton Vale Sports Club

Attendees: Clare Hayes (CH), Sandra Wickham (SW), Mark Davenport (MD), Laura Bennett (LB)

Apologies: Jo McDermid (JMcD), Keith Walters (KW), Andy Swain (AS), Barbara Reynolds (BR), Nick Kendall (NK), Sheila Burridge (SB), Julie Morrish (JM)

Matters Arising	Action
➤ Affiliation Forms – both the schools and club forms have been sent out by JMcD	
➤ JMcD has asked Phil Morrish to be President – last heard he was thinking about it	
<p>➤ Competitions (JMcD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clubs competition forms has been sent out to all Somerset Clubs, with 2 entry deadline dates as for the junior sections it is very difficult to know how many teams you might want to enter to County before the season has got under way. • schools competition entry forms have been sent out with all the schools dates on it and the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Schools to Sandra • Indoor entries to Greg at Wellington he wants the entries and will not be charging an entry fee. • U11 & U13 girls schools In2hockey forms from Denise BS at Millfield were attached. • U11 & U13 boys schools In2hockey forms nothing has been received from Joe at Millfield yet. • Sandra emailed me a couple of weeks ago saying that the days/dates were wrong for U14 boys as they normally play on a set day, these were the dates I was sent. I suggest if no schools have a problem with it then it need not be changed it is up to SHA to set the dates. • SHA will need to sit down with the schools soon to outline how this will be handled as from next year i.e. all dates to be set in May and one entry form and a uniform entry fee. • SHA will need to have a list of entries from all organisers prior to the competitions to make sure schools affiliated. I would like all schedules to be on the website prior to tournaments and all results afterwards. I can ask for these nearer the dates. • Has SW found a venue for indoor on 26th November. JMcD has asked Kings but not heard back. • SW has said West fees have gone up to £60.00 per team • Clare has contacted all clubs about the Somerset Cups – there will be a mens and ladies. There will be a plate and cup. There is no competition fee and there is a play by dates. They have until the end of September to reply. Need to add in the rules that the Somerset Hockey Committee decision is final. • SW says there are 4 senior mens teams wanting to play so she has told them to find a venue and competition. 	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JMcD</p>





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➤	JMcD has updated insurance and sent round committee for approval and AS has paid it.	
➤	JMcD would like an email facility to be set up for SHA either from a new website or separately as soon as possible as when sending out the 400 emails or so to schools from her private account it locks her out of sending any more emails as it uses up her quota!	
➤	JMcD has not produced any roles descriptions mainly due to lack of time but Cornwall did not have templates for these roles and she does not feel she is experienced in the role duties to write them. She also feels that until SHA re-writes the constitution and the roles of the SHA agreed then it could be a waste of time.	

Chairman's Report

➤	CH – We need to push courses in the area. There is a sessional coach 22 nd October and 5 th November in Bristol. There is also a first aid course in Wellington which we can promote.	
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Communication Officer's Report

➤	MD – hasn't met with the website builders yet. Hoping to meet next week. Cost approx. £500 -£1500. This could have an online shop to be able to allow.	
➤	Social media – we now have 300 followers on Facebook. Could look to build a newsletter mailing list for things to be sent out.	
➤	LB needs to send twitter handle and SHA logo hi-res to MD	
➤	MD also requested money for the adobe package. This needs to be confirmed that the next meeting by the committee.	

England Hockey West Representative's Report

➤	Time to listen – we need the information from Barbara. Those present are happy to support this with a BOGOF.	BR
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Masters Officer's Report

➤	We fielded Mens O60,50,40 & Ladies O40 teams on last Sundays County Festival at Queens Taunton. Availability for the Ladies hampered by competition for players with the team representing Avon County. Was it a true county team? I will raise at next West Masters meeting on the 27 th Sept.	
➤	The Mens O60 are entered in the EH Cup. Draw awaited.	
➤	The website not yet updated re correct contacts etc. Can that be done? <i>Nick yes, I can do this if you send me all information Jo.</i>	

Men's League Representative's Report

➤	Meeting last night. Only short-term issue for clubs to note is that umpire no's now needed on Match Cards (even if appointed). Voted against and lost.	
➤	Plans to change the structure of the EHL put back until 2019/20 season. If it goes ahead 4 Conferences will offer extra places for West teams. Possibility of 2 nd teams entering also under consideration.	
➤	This is part of a much bigger project "Bridging the Gap" which is best for me to speak about at a future meeting. I am on the working group.	

Player Pathway Administrator's Report

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➤	LB – all going well. AC assessment days have happened and all gone well. All those not selected have been emailed with feedback. Would like to look at storage options for kit.	
West Representative's Report		
➤	SW – attended the last meeting. Communication needs to be improved between West to Counties and down from England Hockey.	
➤	MD – can SW ask the West, who organising the Somerset teams for the West Festivals. We need to know who the points of contact are for the teams to make sure everyone gets invited.	
Any Other Business		
➤	MD -From the forum we need to sort out what Somerset Hockey is. This needs to be discussed at another meeting and look at the constitution and how this can move forward. Somerset running a mixed summer league? Somerset running a badgers league over the summer?	
➤	CH – need to contact Jamie Oxley as there is a huge summer league down in Plymouth	
Date of Next Meeting		
➤	Jo to sort next meeting, Monday is a good day for meeting, just need to avoid Performance Centre night - Will sort and advise everyone.	

