



Summary of the Somerset Hockey Association Committee Meeting

Tuesday 2nd October 2018, 7.30pm @ Taunton Vale Sports Club

Attendees: Keith Dingle (KD), Nick Kendall (NK), Jo McDermid (JMcD), Barbara Reynolds (BR), Andy Swain (AS), Sandra Wickham (SW),

Apologies: Laura Bennett (LB), Sheila Burrridge (SB), Clare Hayes (CH), Julie Morrish (JM), Phil Morrish (PM),

Matters Arising	
➤	NK said has any contact been made about the mens county team selection being sent out to all clubs and not just advertised on FB and Twitter. JMcD to contact Steve and ask that all details are sent to her to send to clubs.
➤	NK suggested that Steve also put a proposal for financial support for next season to the committee.
➤	NK asked if the Mens County Manager reports to anyone on the committee as not in the constitution or written down anywhere. No-one at the meeting was aware of any procedure
➤	NK stated that all the Masters contacts have been updated and are on the website
Treasurer's Report	
➤	AS stated that the balance is currently £24798.80
➤	AS stated that all club affiliations have been received
➤	AS stated that all the school's competition entry money has been received but most of that will go out on west fees. JMcD stated that counties should not have to pay any West Regional Finals at this stage as we do not know which schools will go through. It was also agreed that all senior and junior clubs who have entered indoor will be liable for the West entry £125.00 per team for seniors and £50.00 per team for juniors. There will be no county rounds. JMcD to write to clubs.
Secretary's Report	
➤	JMcD stated that the new website is fully functional and so far seems to have positive feedback.
Competition Officers Report	
➤	JMcD stated that there have been U14 and U12 interclub tournaments so far which have been well supported and there is U10s this weekend.
➤	EH have altered dates for the U14 championships and now have the area finals for T1 and T2 on the 24 th March which is the date for our U14 County Tournament. The date prior to 24 th March that could be used is the 24 th Feb but that is already an U14 tournament date and it means this age would lose a fixture and finish hockey very early. JMcD to ask LB if 31 st March is an AC date. JMcD to let clubs know revised date.
➤	The schools competitions are all sorted, and the first tournament is the U16 Tier 3 girls on the 16 th October at Wellington followed by the U14 Girls T 1 & T 2 at KCT.
➤	JMcD stated there are more entries than ever into the Somerset Cup 9 for the ladies and mens the draw took place and the format is: Ladies Round 1 Minehead v Taunton Vale Round 2 Taunton Civil Service v winner of round 1 Bridgwater v Weston Super Mare Chard v Yeovil & Sherborne





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	<p style="text-align: center;">Burnham v Cheddar</p> <p>Round 3 Finals Day</p> <p>Mens Round 1 Team Bath Buccs v Mendip Round 2 Taunton Civil Service v winner of round 1 Yeovil & Sherborne v Bridgwater Chard v Weston Super Mare Clifton Robinsons v Taunton Vale</p> <p>Round 3 Finals Day Working back from a Finals Day of 7th April which has no clashes with EH Champ games Round 3 play by 28th February, Round 2 play by 31st December, Round 1 play by 18th November. Please any input greatly received for these dates I am just plucking them off the calendar! Once dates agreed and finals pitch booked JMcD to send out and email to all the clubs and update the website</p>
England Hockey West Representative's Report	
➤	<p>AGM Resolution The AGM Resolution initial consultation period has come to an end. The Working Group, chaired by Liz Pelling, has consequently developed a 'Vision', '7 Principles' and series of 'Requirements', all of which stem from the results of the consultation. These have now been sent out to all those who have expressed an interest in being updated on the progress of the AGM Resolution, requesting comment by 10 October 2018. An AGM Resolution web page has been established and all relevant documentation and updates will now be posted here. The Consultation Paper and Briefing Note containing the vision, principles and requirements are available to read, along with details of how to submit comments should you have any. http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=2464&sectionTitle=Governance+Review+2018</p>
➤	<p>All England Hockey Championships (exception of Mixed - 15 October) <u>closed on 15 September</u>. This means the first round of dates is no longer required for the Adult Champs. The dates document has been updated on the website, and clubs that have already entered will be notified so they can start planning accordingly. Please remember – these Championships are now tiered so that clubs should be playing clubs of a similar standard.</p>
➤	<p>Affiliation The affiliation window opens via the England Hockey portal (https://hockeynation.club) on 1 October and closes on 30 November. Clubs must complete and pay for affiliation by 30 November otherwise they will be subject to a 10% fine on top of their affiliation invoice - they will not be considered affiliated until this has been paid in full. We will be reminding clubs of the deadline and we would really appreciate support from our County HA's in following up on the outstanding clubs. Our aim is for no fines for our West clubs! A reminder that <u>clubs can access the site at any point throughout the year</u> to update contacts or membership numbers.</p>
➤	<p>Time to Listen Workshop TTL workshop are being held at Taunton Vale Sports Centre on Monday 15 October. Somerset HA are supporting the event with a BOGOF Offer! Every Club Welfare Officer should attend the Workshop and update their training every 3 years. We recommend that a second Club Officer is also trained.</p>





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➤	<p>Revising Primary School Offer England Hockey are currently researching and planning to revitalise our Primary School Offer i.e. Quicksticks. The new format will pilot in April 2019 with the roll out in September 2019 and will include Club's in the delivery model in-order to strengthen the Club School Link, more information to follow when available.</p>
➤	<p>Back to Hockey If you club is running Back to session's, please record these numbers on the Club affiliation portal under Category 2 Informal Player. If you are planning on delivering Back to please inform BR and remember you can access all the PR materials from the EH Marketing portal.</p>
➤	<p>Walking Hockey Momentum is growing across the Country for Walking Hockey sessions which appear to be a mix of older people as well as younger people who are no longer able to play due to injury. England Hockey are planning a National Walking Hockey Campaign for May / June 2019. If your club is interested in delivering Walking Hockey, please contact BR.</p>
➤	<p>Coaching Courses Sessional Coach Courses (£249) and Hockey Coach Courses (£399) – these will be run out of season so summer 2019. Clubs can request either the Introduction to Coaching, Engaging Games for Children or the Engaging Sessions for Adults and Coaching Club Players Workshops – see England Hockey website for more details.</p>
➤	<p>#umpire Cam Competition EH are looking to collect more imagery of club umpires in action so running a campaign to capture new imagery throughout September. To enter via #umpirecam: a. By tweeting @EHUmpiring using the hashtag #umpirecam b. By e-mailing entries to umpiring@englandhockey.co.uk</p>
➤	<p>Pro-League The FIH Pro League is the ground-breaking, new, global hockey competition beginning in January 2019. Two leagues, one men's and one women's, each comprising nine of the greatest hockey nations. 144 matches will be staged around the world each season culminating in a Grand Final in June in the Netherlands. Great Britain's women and men will be competing in both leagues. Our home campaign begins on Saturday 27 April 2019 and runs through to Sunday 23 June 2019. The home schedule in season one is made up of 8 single internationals and 4 'double-headers' where both the Great Britain women's and men's team will play back to back. We are offering season tickets for the first time and, owing to the demand for hockey tickets at recent events, we are running a ballot to ensure everyone has equal opportunity to access tickets. If you are successful in the ballot, there will be no obligation to purchase any of the tickets which you are allocated. So, if you want to Go Pro in 2019, either beat the ballot with a Season Ticket or enter the ballot today. Tickets will go on General Sale Friday 16 November 2018.</p>
➤	<p>Your World Cup – impact & feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 YWC Forums nationally attended by 317 clubs • 670 clubs have bought tickets out of 862 (78%) • Clubs have bought 27,551 tickets equating to over £1m in ticket sales • 684 clubs will be attending the World Cup (free ticket offer included) • All matches show live on BT Sport • Largest women's sporting event in this country in 2018 • Over 1000 YWC activities offered by over 400 clubs across the Country





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Masters Hockey Officer's Report

- NK stated the last West Masters meeting was cancelled due to a serious road accident.
- NK stated the West Masters County Tournaments took place on the 17th September and we entered Men's O60s, O50, O40s and Women's O40 with excellent results which are on the website. He also said there are more players wanting to play masters county hockey in Somerset and as such some teams had to run trials for teams. The West are looking into running more competitions/leagues.

Men's League Representative's Report

- NK stated that Verde Recreo are the new sponsors for the mens league. There was a league meeting last week mostly on GDPR and the league website.

Player Pathway Administrator's Report

- LB sent in that AC girls assessments have happened, and lists are up. AC boys assessments are on the 7th October. BR stated that at the clubs forum meeting LB said she was still looking for some coaches for AC.

Umpire Report

- KD stated that the West Umpires Association is just about holding its own with appointments but gaps are appearing for both ladies and mens games.
- KD stated that Somerset is in a difficult position as ASHUA due to limited resources not able to offer any coaching to develop umpires. At the recent clubs forum which was based on umpiring only 7 clubs attended. David Elworthy from EH was also in attendance. KD said that the only way to build on umpires in Somerset is to start at club level. KD is willing to go to any club in Somerset, to talk to them about how to retain the umpires they have and re-recruit any that may have stopped and to encourage new umpires.
- Clubs need to have an umpire developers in their club to drive this, but the developers need to be of a certain standard. KD is happy to assist the developers within clubs so that they have the tools to take this on to coach their umpires.
- BR stated another point that came out of the club forum is that there is no point of contact for umpiring in Somerset and communication is poor. It was suggested that SHA hold a list of umpires or a main contact at each club for umpiring so that information can be sent out to all clubs from KD via the secretary. KD to draft something to go out.
- KD said he is happy to offer social umpiring evenings with clubs where umpires can get together and discuss any issues and get advice from KD. **KD**
- BR said it was suggested to encourage young umpires and keep them keen is to use them for the inter club junior tournaments, with perhaps some instruction and videos before the tournaments start and then they go an umpire the juniors.

AGM Resolution Governance Review

- NK was concerned that no information from the Governance Review has come down to SHA, however it has been made apparent that the West have the information and should be passing it down soon.





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Any Other Business	
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| ➤ | There are Level 1 Umpiring courses arranged at Yeovil & Sherborne, Bristol, Bath and Exeter. |
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Date of Next Meeting	
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| ➤ | 15 th January 2019 at Taunton Vale. 7.30pm, Sandra to book room. |
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