



Summary of the Somerset Hockey Association Committee Meeting

Monday 2nd September 2019, 7.30pm @ Staplegrove Village Hall

Attendees: Keith Dingle (KD), Nick Kendall (NK), Jo McDermid (JMcD), Sandra Wickham (SW), Julie Morrish (JM), Phil Morrish (PM), Barbara Reynolds (BR),

Apologies: Sheila Burridge (SB), Andy Swain (AS), Laura Bennett (LB), Lucy Kingswell (LK)

Matters Arising	
➤	From the discussions at the AGM and clubs asking what SHA does with profits and can it be put back into clubs. The following workshops are being organised: Bruton HC – Introduction to Coaching – 24 th November Yeovil & Sherborne HC – Coaching Club Players – 13 th October Cheddar Valley Youth – Integrating Goalkeepers - TBA
➤	LB needs to ensure all schools/clubs that send representatives to JDC/JAC have affiliated to Somerset.
Chairman’s Report	
➤	It was agreed to advertise the post on social media.
Treasurer’s Report	
➤	Balance of accounts £29314.05 and £6040.73
➤	Affiliation Report attached. - I have requested payment from all Somerset Clubs and 2/3 have paid. I will send a reminder to those not paid in next couple of weeks. Outstanding: Bridgwater, City of Bath, North Somerset, Minehead, Ladies: Somerset Gryphons, Taunton C S, Keynsham, and Team Bath Buccs. Also Richard Huish which I will chase when they are back
Competition Officers Report	
➤	All schools competitions schedules are finalised on the website and sent to participating schools. JMcD will attend as many as she can.
➤	Club entry forms have been sent to all clubs for both senior and junior clubs for U16 Boys & Girls Cup, Mens & Ladies Cup, U10/U12/U14 County, and all indoor competitions. Dates for Somerset Cup Finals and junior county finals are on the website. The first rounds for Cup competitions will be drawn 1 st October, and indoor competitions will be arranged in needed as well.
Communication Officer’s Report	
➤	LK is getting stuck into the role and raising the profile of SHA.
England Hockey West Representative’s Report	
➤	BR stated that EN affiliation opens early October close end of November.
➤	There are no Time to Listen courses organised for Somerset but ones at Old Bristolians and Exeter.
Masters Hockey Officer’s Report	
➤	NK stated that the West County Festival is being held at Queens College, Taunton, on the 15 th Sept. Somerset have entries in all categories including a new team of Mens O65s. Following the committee’s approval to merge O60 with Wiltshire this has been a wearing process and the team is entered for the West Festival but yet to be entered into EH competitions as Wiltshire need to send a letter to approve the new joint county name.





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➤	With an extra team in the EH competition NK would like the committee to approve buying one new set of shirts and some balls. have no kit. Committee agreed NK to get a quote before ordering.	
Umpire Report		
➤	KD is holding a Rules Evening next week.	
➤	KD will send out an email to JMCD to send out to clubs to offer coaching evenings etc.	
West Representative's Report		
➤	West had an AGM. Very few people attended.	
Women's League Representative's Report		
➤	NK stated that a meeting was called do discuss lack of appointed umpires for ladies premier matches. It was decided that if there are no appointed umpires the home team must provide both. David Lillywhite said at the meeting he would write an ad for umpiring in prem league, but this has not happened. Liz has offered to organise extra coaching for those interested but this should have happened after the ad was circulated, however Liz has offered coaching in Bristol. Nick has reported this back.	
Any Other Business		
➤	The Committee agreed to purchase 2 hockey goals for KCT in lieu of the pitch hire that they provide for the organisation. The cost is in the region of £2000.00.	
➤	Clare Hayes asked for a budget for the Somerset Coaching Conference she is organising on the 3 rd November, she has Sarah Kelleher (England U18 Girls Head Coach) and Russell Earnshaw (EH Coach Developer) confirmed but need to add some more presenters to balance out the programme. These two presenters go all over the world presenting so we may want to advertise outside of Somerset as well? The Committee agreed that Clare should submit a breakdown of costs that she would like SHA to pay for the day instead of saying a budget figure as they have no idea of costs for presenters. They also agreed that this event should be free for Somerset Coaches and a cost of £10.00 for coaches outside the county.	
➤	AGM Resolution BR stated that at the meeting in July Clubs generally agreed to the resolution where as organisations either abstained or rejected it. It is thought that The West will become an area and Somerset a sub area if it is passed. In the West region Avon will cause a problem as it will either must be dissolved or reformed to incorporate mens clubs in line with other counties. If dissolved Somerset would struggle to incorporate more school and club junior teams. BR stated that Devon are going to object. It was agreed that Somerset would support this resolution and although as the West stands now it would be a weak leader it is hoped that it could be built up to be a strong leader/area. NK also said that from the resolution if passed he hoped it would lead to one West Umpiring Association with county sub divisions. BR stated that Devon HA have put a 2 page information to clubs but the committee did not think this was necessary and it was decided to send out an email to clubs with a link to the booklet and a link to the survey. JMCD to do this.	
Date of Next Meeting		
➤	20 th January 2020, 8.00pm at Staplegrove Hall (TBC once booked)	

