



Summary of the Somerset Hockey Association Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19th March 2019, 7.30pm @ Taunton Vale Sports Club

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

Apologies: Laura Bennett (LB),

Matters Arising	
➤	Details of the Somerset Men's County Competition in May are on the Website.
➤	All the West competition entry fees have been paid after a lot of emails as the West figures did not correlate to the entries we had as a county. The committee would also like to see a breakdown of West entries and where the money is spent as it is understood the pitches at Clifton College are free.
Treasurer's Report	
➤	Current account £33452 Savings account £6000 savings.
➤	The committee agreed that LB should provide an income and expenditure breakdown for AS for AC and DC for each cycle.
➤	The committee felt that some of this money we have in the accounts could be re-invested back into the county and it was decided that: Medals for all county competitions could be purchased next season A coaching day with speakers be offered, coaches within the county could be subsidised or offered for free and those from outside the county charged. In the future an umpires day/afternoon could be organised to re-fresh umpires
Competition Officers Report	
➤	JMcD stated that there is one more schools county competitions to run U14 boys T3 on 26 th March which has again attracted a new school – Bishops Fox. Otherwise the schools competitions have run smoothly, and the schools have been a great help. JMcD will email schools for feedback for next season.
➤	U10 and U12 Club county competitions have been held and run by the Tyson family in some difficult weather conditions. The U14s are being held on the 7 th April.
➤	The Somerset Cup Finals are on the 7 th April at Kings of Wessex Leisure Centre, Cheddar. A neutral pitch for all. KD stated that he has 3 umpires for the day from ASHUA and will source a fourth. JM and PM kindly agreed to be there on the day to represent SHA and hand out medals. JMcD has booked match teas in the café on site after both games. Finalists are TV v North Somerset – Mens. TV v YSHC Ladies.
England Hockey West Representative's Report	
➤	BR stated that her update is the same as that sent out after the last Club Forum meeting.
➤	The Junior Club Forum meeting to discuss the competitions for the 2019/20 season will be held on 18 June 2019 at Taunton Vale. SW to book the room
➤	BR stated that Millfield Schools will be setting up a Millfield Junior Hockey Club who will be affiliated to Somerset.
➤	BR stated that a Back2Hockey and Masters Festival will be held at Taunton Vale over the summer set up by EH.
Masters Hockey Officer's Report	





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➤	NK stated that the last Masters meeting postponed was postponed. West Masters had promised that counties would get an invitation to enter regionals for other age groups as at present only O60s play regional. This has not happened yet.	
➤	The information for the Masters festival in September should be released during the summer.	
➤	NK asked the committee if they are happy for him to approach Wiltshire HA as currently Somerset has too many O60s mens players for one team but not enough for 2 and WHA do not have enough for one so he would like to approach WHA to combine teams. The Committee agreed.	

Men's League Representative's Report

➤	Again, the Mens League meeting was postponed last week, basically the season has ticked over easily. There are no relegations from National League and the summer will be spent putting teams into the correct leagues.	
➤	AS asked why there is no Mens League AGM only area meetings? NK stated this goes back to how it was formed.	

Player Pathway Administrator's Report

➤	LB sent in a report that AC is coming to the end of its cycle and DC nominations are open. The one problem at the moment is coaches pulling out. As the coaches are contracted and self employed it is up to them to find a replacement for any sessions they cannot fulfil however this is not happening and LB is having to find cover or cover herself. The Committee need to agree a way so that coaches must take the responsibility to fulfil this part of their contract but without making it so coaches do not want to be part of the Player Pathway.	
➤	LB needs to check with AS that those schools who wish to nominate to DC are affiliated to the county. They will need to pay the £10.00 before they can do so.	L D

Umpire Report

➤	It was raised that young or inexperienced umpires might not be able to deal with the issue of cards and discipline however KD thinks that they are very apt to deal with it having recently qualified so have had all the training to do so. He feels those who perhaps qualified a long time ago and do not take part in any refreshers may lack the ability to deal.	
➤	It was discussed that there are lots of incidents that happen due to poor umpiring quality and thus as stated earlier holding some sort of umpires day might benefit those who umpire.	
➤	It was stated there is an EH email address that you can send reports in to raise awareness of individual umpire standards, and this in turn builds a picture up of any umpires highlighted regularly who may need to be re-assed. No-one is aware of this process. BR to check. SB said this could also work for those umpires who are consistently good.	
➤	KD stated that there will be a Who's the Umpire register held by EH and a clear process on this and how to access needs to be disseminated to counties and clubs.	

Welfare Officer's Report

➤	SB stated that she is helping LB to formulate a spreadsheet for DBS checks amongst coaches so that an up to date comprehensive list can be held, which will make it easier to make sure those needing in are re-checked.	
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Women's League Representative's Report

➤	JM stated that the Ladies League have restructured the movement to the Premier League, at the beginning of the season two teams from 2A and 2B were to be promoted at the end of the	
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	season. In January this changed and now only one team from 2A and 2B will be promoted and then one other team across both leagues who is on the highest points.	
➤	A lot of teams do not agree to this and are moving to the South Division next season.	
AGM		
➤	The date of the AGM is set for 22 nd May 2019 at 8.00pm, Taunton Vale Sports Club. Sandra to book the Blackdown Room.	
➤	As per the minutes of the 2018 AGM any club not represented at the AGM will be fined the late players fine for all teams next season. Senior Clubs £50.00 per team. Juniors £20.00 per team.	
➤	Clare Hayes will be stepping down as Chairman in May. All other committee members indicated they are willing to be re-elected. CH mentioned that LB is willing to stay on as Player Pathway Administrator.	

