

SERDP
Minutes of Meeting
21 September 2009

Present: David Jenkins Chair, Mal Chumbley RDO, Jeremy Nobbs CRC, David Hirst & Stuart Feist Hastings, Steve Dabbs Hellingly, John Auckland Rye, Gavin Thomas Cinque Ports, Mike Chapman Eastbourne, Pete Joy Seaford, Sean Taylor Crowborough

Apologies: Peter Silk

1/ Matters Arising

Item 4.1a First Aid course at Crowborough is still being looked into; Mal Chumbley (MC) asked that the forum check with Karen Hood at RFU to ensure the course meets the requirements needed for SOA.

ACTION: Sean Taylor (ST) to contact Karen and to arrange a date for a first aid course, this date will be circulated to all partner clubs.

Item 4.1b ELRA Course: Jeremy Nobbs (JN) to continue to pursue a date with the Referee Society. MC instigated a discussion around the topic of each club looking for a Referee Coordinator.

ACTION JN to look into a date for a course and to circulate all partner clubs.
Club representatives to take away the concept of a CRC for discussion at their next committee meeting

Item 4.1e Attendance: David Jenkins (DJ) expressed disappointment at the lack of contact details provided since the request made at the last meeting.

ACTION: All clubs to email David names and contact details of three potential attendees one of whom must be the Chairman.

Item 5.1 No contact has been made to 3H despite the acknowledged need to ask for their attendance to the next meeting.

ACTION: JN will contact them and ensure they invited to the next meeting.

2/ CRC Report

JN circulated his report and provided a brief overview of his activities since the last meeting. He also recommended that the partnership look to run in house course which he will be happy to run or to provide support.

ACTION Clubs to consider potential courses they would like to see run.

6/ CRB update:

DJ is still looking into how best to provide each club with an up to date list of all members listed as holding a current CRB certificate. MC provided back ground detail and read out the RFU's formal position on the new regulations regarding checks on volunteers. He also recommended that each club continues to keep up dated on this issue and that the CPSU website is a good source of information.

7/ V.Rugby

This is being run again this year and MC sent a letter round the clubs with details and recommendations to become involved (letter and case study attached with minutes). JN is promoting the idea with the Further Education sites he is involved with.

8/ Equity in Coaching and Club for All: These courses are now available to be completed on line and will assist all clubs with the SOA bid. It is currently a pilot but one that all clubs should look to be involved with.

9/ General Debate:

- a) Following on from JN request earlier in the meeting for clubs to run in house courses it was decided to try to hold four clinic through the season, most likely at Hastings, Heathfield, Eastbourne and Crowborough. Clubs need to discuss internally with their coaches and to email JN suggestions of potential courses. Furthermore it was felt that these clinics would benefit from input from a referee regarding the rules.

It was agreed that the first course would be held at Crowborough and would cover Continuity; there will a nominal fee of £2 to cover food.

ACTION: Clubs to provide numbers to JN and for JN to organise the event.

- b) JN asked all clubs to consider the benefits of running some form of social rugby during the off season as a way of retaining and recruiting players.

10/ A.O.B.

Mal Chumbley;

- a) U17 County nominations have been issued and the trials are on 25th October at Christ Hospital
- b) The Women's World Cup final will be played at Twickenham Stoop and is an ideal opportunity to promote women's rugby.
- c) The CRC reports needs to be more pro-active rather than just recapping events already taken place. Clubs need to feed back to JN information they would like to see included.

David Hirst

- a) Requested that the partnership consider amending the contribution made by Hastings & Bexhill and Cinque Ports to the funding of the CRC. As both clubs jointly benefit from the work performed promoting rugby in the town, Hastings would like to see the funding being equal.

12 Dates of Next meetings:

2nd November – Seaford
4th January - Eastbourne
8th March - Hellingly
10th May - Rye
12th July - Crowborough