

**Minutes of the Sussex South West RDP management
Monday 7th November 2009 at Chichester RFC 7.30pm**

Present;

Chris Keeley (Chairman - Chichester RFC)
Simon Flint (Midhurst)
Martin Broome (Bognor)
Brian Vincent (Worthing)
David Fisher (Worthing/Sx RFU)
Mike Fisher (Pulborough)
Martin Eley (Bognor)
Tim Gue (Pulborough)

Guest Sue Harrower Minute Secretary

Apologies –Littlehampton

M Broom Bognor
M Fisher Pulborough

1) Previous minutes read & accepted, matters arising

- a) Sponsorship being referred to January meeting
- b) Coaching also being referred to January
- c) Child welfare update received
- d) Littlehampton RFC – MM in contact with head of Littlehampton School & creating link for Littlehampton RFC. Worthing offered training facilities for Littlehampton if this would benefit
- e) Brian Vincent asked for any progress on budget figures from County as all clubs are being stretched at the moment, so we should be aware of how their contributions were being allocated, CK to progress at Chairs meeting, Brian would also raise at the next County general. CK had also contacted his counterparts in others groups no response as yet. Also using that as a source for sharing concerns between groups.
Point was made & agreed as a group that the issue of budgets & allocation was first raised 15-18 months ago and it is has not been answered by County.

2) CRC report – circulated separately

Additional points:-

- a) The festivals attracted boys and girls 100 at Chichester, 80 at Bognor flyers available from Bognor club for MM to circulate, none from Chichester- CK to follow up
- b) Chichester College- coaching and refereeing
- c) Girls rugby- emerging schools, Bognor and Westergate
- d) Girls- year 8 tag rugby at Worthing
- e) Girls- year 7/8 indoor tag at Felpham indoor arena
- f) Skills day at Midhurst years 2,3,4
- g) Club/school link forms will be sent out
- h) Re Littlehampton investigating pitch at East Preston with Inspire leisure

3) County matters

- a) **Sussex Club support program**, clubs attending to date, Worthing, Chichester, Bognor other clubs urged to attend
- b) **S.L.A's** currently Worthing only to fill and complete, Midhurst and Chichester pending CK asked others to pursue through their clubs, Brian pointed out that we are now half way through the season and this matter was originally launched in May of this year
- c) **Volunteer recognition**, CK reported no nominations for last quarter, requested clubs to get nominations in, reminded that prizes were international tickets
- d) **Child welfare, notes from Jackie Coleman**, clubs urged to check post on CRB packaging to

Twickenham. Dates for further child safeguarding courses to be notified

- e) **Groundsman of the year award** (see attachment)
- f) **First team goal posts** (see attached) limited availability based on 'This is Rugby' project
- g) **V-Rugby** Pulborough may have a project for early next year involving young people in coaching **Ck to liase**

4) Club Forum

a) **Playing strengths:- .**

Brian Vincent (Worthing) reported that their lower sides were losing players for a variety of reasons, i.e. moving to smaller clubs/more social rugby etc., what was happening elsewhere?

Midhurst-expanding field, extra side this year

Littlehampton- reportedly working towards second team

Chichester- putting out an occasional 5th

Bognor & Pulborough- static

b) **Girls/Womens Rugby**

Brian Vincent reported on the ongoing development & success of girls/women's rugby at Worthing.

But questioned the amount of time & effort being put in by MM and the apparent lack of feed through into other clubs. Also that quantity of girls playing TAG was not feeding through into the full game. An extended debate took place which led to CK requesting all members to take the topic back to their clubs and to return to the next meeting with a statement on current & future actions on this topic.

This will be an agenda item.

Key items from the debate were:-

- i) Lack of teaching skills to teach girls @ schools above tag level
- ii) Clubs not being motivated to run girls rugby
- iii) Feed through into contact game not being promoted
- iv) County structure questioned (although is being & has been address)
- v) University/College contacts

5) AOB

i) MM reported a Chichester academy has been set up based on 16-18 year olds with players participating @ Esher and into Hampshire

ii) BV commented on the changing facets of fund raising and requested with other members for Peter Mercer (County funding & facility officer) to attend our meeting again. CK to progress

iii) SF reported that Midhurst will be running a summer cap again using CRC (Mike Marsh & others)

iv) MM reported on district development program for under 14's

v) MM reported on student volunteer award scheme-further details to be forwarded

vi) CK reported on task ground appointed to develop Chichester beach rugby tournament event further in June 2010- feedback at next meeting, and was looking for more club support from partnership

vii) CK reminded group that the next County general meeting will be on a changed date 30th November at Virgin Atlantic's office Crawley. Details from County

viii) Due to holiday's etc the next partnership meeting to be moved to 13th January 2010 location to be confirmed, CK to advise.

Meeting finished 21.10 with vote of thanks for Sue Harrower for taking the minutes

Date of next meeting now confirmed as 13th Jan 10 at Littlehampton

