

SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Sussex Rugby Club Development Partnership – South Area

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hove RFC on 10th September 2009.

PRESENT: Gary Howorth (South RDP Chairman); Adam Tunesi (Hove RFC); Paul Apps (Shoreham RFC); Tim Loadsman (Old Brightonians RFC); Claire Byrne (South Sussex Barbarians); Jeff Smith (Hove RFC); David Beglan (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Apologies. The Chairman welcomed those present, particularly Jeff Smith attending his first meeting. Apologies had been received from Mike Morton-George (Newick RFC); Robbie Cannon (Uckfield RFC); Nick Page (Lewes RFC); Neil Thomas (Brighton RFC).

2. The Minutes of the meeting of 16th July 2009 had been circulated and there were no amendments to these.

3. Matters arising. In his email of apology for absence, Robbie Cannon mentioned that he had been offered specific information to assist with Uckfield's Seal of Approval application but had not received this. Adam Tunesi apologised for not getting the information to Robbie and said that it would be dealt with the following day. Details of courses to assist those clubs experiencing problems with the Seal of Approval are available from Gary Howorth. Gary referred to the V Rugby Programme (V = Volunteer), which is intended to get young people involved with the administration of rugby clubs. There will be a County Co-ordinator for 18 to 24 year olds.

4. Activity report from Community Rugby Coach. Tom Le Mehaute was absent from the meeting, owing to training with Hove RFC and no Activity Report had been received from him. Gary would be dealing with this matter.

5. Coach development. All details of Coaching Courses are now on the Sussex website. It was asked if there were a possibility of Level 2 Courses being organised within reasonable reach of the Brighton and Hove area. It was felt that Haywards Heath or Horsham would not be unreasonable.

6. Seal of Approval update. This matter had been dealt with under "Matters Arising".

7. Partnership Project. Gary stated that it was unlikely that there would be a Partnership Project this Season but that the available finance (from the RFU) would be used for general projects organised through the RCDP. The Pathfinder scheme has been largely disappointing with little feedback and there is to be a Pathfinder follow up with information from the RFU.

8). Girls' Rugby.

Claire Byrne said that training for the South Sussex Barbarians had moved to Brighton RFC, as this was a more conveniently placed venue for most of the players. SSB now has three coaches for each age group, with three 16 year olds completing their Level 1. The Under 15 and Under 18 squads have healthy numbers (18 and 15 respectively) and Claire was enthusiastic about the future of the SSB, with numbers rising and the contact with schools being promising. The County Trial will be held on Sunday 13th September. Match reports will be featured in "The Argus".

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9). Other business.

Tim Loadsman mentioned that the “Rumney Memorial Game” would be played at Brighton College on Saturday 12th September, prior to the School match.

10). Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 4th November at Hove RFC at 7-30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8-25 p.m., with thanks to Hove for their hospitality.

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