

**Minutes of the SERCDP Meeting at Eastbourne RFC**  
**11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 @ 7.30 pm**

**Present:** Peter Bailey – President Sussex RFU (PB)  
David Jenkins – SERCDP Chairman (Eastbourne RFC) (DJ)  
David Bennett – Crowborough RFC (DB)  
Fraser Brooks – Eastbourne RFC  
Peter Joy -Seaford RFC-  
Steve Dabbs – Hellingly RFC- SD  
Martyn Amess – Hasting & B RFC  
Jeremy Nobbs – CRC

**Apologies:** Mike Chapman (Eastbourne RFC)  
Robin Gale (H3)  
David Hirst - Chairman H&B RFC  
Frank Charles – Rye RFC (FC)

PB stated that there had been no contact from Sonia DaSilva (women), Cinque Ports or Heathfield  
**(Red indicates and action point that all clubs need to complete)**

**Matters Arising**

DJ explained that ‘matters arising’ was difficult as no minutes were available for the last two meetings as people had left etc. PB pointed out that each club pays for the CRC and therefore Partnership meetings need to work. Meetings are used to pass information from CB but clubs must be represented for the meeting to achieve their aim.

DJ **Would like THREE contacts from each club.** PB stressed that the meetings were ‘Whole’ club and that smaller clubs would probably benefit more than the bigger clubs.

DB said that the meetings needed to have a clear terms of reference and that meeting face to face had to produce a benefit to the members who attended other than receiving information (which could come in other formats). General discussion took place as to whether services could be withdrawn from club that do not participate in the partnership. It was not felt that this was the way forward.

PB pointed out that Heathfield may not have been attending as they had their own YDO. Now that this is not the case they may return.

DB and SD both suggested that meetings should be more specific on agreed subjects i.e. coaching or girls’ rugby etc. General discussion on this but the outcome would appear to be that this is a bi-monthly meeting and clubs should be able to attend.

**CRC Report**

JN has emailed his report out which covers his activities.

Some may not be receiving this but contact details are from Rugby 1<sup>st</sup>.

**All clubs should ensure contact details on Rugby 1<sup>st</sup> are up to date.**

PB stated the example of Newick who were recently expelled from the Sussex Cups for not registering players on Rugby 1<sup>st</sup>.

SLAs were now complete with Hastings, Rye, Hellingly, Crowborough and Seaford. Eastbourne, Heathfield and Cinque Ports are outstanding but well underway.

World Cup planning is in place and ongoing across the partnership

JN has to get Club School Links documents back to Twickenham for all agreements.

**Please advise JN ASAP a list of all schools your club wants links with.**

Club Coaching Coordinators CDs have all gone out to CCCs with personal meeting for each to explain. **Results must be back to JN by 31 JULY 2011.**

**Training Coaching& 1<sup>st</sup> Aid**

Covered above. DJ asked once again that he be made aware of any course requirements. CCC’s CD should cover this.

**Volunteer Nominations**

DJ expressed again the importance of getting the nominations back to him ASAP.

**Leadership Academy**

PB outlined the principles and benefits of the Leadership Academy to all clubs

12 places available on the course, £100 cost per candidate reimbursed by Sussex on completion, if the candidate attends all sessions. Places available on a first come/needs basis to be decided by the CB. It will be 7 to 8 meetings from start to finish in weekday evenings. SD asked if this could be used for retrospective positions and it could.

**PB needs candidates by Mid August**

## **Partnership Projects Girls Rugby**

Crowborough and Eastbourne are to run U13 and U15 girls this year. Both are to support 3H at higher ages. Worthing are now running a women's academy.

## **AOB**

With no minutes from the previous two meetings the proposal was for the Cluster partnership to appoint a dedicated minute taker. As this was not forthcoming it was decided that the host club would be responsible, subject to where meetings will take place (see below).

## **Choose Rugby**

JN went through the "Choose Rugby" document and general discussion took place on contents.

PB suggested looking at [www.peterboroughlionsrugby.co.uk](http://www.peterboroughlionsrugby.co.uk) as they started social touch rugby in the UK with massive success. He stressed the importance of keeping players in the game. General discussion on how clubs could take on social touch rugby, to be followed up at the next meeting.

**The next step for clubs is to take up the "Choose Rugby" programme and explore how they could start a new team (touch/vets/sevens/etc) in the coming season.**

Following a proposal in the March meeting it was felt that Eastbourne is a good central venue for Partnership meetings and that the next should be held there. Eastbourne will take minutes for this one but the minute taking will have to revolve if Eastbourne are to host meetings. Minute taker for October meeting to be decided in September

Meeting closed 10.40 pm.

Next meeting at Eastbourne RFC Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 pm. (E/B to Minute)