

SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

RUGBY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – SOUTH AREA

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hove RFC on 1st November 2011.

PRESENT: Gary Howorth (Chairman); Tim Holgate (Community Rugby Coach); Nick Page (Lewes RFC); Ed Caddick (South Sussex Barbarians/Girls' Rugby); Adam Tunesi (Hove RFC); Tim Loadsmen (Old Brightonians RFC); Andy Sherwood (Hove RFC, with apology for late arrival); David Beglan (Secretary).

1). The Chairman welcomed those present. Apologies had been received from Paul Apps (Shoreham RFC).

2). The Minutes of the Meeting of 13th September 2011 had been circulated and were approved.

3). Matters arising.

a). Tim H reported that SLAs were still awaited from Hove and Brighton and that he had received the SLA from Lewes.

b). Tim had spoken to Mal Chumbley about the content of SLAs and it was to be taken as read that requirements noted in SLAs would be carried out, as time permitted.

4). Activity report from Tim Holgate.

a). Two sessions had been held at Plumpton RFC.

b). Lewes RFC. Tim had met with Andy Connors to discuss the way forward. Girls' Rugby had been arranged at Peacehaven Community School, Priory School and Dorothy Stringer School and Tim had helped out with Ladies' Rugby in the area. A Tag Development tournament would be held at Lewes in December. Tim was trying to make progress with the CCC Management Pool.

c). Hove RFC. Tim had introduced Girls' Rugby into Portslade Community College (now called PACO) and he hoped to extend this initiative more widely at that venue.

d). Shoreham RFC. Tim had run sessions at Shoreham College (Year 7) and a Year 6 Festival at Portslade.

e). Uckfield RFC. Tim would attempt to re-establish contact with the Club.

f). Please contact Tim with regard to sessions at Falmer (University).

Gary requested, again, that Tim's Activity Report be made available prior to the meetings. David suggested that the Report could be emailed to him about ten days before each meeting, so that it could be sent out with the Agenda. In that way, Club Representatives, who could not attend the meetings, would have an opportunity to email David with any points they wished to raise. A note of coming activity should also be included with the report. Tim said that he thought Dina sent out a week's scheduled activities but Gary said that he had not seen this for some time and David had never received such an item.

5). Feedback from Club Representatives. There was nothing to report.

6). Girls' Rugby. Ed reported on the County Trials. There was a need for more recruitment and Ed would be contacting Clare Cooper (London and SE WRDM) on clarecooper@rfu.com for assistance.

7). RFU Leadership Academy. The Sussex Leadership Academy had been launched and Adam and Nick had attended this event. They both said that it is an interesting course and there had been a generally positive reaction. The course is more about administration/management than about the playing side of running a club.

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Continuation of South RCDP Minutes 1-11-11.

8). Other business.

a). Nick asked for information as to how the Clubs' SLAs worked in relation to the time/work scale. Did the RFU set targets and did these overlap the Club targets? Tim replied that the SLA is not charged by the hour. Gary suggested that Clubs put in as much as they wished on their SLA and then negotiated with Mal and Tim as to how much work was viable.

b). Andy requested information regarding the County Under 14 arrangements. These appeared to be in "limbo" for this season but David recommended that Andy should contact Alan Croucher (Chairman of the CBRDP) on alan.j.croucher@aexp.com

d). First Aid. The County is looking to run a First Aid course during January, to be held at Hove RFC. The cost would be £65 per person, of which the County would refund £20 upon the person's attendance at the course. The registration process seems to be very complicated. For further information please contact Gary Howorth on gary.Howorth@ntlworld.com

e). Rugby First introduction meeting (24th November). Information and registration via Dina Lewis on sussexadmin@therfu.com

f). The Volunteers' Dinner would be held at Hove RFC on 30th March 2012 and nominations were required ASAP to Gary Howorth on gary.Howorth@ntlworld.com

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8-40 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd January 2012 at 7-30 p.m. at Hove RFC.

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