

COMPETITIONS MEETING

held at Hove Rugby Club on 17 November 2010

Apologies: JT, SF, MD, JM and CW

Chairman's Introduction:

KN welcomed the Committee and advised of outstanding issues to be discussed.

London Leagues

JT's London DOC meeting, (action 4, number 4) – Sussex Competitions do not do not see the reasoning behind Snowden's Result Service's stipulation of non use of email and text message service. Sussex Competitions feel that in this day and age text messaging and emailing, the most prolific forms of communication in the modern world, are an efficient form of reporting results and all text and email services record time sent so this would provide an accurate record.

JT to bring this up at next London DOC meeting on 29 November 2010.

Sussex Leagues

It is noted that rolling subs in all rugby divisions will be the norm probably by 2012. At the next Sussex Forum the Committee would like to push forward this date for Sussex leagues for the start of the 2011/2012 season.

Barnes Green 2 are struggling league wise and have cancelled most of their matches. They have joined together with a depleted Horsham 3 side to play under the banner of 'Horsham Casuals' and will play in Sussex 3 West.

Sussex Knockout Competitions

All medals, plaques, balls are now in stock at KN's home.

All draws for Junior and Seniors have taken place and Nick Silk has put on Sussex Website. All semi-finals will be played on 12 February 2011. We are looking at the possibility of a floodlight 7's tournament.

Women's Rugby

Geraldine reported that Sussex had played Essex after having taken over Middlesex's County fixtures and that a hard game was lost by Sussex 32 – 5. The next game for Sussex will be in Devon.

The feeling is that as this is a new squad, more training and preparation needs to be in place, but the ladies are moving forward as a unit very well. Geraldine also feels that because of the huge difference in strength of the ladies' teams in

Sussex that a Knockout Club competition would be too one-sided, but would show great interest in Ladies 7's and Girls 7's whether it be contact or tag.

Sponsorship

The County, through Nick Silk will be endeavouring to find funding for the above.

Fixture Bureau – is running well.

AOB

Two level 9 are in progress at Kent away and Surrey home in the latter part of the current season. The under 17's finals and 3rd and 4th play offs are at Uckfield on 5 December 2010, and depending on results determines which team goes into which RFU U17 Regional Cup Competition.

Possibly the above organizational model could be used for senior Cup Finals instead of RFU cups as these now seem to be struggling to maintain credibility.