

Sussex Youth AGM Minutes May 20th 2010

Minutes of the SUSSEX CB YOUTH AGM, held at the HOVE RUGBY CLUB on THURSDAY 20TH MAY 2010 at 7pm.

Present: David Hooker (Sussex Youth Chair), Roger Edmondson (Sussex President and Schools), Mike Richardson (Colts League), Steve Briscoe (Youth Sec & U15-16 Leagues), Steve Searle (U13-14 Leagues & Brighton), David Beglan (West Forum Chair), Ian Newman (East Sussex Chair & Eastbourne), Alan Croucher (CBRDP Chair), Chichester (Ben Bulpett, Dan Munro), Hastings (Stuart Feist, David Hirst), Haywards Heath (Mark Jenkins, Mike Travis), Horsham (John Clery), Hove (Jeff Smith, Adam Tunesi), Shoreham (Andy Kipling), Worthing (Nigel Lyons)

1. Apologies for Absence: Kevin Blakiston (Sussex Minis), Crawley (Nick Black, Sue Stooks), East Grinstead (Pete Robinson), Heathfield (Mike Macleod, Steve Sherlock), Hellingly (Steve Dabbs), Pulborough (Tim Gue), Uckfield (Wout Brewer), Worthing (David Hinchliffe, Lorna Schmidt)

2. 2009 Minutes: The following amendments to the published 2009 Minutes were identified:-

Present: (Correction) David Beglan (West Forum Chair/not Hove), David Hooker (East Forum Chair)

10. (Correction) – the proposal for named 'A team' players to be increase to 15 players was not supported – and therefore remained as 10 players

13(e) (Correction) – David Hooker did not raise the concern at the high cost of the cost to individuals of the County Juniors Tours.

The 2009 Minutes as amended were agreed (proposed by Ian Newman and seconded by David Beglan)

3. Matters Arising:

9. (Action AC) – Complete

11. (Action AC) – Complete

12. Following the meeting the vacant posts were filled as follows:-

U13/14	Steve Searle (Brighton)
Youth Sec	Steve Briscoe assumed role due to SS availability
Youth Comp Rep	Mike Richardson

13a (Action MR) Cranleigh Colts invited but they decided to continue in Surrey league

13b Ken Nichols arranged venues for youth finals

13f (Action AC) followed up with GJ:-

U14 County: Sussex CRCs stepped in to coordinate trials and player selection.

- The 2010-11 venues and structure will be in place by the start of the season.
- On June 6th there will be County Coach Development Day – volunteer coaches always welcome.
- Nomination forms for next seasons u14s have been issue and should be returned by July 1st
- Comment - U14 'Schools of Rugby' players must be involved (RE)
- The general issue of communication and feedback from County Coaches and Managers was raised by several present.

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4. Leagues and Cup Season 2009/2010

Colts (MR)

- Only one game not played due to lack of time in the season.
- RFU approval was received to play the Colts League Final during May.
- Lewes won all three Cup finals
- Mike thanked all club coaches for their superb efforts in complying with the league regs.

U15-16 (SB)

- All league completed despite the challenges of running into April.
- Steve thanked the webmasters for their timely updating of results and tables and the team managers for their notification and submission.

U13-14 (SS)

- Steve urged all new coaches to ensure they have read the regulations and ensure match cards completed and submitted on time – especially at u13s. It is intended to hold a league briefing at the HH Fixex meeting in January aimed at the following seasons u13 coaches.
- Even with all the weather re-arrangements all fixtures were completed – some after the Finals.
- Steve thanked the managers and coaches who do send results and match cards in on time.

5. Minis (KB)

- Report circulated in advance of the meeting
- Discussion proceeded regarding the approach to u12 Seeding for the Mini Festival to support u13 A League team selection for the following season.
 - Both Forums and Youth Competition fully supported seeding of the first and second placed teams from previous seasons u11 event
 - ***Those present voted in favour of extending seeding to third and fourth placed teams by 5 votes for / 4 votes against.***
- It was recommended that future Mini Festival draws are performed independently per age group – and published in advance of the event **Action: KB**

6. Youth Chairman (DH)

- Report circulated in advance of the meeting
- David thanked the League Organisers for their efforts in ensuring that the Competitions and Finals were completed and the Forum chairmen for their continued efforts and support.

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7. Club Forums

West (DB)

- David commented that a number of the meetings had been poorly attended. A review of meetings for next season had been conducted and meetings would continue on Thursdays at Horsham – but only three meetings in 2010-11
- Consultation with clubs had shown strong support for leagues to continue on current basis
- Issues had been raised regarding the Mini Festival draw process and the number of players / pitch size for u12s

East (IN)

- Ian commented that meetings had been well supported and would continue to rotate across venues
- Consultation with clubs had shown strong support for leagues to continue on current basis

The Minutes of each meeting are available on request from the Chairmen.

- Discussion followed on the potential benefits of one combined meeting during the season. It was agreed to keep as is, but the Chairmen would consider a central meeting if there were appropriate topics

8. Regulations

- Draft revisions were circulated ahead of the meeting for review
 - 7. Drawn Finals will no longer go to a replay but will be decided by a Kicking Contest
 - 8. Change references from County Registrar to Club Registrars
 - 9. Reminder on Front Row replacement identification (RFU u19 Variations)
 - 10. Society Referee requests and notifications – 72 hours before match
 - 11. U16 ko standard time will be 12:30
- MR requested that Section 11 retained 'and the league organisers'
- DH an inconsistency is Section 5 regarding awarded match points. This will be deleted as it is already covered in 4.c.
- ***The revisions and amendments to the Regulations were supported by those present***

Action:

- Agreed revisions to be incorporated and circulated **Action: SB**
- A 'one page' summary is being developed to assist new coaches. This will be published before the start of season **Action: SB**
- Each club to return the signed 'Statement of Agreement' (page 5 of Regulations) to SB by start of the new season **Action: Clubs**

9. Structured Season

- The 2010-11 Structured Season template was circulated to clubs in January ahead of fixture meeting
- The u13-16 fixture draws have been completed and circulated. They are now available on the Sussex website
- RE commented that pending changes to u16-Colts County dates may affected some published dates
- SB commented that the u13 and u15 team contacts had been advised that the 2/1/2011 fixtures could be delayed to the next non-league Sunday (without penalty) if players unavailable due to Xmas holidays (u13 = Jan 9th, U15 = Jan 16th).

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10. Player Registrations

- Stats were circulated ahead of the meeting regarding current player registrations
 - These do not include player transfer In/Out of Sussex
- No issues were raised with the current process for player registrations
- It was commented that some team player numbers were high and clubs should review registrations and mark ex-players as Inactive.

11. 2010-11 Appointments

All incumbents have agreed to remain in their current roles and no alternate candidates have been proposed.

Chairman of Youth	David Hooker
Chairman of Youth Competitions Committee	David Hooker
Colts Leagues	Mike Richardson
U15/16 Leagues	Steve Briscoe
U13/14 Leagues	Steve Searle
Minis	Kevin Blakiston
Youth Secretary	Steve Briscoe
Youth Rep on Senior Comp Committee	Mike Richardson
School Rep on Youth Committee	Roger Edmondson
Youth Rep on School Committee	David Hooker

12. A.O.B.

County Coaching: Comments regarding lack of communication from county coaches regarding player selection / de-selection will be raised with Geraint Jones at the next CBRDP meeting.

Action: DH

County Tours: Comments regarding the affordability of the planned u17 tour to NZ will be fed back to GJ at the next CBRDP meeting.

Action: DH

Steve Briscoe
Youth Secretary