

Sussex Youth Mgmt minutes Jan19 2011

Held at Hove RFC – Wednesday 19th January 2011

Present: David Hooker (Chair), Steve Briscoe, Mike Richardson, Steve Searle

1. Apologies: David Beglan, Kevin Blakiston, Roger Edmondson
2. Action updates - last meeting
All actions have been completed
3. Matters Arising
A youth competition meeting was held on December 7th to discuss and agree YSS dates and approach for 2011-12.
4. Forum Feedback
No additions to the recently circulated Minutes for both meetings.
5. Youth Competitions 2010-11
 - Re-arrangements scheduled following two lost weekends before Xmas.
 - The Finals dates are not currently under threat.
 - Shield and Medals have been received and checked.
6. Sussex Mini Festival
 - The East & West Draws were completed at the recent HH Fixture meeting.
 - 2011-12 Festivals will be at Crawley and Crowborough.
7. Schools & County
RE reports circulated ahead of meeting.
8. Registrations
ES has circulated his latest of players and club statistics. The meeting agreed that issues regarding Inactive players should be raised direct with Club Registrars. **ES**
9. Youth Structured Season 2011-12
Template with our competition dates had been issued ahead of the recent Forum meetings.
 - Some Colts teams had requested first two weeks avoided competitions as schools now have some A levels after Xmas. In the new template calendar this is allocated to County.
 - Copy of YSS to be forwarded to Chris Jones **SB**

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10. Sussex Youth Structure 2011-14 Review

SB had circulated latest response tracker before the meeting.

- 33 team responses so far – another reminder has been issued with end end Jan cut-off date for returns. The Midhurst response is expected shortly.

Summary of responses so far

- Positive feedback in general for organisation and communication
- Colts responses so far in favour of an u17 league
- Support for more flexible kick-off times

Competitions Meeting to be scheduled Wed 23/2 19:30 @ Hove to develop draft proposal for 2011-14 structure to be issued ahead of next Forum.

11. Youth Festival approval (SB)

- All clubs with the exception of Worthing submitted their completed returns ahead of the end Nov deadline and have received appropriate approval.
- School festivals and approval to be raised at next CBRDP **DH**

12. Regulations

Suggested changes:-

- Drop 40-0 rule to bring into line with the 50-0 margin now specified in RFU Regulations
- Specify 'one league game only' per day for youth players
- Allow greater flexibility for u13-15 kick off time (11:00-13:00) – home team decides

13. AOB

- a) **Presentation at Finals** –Peter Bailey to be requested to nominate Officers **SB**
- b) **2011-12 League Entries** – Club request form to be issued during Feb **SB**

Diary Date: Next Youth Mgmt meeting (Competitions) will be Wed Feb 23rd 19:30 @ Hove RFC