

**Minutes of the SUSSEX CB YOUTH AGM, held at HOVE RFC on THURSDAY 19 MAY 2011**

**Present:** David Hooker (Sussex Youth Chair & EG), Roger Edmondson (Schools), Mike Richardson (Colts League), Steve Briscoe (Youth Sec & U15-16 Leagues), Steve Searle (U13-14 Leagues & Brighton), Kevin Blakiston (Minis & Hellingly), David Beglan (West Forum Chair), Ian Newman (East Forum Chair & Eastbourne), Steve Dabbs (Hellingly), Mark Keeley (Crawley u16), Mike MacLeod (H&W Junior Chair), Guy Ellery (H&W Colts), Iain Collyer (Chichester U16), Wendy Dingle (Worthing U13), David Wynn-Davies (Worthing U16), Neil Thomas (Brighton CCC), Mike Travis (HH U18), Steve Mew (HH Colts & U17 Sussex), Mark Jenkins (HH U14), Simon Stodart (HH U13), Eric Morton (Hove U14), Fiona Nehls (Hove U13)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Peter Bailey (Sussex President), Chichester (Ben Bulpett), Worthing (Nigel Lyons), Sue Robinson (EG), John White (Edenbridge), Wout Brewer (Uckfield), Ian Geering (Crowborough), David Hirst (H&B)
2. **2010-11 Minutes:** The following updates to the published 2010 Minutes were identified:-
  5. (Action KB) – Draw - held at HH Fixture meeting in January
  8. (Action SB) – Regulations - revised and guidelines document distributed  
- Agreements - All clubs signed and returned
  12. (Action DH) – County Coaching – League Match Card revised to include player ratings  
- Ratings fed through to County Coaches  
- 2 County Coaches appointed to on Playing Committee  
- **Guidelines - still outstanding (AC)**  
- **Tours – Code of Practice still to be circulated (AC)**

**The 2010 Minutes were agreed - Proposed by Ian Newman, Seconded by Roger Edmondson**

3. **Matters Arising:**

None raised

4. **Chairman Report (DH):**

Report circulated before the meeting.

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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.

5. **Youth c 2010/2011**

**Colts (MR)**

- Thanked all coaches and contacts for their support – it made everything straightforward 2011-12 fixture draw will be done in September after teams have confirmed availability
- Mike confirmed he expects to use the Youth Structured Season dates published (January)
  - Roger Edmondson commented that an approaching RFU meeting may revise the YSS for County fixtures
- U17 Competition will be 4 x Leagues with play-off to determine the 4 teams proceeding to National event – seeding will be based on u16 league tables
  - Neil Thomas commented that u17 dates must avoid u16 league to ensure full club participation

- 2010-11 Colts League was restructured due to all the club B teams dropping out. The 2011-12 draw will return to 2 x Merit Leagues with Cup Knock-out competition
- Guernsey & Jersey have both applied to enter Sussex Colts competitions

### **U15-16 Leagues (SB)**

Thanked all clubs for their timely submission of results and match cards. The Sussex website being kept up-to-date with results and tables has been a major benefit, helping to reduce the number of team queries received – big thank you to Nick Silk

### **U15**

- A League was won by Hove
- Final won by Brighton 5-0 Hove in a closely contested game at Hasting
- B League was won by Hove B
  - Eastbourne and Worthing B withdrew before league fixtures commenced, Haywards Heath in January

### **U16**

- A League was won by Haywards Heath
- Final won by Haywards Heath 17-0 Heathfield & Waldron at East Grinstead
- B League was won by Eastbourne
  - Chichester B withdrew before league fixtures commenced

The 2011-12 draws for U15 and U16 leagues has been produced and issued to teams

### **U13-14 Leagues (SS)**

Thanked all clubs for their timely submission of results and match cards

### **U13**

- A League was won by Brighton
- Final won by Heathfield & Waldron by default after Brighton refused to play
  - Subsequently the Brighton U13 A team was referred to Youth Management Committee and will not participate in the U14 league next season
- B East League was won by Brighton B
- B West League was won by Haywards Heath B

### **U14**

- A League was won by Brighton
- Final won by Brighton 31-5 Worthing at East Grinstead
- B East League was won by Hastings & Bexhill
- B West League was won by Chichester

The 2011-12 draws for U13 and U14 leagues has been produced and issued to teams

## **6. Mini Festivals (KB)**

Report circulated before the meeting.

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- *Steve Searle commented that there was an issue with the refereeing of the U11 Final, that he thought the referee had been unaware of the Youth Regulations*

## **7. Youth Forums**

### **West** (DB)

Report circulated before the meeting

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### **East (IN)**

*Report to follow*

**IN**

## **8. Youth Committee Appointments 2011-12**

All incumbents have agreed to remain in their current roles and no alternate candidates had been proposed ahead of the meeting

*Chairman of Youth*

*Chairman of Youth Competitions Committee*

*Colts Leagues Secretary*

*U15/16 Leagues Secretary*

*U13/14 Leagues Secretary*

*Minis*

*Chairman - East Forum*

*Chairman - West Forum*

*Youth Secretary*

*Youth Rep – Senior Comp Committee*

*Schools Representative*

*David Hooker*

*David Hooker*

*Mike Richardson*

*Steve Briscoe*

*Steve Searle*

*Kevin Blakiston*

*Ian Newman*

*David Beglan*

*Steve Briscoe*

*Mike Richardson*

*David Hooker*

***Agreed by those present***

## **9. Youth Competitions Structure 2011-14**

Proposed Competition structures had been circulated to Forum and Club contacts following the club consultation process

***Agreed by those present***

## **10. Youth Regulations 2011-12**

Draft revisions had been circulated to Forum and Club contacts ahead of the meeting

Proposed Sussex Youth Regulation amendments:-

4.c 50 point difference (in line with RFU change)

5 Add RFU playing times per age group (RFU 15.5)

8.c Player can only play one game (RFU 15.5.1)

9.d Front Row replacement – to be amended in line with RFU & Sussex Senior requirements

11. U13-16 11:00-12:30 KO time to be determined by Home team based on pitch/changing availability

***Agreed by those present***

### **Action:**

Agreed revisions to be incorporated and circulated

**SB**

**11.AOB**

**a. Discipline**

Heathfield RFC asked how Yellow and Red card were dealt:-

- Any cards shown should be recorded on the Match Card
- **Yellow** are dealt with as the temporary player reduction during the game and not reported upwards
- **Red** are reported to Sussex RFU by the Referee, clubs should refer to their Disciplinary Committee for consideration and action, which should then be advised to Sussex RFU within 2 weeks of the offence

**b. Harlequins Academy**

Neil Thomas asked 'why do capable players have to go to Harlequins Academy. He had been advised that those playing for other Academies would not be eligible for Sussex selection.

**DH to follow up**

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**c. Referee Appointments**

Mike Richardson advised that David Maconichie had retired and that a new appointment system would be introduced

**d. Festival Approval 2011-12**

Steve Briscoe advised that the approval form for all Sussex based Youth Festivals would be issued to clubs over the summer

**e. County Rugby**

Steve Searle raised concern regarding how many players and games were being scheduled – and the impact on rugby at related weekends

**Date for your diaries**

Sussex Youth AGM 2011-12 Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup> 19:30 @ Hove RFC

Steve Briscoe

**Sussex RFU Youth Secretary**