

MINUTES

JSN Committee

28 November 2008 at Brooklands Lacrosse Club

The meeting was called to order by Richard Summers at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance

R Summers, H Hewitt, I Ashworth, I Hawksley, J Sharples, R Ambler, M Ford, Representatives from WACS, N Wainer, D Clark, M Tobin, B Costello, E Mooney, R Howie, A Cara, S Somerville

Apologies for absence: L Harvey, P Coups, I Wicks

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the August meeting and approved.

2. Correspondence Received:

- 2.1 Preliminary information received from organizers of a junior tournament in Prague to be held April. Disparate age group may prove to be a problem but further clarification will be sought. It may be of interest to touring American teams.
- 2.2 A Festival Committee for the 2010 games has been formed to assist with development, chaired by Mike Nichols. Looking for representative from JSN and person/s willing to sit on the committee should discuss with R Summers. What JSN are looking from the festival will be posted as an Agenda item. The Tournament will run 15-24 July; 65 refs are required for the main competition and the festival will require officials.

3. Dispensations

Four dispensation requests received from Heaton Mersey and approved. However, opposition may ask for the dispensated players to be played in pairs rather than en masse. Although Stockport had declared that they did not wish to play teams with dispensated players they have played after agreement had been sought on match day. It was reiterated that should any team experience any difficulty with dispensated players then they have the right to ask for those players to be removed from the field.

4. Registrations

Still awaiting four teams to return registrations lists. ELA website has some gremlins in the registrations sections with some entries having dropped out. Please check regularly to ensure accurate maintenance of registrations.

5. Reports:

- 5.1 Fixtures: results are not coming in on time please ensure results are sent to Alison by Sunday evening to ensure early publication. ELA is looking at using the senior format for issuing results on website. RS/AC will look at the balance and strength of teams for fixtures post Christmas.
- 5.2 MPC: Held November issues relating to juniors:
 - (i) Whole Sport Plan with Sport England and will determine level of funding.
 - (ii) £250K grant approved for NW development of lacrosse – details to follow and will be communicated.
 - (iii) Communication with the South to be initiated by R Summers. There has been some discussion of U14 tournament to be held on 14.12.08. Money has been allocated for a national U16 tournament probably to be held in May to try and bring North and South together.
 - (iv) Huge potential in South over a wide geographical area. England Academy will probably have to hold 2/3 sessions.

- (v) Academy – there had been some concern over the level of £30 fee for session but RS has now received clarification of what this sum covers; pitch hire, equipment, admin, paperwork, t shirts, coaches expenses. Any surplus to be transferred to future development. RS to speak to R Balls and D Shuttleworth about creation of a separate account and a budget. Within Whole Sport Plan there is money for youth talent development and some of the costs of the academy may be offset against this budget.
- 5.3 Disciplinary
No reported expulsions. M Ford and R Summers have been kept in the loop regarding disciplinary action from U19 WACS, Poynton game although it appears no U16 has been involved unless the teams are dealt with rather than individuals. As previously noted U16 suspensions can possibly be served in one weekend. There needs to be North/South review to reach a unified approach.
- 6 Good Practice Guide
MPC prepared to fund a print run. All clubs should get feedback, comments, typographical errors etc and report back to Committee before printing ordered.
- 7 Junior Development: recent programme managers meeting received a briefing on development. U12 long stick, some players continue to play with a stick that is too long commensurate with their physical size.

Younger and younger players are starting lacrosse therefore proposal to set up camps for younger players – Emma Mooney will look at feasibility of setting up but equipment may be an issue. Rules should be looked at possibly using pop rules on possession to encourage passing.

RS noted concern about gaps in recruitment.
Appreciated that this cyclic. Brief discussion on possibly rearranging age groups to provide more movements and a topic for discussion with South

At programme managers meeting a promotional DVD for clubs to take into schools was distributed for feed back, this DVD can be made club specific, E Mooney will ensure all clubs not present receive a copy.
- 8 Refs: Ian Ashworth followed up G Lester and C Parkers offer to come out on a Saturday morning to work with refs in the junior game – very willing and keen but slow uptake from clubs.

ELA will allow training of junior refs and refs will set up a training course aimed at this age group.

Some concern expressed about host clubs for refs courses underwriting the costs. I Ashworth confirmed that courses under ELA auspices should be budget neutral.
- 9 Courses:

Level 1 and 2 courses to be held at Stockport (Minor grants bids may be available for refs/coach training up to £500)
Dates for Time to Listen courses to be issued.
- 10 Recruitment Posters – progress report to be requested from ELA. At Programme meeting, DVD handed out to clubs present intended as promotional material for schools recruitment. Copies need to be distributed to all remaining clubs and feedback requested. Emma Mooney to action.
- 11 National U12 competition to be held at Bath on 1 March. Would be encouraging to see more clubs attending.
- 12 Cheshire 6's traditionally held in September, J Sharples presented the idea that it could be moved to August to run alongside an 8 a side competition for junior teams - possible venue Cheadle Hulme. Consensus was that August is bad month for holidays but the teams would not necessarily have to be a club team. Feedback requested. Possible idea would be to hold it in July to tie in with visiting teams on a trial basis would be useful to choose one age group.
- 13 U14 6 a side competition to be held on Sunday 22 March at Poynton.

- 14 Club Mark – note funding is dependent on Clubmark accreditation, Emma to issue more information.
- 15 Transfers – procedure in good practice guide – in the event of a wish to transfer the player and parent should speak to their own club and on the understanding the club is happy to comply then communication should be made with the other club. Transfer notification should be made to JSN. Ensure registration with ELA is updated.
- 16 J Sharples requested Club Development Officer contact details from each club, requested clubs nominate a contact.
- 17 M Ford commented that the standard of refereeing is improvement and praised progress being made. He is not getting information on the games that players have been expelled have not played.
- 18 Please note all registrations should be in by next meeting and that dispensation requests should be resubmitted for January meeting.

Any other business

M Ford requested prompt issue of minutes from all lacrosse related meetings

- 19 Dates of next meetings:

29 January
26 March
30 April (AGM)

All meetings commence at 7.30 pm at Brooklands Lacrosse Club