

MINUTES

Junior and Schools North Committee

24 September 2009

The meeting was called to order by Rick Summers at 7:30 p.m. RS was pleased to see such a good representation from the clubs and thanked everyone for making the effort to attend.

In attendance

R Summers (Chair), S Somerville (Secretary), A Cara, L Harvey, R Gartside, H Hewitt, C Collier, D Loveland, G Cork, D Best, J Platt, E Mooney, J Sharples, I Fox, A Hunns, B Carney, N Wainer, I Ashworth, M Ford, R Ambler, J Adshead, G Edmunds.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the AGM were taken as read.

Matters Arising

1. Clubmark: Cheadle Hulme -registration outstanding.
ACTION: EM
2. Coaching Course: Number of dates were organised during the summer. Level 2 courses advertised on ELA website that is regularly updated with dates and arrangements for courses, further level 1 course to be held before Christmas.

Correspondence

None received

Dispensations

RS read the dispensations received that had previously been distributed.

RS voiced some concern that dispensations may be subject to misuse in order to manipulate team numbers, the usual reasons for requests for dispensation arise from age, inexperience or no team being available.

It should be noted that players aged 16+ do not come under the jurisdiction of this committee, it would create a precedent older players were allowed to play down. MPC will be consulted re overage players at U16, in order to comply with MPC regulations. Wilmslow representative voiced fears that they may lose players if there was not dispensation allowed for overage players to play down at U16. It was noted that there is less physical disparity at age U16 and that size issues were more relevant at U12

Stockport representative commented that they have an issue with overage players especially when trying to get teams out and confirm the Club's opposition to allowing dispensation to play at U12.

It is imperative that communication is made and a response received from the oppositions when dispensations are being fielded and that the opposition must give agreement. An understanding of the rules by which the game is to be played should be established and that no particular players should be allowed to dominate the game. During the course of the game the opposition coach is within their rights to ask for further restrictions.

Dispensations are subject to reapplication in January.

It was appreciated that on occasion it can be a struggle to get teams out but the aim would be to get players in to correct age group wherever possible.

RS will communicate with MPC re overage players (Ashton, Wilmslow and Oldham teams affected).

Registrations

All players need to be registered before the Saturday on which they are playing. Registrations lists need to be submitted. Over and above this, the clubs should check information on each player as the database is fragile. Each club will be sent a spreadsheet for checking by the ELA, volunteers need to be included and all coaching qualifications noted – do not delete information, the ELA will do this on your behalf. EM reported that there is a lot of missing information including addresses and email addresses. These statistics are used by the ELA to demonstrate how the organisation is performing and to identify areas for improvement this in turn will lead to access to funding.

Fixtures

2nd version published, any issues speak to Alison – results must be reported by Sunday evening in order for them to be published on the website. JSN striving for a bigger profile on the web site and clubs will be requested on a rotational basis to submit match reports, and pictures with the approval of opposition and parental consent.

Reports

1. MPC

1.1 Accreditation

Clubs without accreditation will be subject to a 20% surcharge – deadline 25.09.09. Level 1 accredited clubs should be moving towards Level 2.

1.2 Elite performance director has been appointed and endorsed by meeting.

1.3 Whole Sport Plan 2009-13 about to be completed. This includes a review of MPC structure.

1.4 General disciplinary matters, NEMLA consideration that MPC should take responsibility - further discussion ensuing.

1.4 Brief discussion on CRB extension impacts; no change to position to women playing in men's game

1.5 European Club Championship unable to arrange, hope to organise for next year.

2. **DISCIPLINARY**

HM U16 Goalkeeper – 3 match suspension, club requested to notify M Ford of games served under suspension. HM have sent a letter from the club regarding expected behavior and confirmed that as a club they endorse the good practice guide.

3. **REFS**

Refs forum held on 13.09.09 not appropriate for younger refs. IA&RS to liaise to arrange

RS requested IA to put together a quiz together approx 30 questions, multiple choice that can be distributed to clubs for educational purposes.

Behaviour – junior game commended on its attempts to improve behavior over the last few years. Coaches need to be aware that they should be responsible for their own behavior and that their actions do have an effect on the kids. Referees on a Saturday morning should be encouraged.

Rule 75.2 – a player or coach to sent to bench for unsportsmanlike. If it continues referee can banish from field, leave completely until after game has finished. Rule can be used to address issues from bench.

Coach can be made responsible for spectators behaviour, if necessary players can be sent off from attack downwards. Spectators should be encouraged especially at under 16 to stand on the other side from coaches.

Home club should expect away teams to bring a referee.

JSN encourage two referees to promote professionalism.

If no home referee game should not be played or if with the agreement of away team, they can provide a qualified referee.

Cup competitions must only be played with two referees.

Six A Side Competitions

1. U16 Mellor have agreed to host – 11 October registration from 12.30 pm.
J Leech volunteered to be head coach. Shortage of referees on that date due to fitness testing for world cup for referees
2. U14 – venue to be determined
3. U12 – Timperley to be confirmed as venue
4. U16 national competition to be held on 7 March in parallel with U12 Nationals at Malvern St James School
5. World Cup Junior Cup : U12 & U16 : 10 July U14 & U19 : 11 July
Charge £50 per team (inclusive of a t shirt for each player)
16 places per age group combined teams allowed; provided they have been a bonafide team for the season. 1 team per age group, 10 a side, Southern teams have been invited, to be held at The Firs.

WORLD CUP REPORT – Richard Gartside

10-14 July branded as a community festival
10-11 July Junior and Schools
12 University Challenge
13/14 Schools :
Primary pop lacrosse
64 teams, allocated through the Schools Partnership across 10 local authorities, some slots outside of Greater Manchester Area to include 1 from East Midlands, 5 from South and 1 from Hull
Coaching/festival base – coaching camp expecting 1000 overall. Each team that enters will be allocated a nation and a commemorative t shirt. Extra/cross curricular links. Club involvement requested

Secondary: @ u14
I boys field
Ii girls field
Iii non contact field
possibility of coaching camp marketed by local authorities

Information on main festival will be circulated. 2 academy teams will be entered ref D Ellwood. £2000 entry fee. The aim of the festival is to leave a legacy and promotion will be direct to local authorities linking with sports development taking onus away from the clubs.

NEW STRUCTURE AT ELA

Tom Senivratne – North of England Development Officer – Birmingham-Borders excluding Greater Manchester with the exception of STOPS (link with WACS), Poynton and Wilmslow
Richard Gartside – covers the remaining areas, taking responsibility for access to funding
Emma Mooney - competitions

Paul Coups and David Caudwell – national role for coach education, educations skills and club development

North Manchester development coach being funded by local authorities full time, post similar to LDO for clubs and schools in Wigan and Oldham

Further information or for advice contact: R.gartside@englishlacrosse.co.uk

Any other business

- 1 Contact lists to be distributed
- 2 If any club is approached by A Pomfret on behalf of WACS please refer back to L Harvey at WACS.
- 3 Child Protection – no reminder of expiry of registrations are issued. K Hughes can provide a breakdown of dates of issue and renewal is required every 3 years. There is a disparity in costs of CRB Checks, RS will raise at MPC.

Date of Next Meeting:

26 November 2009 at Brooklands Lacrosse Club