

**Subject:** South Joint Conference Meeting.  
**Date:** Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007  
**Time:** 10:00 to 1:00

<b>Attendees:</b> Pauline Rost (PR)	Slough and S.E. Chairperson
Carol-Ann Watt (CAW)	Basingstoke and S.W. Chairperson
Rita Mackriell (RM)	Chair - EIHA Youth Management Committee
David Hurn	EIHA
Steve Taylor	Head of Coaching Programme
CJ Boxill	S.W. Secretary
Rob Lackey	Basingstoke Chair
Tony Lack	Bracknell and Junior Fixtures
Sandra Annetts	Guildford and SW Child Protection
Angie White	Haringey Secretary
Bill Parkinson	Invicta
Fiona Heron	Milton Keynes Chair
Deborah Chaplen	Milton Keynes Secretary
Gary Dent	Oxford Chair
Heather Osbourne	Romford CPO
Allison Taylor	Romford and S.E. Secretary
Judith Koral	Streatham Secretary
Sue Godfrey	Swindon Secretary

**Early Departure** due to club commitments Fiona Heron, Tony Lack and Allison Taylor

**Guests:** None

**Apologies** Isle of Wight

**Unrepresented:** Bristol, Cardiff, Chelmsford, Solent & Gosport, Lee Valley,  
Peterborough

**Location:** Slough Tennis Centre.

**Chair:** Carol-Ann Watt

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Previous minutes were proposed by Sue Godfrey and seconded by Judith Koral.

## 1. U10

### **Separation of Joint Teams**

The Slough/Romford U10 team have now separated and each club is now running their own independent U10 team. A number of fixtures were already played by the joint Slough Romford team. It was agreed that the points for the fixtures already played will be awarded as if these games were played as separate teams and therefore the 8 points awarded to Basingstoke would still stand.

A proposal will be taken to the next YMC that teams who separate in this manner will be prevented from joining with another club in the following season.

### **Minimum Player Requirement for U10 league matches**

Major concern was voiced in the number of games forfeit due to the minimum number of players at U10s for a league match. A proposal to enable teams to 'borrow' up to a max of 3 3<sup>rd</sup> line players or below from another team to enable the match to be played. Permission/agreement between the teams will be required prior to the game commencing. The minimum of 16 registered players is still required but this motion is to cover for holiday/sickness of the registered players.

**ACTION - Rita Mackriel to put on the agenda for next YMC meeting**

### **U10 Jamboree**

In order to celebrate 100 years of the IIFH and to recognise Britain as a founder member an U10's Jamboree will be arranged for the weekend 1/2<sup>nd</sup> March. The Northern Jamboree will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> March in Sheffield and the Southern Jamboree is planned for 2<sup>nd</sup> March, venue is to be confirmed with Oxford under consideration.

There are 233 registered U10 players in the South and clubs are requested to encourage all their U10's to attend.

It was agreed that U10 games on 2<sup>nd</sup> March should be rescheduled to ensure that all U10's are able to be part of this celebration.

**ACTION - Tony Lack to confirm what games are affected**

### **U10 Meeting**

U10's meeting schedule for January, awaiting confirmation of date in January. Representation will include Conference Chair, Conference Secretary plus 2 club reps from each region. SE will have representation from Streatham and Chelmsford. SW to confirm representation from Guildford and Gosport.

## **2. Fixtures**

### **Fixture Cancellations**

Oxford v Basingstoke U16 fixture postponement was raised and discussed.

#### **ACTION - Oxford and Basingstoke to provide statement to Rita Mackriel**

With Cardiff withdrawing from the 'B' League their entire league fixtures were cancelled. Notification of the cancellation of the Cardiff vs. Haringey match was notified to Haringey the night before and therefore Cardiff are required to pay the costs incurred by Haringey for the hire of the coach. A fine is imposed for any team withdrawing mid way through the season. As long as the fine is paid the club is entitled to register a team next season.

In the event of cancelling a game all clubs are required to ensure adequate notice be given to the opposition. However, before cancelling a game, team officials should first contact Rita, on game day, if the number of players drops below the official requirement for the game, to ask for dispensation. Initial contact is by telephone (mobile number 07711 322914) then backed up by email. Rita will then do a confirmation emailed reply and notify the relevant statistician.

### **Fixture Changes**

Changes are only confirmed once the confirmation email has been received from Tony Lack. If an email has not been received then the change is still pending.

## **3. Registration**

A minimum number of 12 players are required (U12 and above) to register one team however if a club want to register two teams in a single age group and minimum of 32 players are required, which is considerably more than 2 times the minimum number for a single team. This has had a significant knock on effect and has prevented a number of clubs registering 2 teams and hence has reduced the number of teams in 'B' league. It was agreed that a proposal should be made at the YWC to reduce the 32 down to 28 minimum in order to register 2 teams.

## **4. Game Sheets**

Much discussion surrounded the issues with game sheets. Many game stats are not been reported due to extremely minor issues (eg 1 second difference on the game sheet vs. shots on goal sheet) and all clubs expressed concern that this approach is making it increasingly difficult to obtain volunteers to undertake these roles.

The game sheet has all the information required and is signed by the referee who has the final say in what is recorded. In addition not everyone has access to FAX or email and these needs to be considered. These points to be raised at the YWC meeting.

It was requested that clubs note U12 game sheets to be sent to Dave Hill (Not Rita) and that the correct postage is used especially when using A4 envelopes that now attract a higher postal charge.

## **5. Referees**

### **Refereeing Decisions**

An issue occurred during an U18 match Guildford vs Romford with the crowd throwing coins at the opposition goalie. Although the players showed the referee the coins on the ice he refused to believe the goalie. A process must be in place where these type of issues can be raised and a response is received from the Head Referee.

In addition an incident was raised where a referee made a kicking call. Following the match the player who was on the receiving end of the alleged kick confirmed that the kick did not take place, was happy to put a formal statement to this effect and requested that the referee report reflect this. It was subsequently found that this did not happen.

As a result of these examples it was unanimously agreed that the Southern Region is keen to see more transparency in the disciplinary process and this will be raised at the YWC Meeting.

### **Linesman - Child Protection**

Basingstoke raised an issue where a player / linesman aged 14 was too young to play in the U18 match as he had not reached his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and yet he was able to line this match.

**ACTION - David Hurn to raise this with Ashraf**

### **Referee Code of Conduct**

Question raised if there is a Referee Code of Conduct that they are required to sign?

**ACTION - Carol-Ann to confirm with Ashraf**

### **Two Man System**

It was requested that Ashraf to call in advance if 2 man system - there maybe local linesmen that could be called upon.

## **6. IIHF U15's Skill Challenge**

A skill challenge is to take place across the regions. This is an U15 challenge and will commence across the conference teams, full rules, timeframe etc to be circulated as soon as available. The winner of the UK wide skill challenge (1 boy and 1 girl) will win an all expense paid trip (player plus 1 parent) trip to the World Championship in Vancouver.

## **7. Items from Previous YWG**

During Val's absence player transfers can be actioned by Geoff Hemmerman.

### **Cancelled Games**

Discussion surrounding imposing fines for pulling out of games, 1<sup>st</sup> - £50 fine, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 fine plus 2 points deducted, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50 fine plus 4 points deducted. Floor proposal that the focus should be on points NOT the fine as the fine penalises the parents, the points penalise the clubs. The floor also proposed that a 5-nil fixture award should NOT decide the league winners.

This will be raised at the next YMC

### **CRB Forms**

Error rate extremely high across all clubs. Sandra has piloted scheme with 2 clubs that all forms are sent to her for checking. Common errors have included

- Incorrect nor insufficient ID
- Different address on form and ID (eg driving license)
- Wrong Date of Birth
- Using Ms when ID show Mrs or Miss and not completing previous name
- If surname does not change after marriage then must show no change in previous name .

Moving forward all forms to be sent via Sandra and any queries raised with Sandra.

CRB forms need to be submitted every 3 years.

An e-Learning CRB module will be available shortly to assist in this area meanwhile Vetting and Barring free workshops are available - details on the CRB website.

Clubs need to use their judgement in reviewing the information received back from the CRB,

### **Player Code of Conduct**

All clubs should have a player code of conduct signed by each player at the start of each season. Many clubs already have a code of conduct. David Hurn made available a draft which cover the minimum requirement for clubs to use or check to ensure their existing CofC includes these minimum points.

Any comments on the draft CofC to be passed back to David Hurn.

The North has confirmed agreement.

### **Referrers/Officials**

Coaches can referee an U10 game. In an emergency any registered official can officiate at any junior game.

A Club Secretary course will be made available and the design is already underway.

The rules and responsibilities for the role of Conference Chair to be issues shortly by Rita. Ashraf committed to providing material to aid in the training of match officials - David Hern to follow up with Ashraf.

### **Challenge Games**

Arranged via the Fixture Secretary. The challenge match fee has been removed.

### **Conference Weekend**

Confirmed that this would be in Hull during 1<sup>st</sup> May bank holiday weekend. Scotland U11's will be joining the conference weekend and therefore the schedule will be running later on each day to accommodate the additional matches.

It was stressed that costs are rising and sponsorship is key.

It is hoped that matches will be broadcast live on the web.

### **Junior Finals**

Junior Finals 17/18<sup>th</sup> May in Sheffield.

Ladies finals 24/25<sup>th</sup> May in Sheffield.

### **B League Winner**

It was agreed that any team who win the 'B' League will be required to move into the 'A' League, the option to stay in the 'B' League is no longer an option.

## **8. AOB**

### **Coaching Courses**

Requested as much advance notice as possible. Level 1 course 3/4<sup>th</sup> November. A level 2 Course and Workshop is urgently required.

**ACTION - Steve Taylor to arrange**

### **1989 Players**

Many of the cancelled U18 games are as a result of player numbers and inability to pull players up from the U16 until they have reached the age of 15. Many of these 1989 players are unable to play rec hockey as they have not yet reached the age of 18. In order to consider the impact on the Southern region of the change from U19 to U18 Rita will request the following information from Val:-

How many U18 players in each of the Southern clubs 07/08 season

How many U18 players in each of the Southern clubs expected 08/09.

**ACTION - Rita to request info from Val to be forwarded to conference secretaries**

### **Meeting Time Keeping**

Request for strict detailed agenda and focus on addressing the matter in hand to optimise available time.

### **Match Ban information / Transparency**

Significant delays in receiving any feedback from the disciplinary committee following match ban which leaves the club unsure of the duration of the ban.

It was proposed that the disciplinary committee needs to contact the club within 1 week. If nothing has been received within the week then the club to assume that the ban is just 1 match.

**ACTION - Carol-Ann to action**

### **New Rules**

CarolAnn to request a copy of the new rules and clarify the situation regarding equipment and when the ruling on goalie equipment and player helmets and shorts will be brought into effect at the junior level.

**ACTION - Carol-Ann to request information from Ashraf cc Rita**

### **Fixtures**

Andy French compiles the fixtures alphabetically therefore a club like Basingstoke have already played 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of their fixtures prior to Christmas. Request to even out the Fixtures.

**ACTION - Tony Lack to raise with Andy French**

Leaflets available to encourage children to take up ice hockey were given to all clubs to publicise the sport. Clubs **MUST** enter their club contact details on the space available.

Thanks were expressed to Basingstoke and Bracknell clubs for funding a free Ice session for each of the SW conference teams and goalies. Swindon will look to follow this lead.

### **Youth Working Group Meeting Agenda Items**

In order to ensure the items for referral to the YWG are captured they are listed below - full details contained within the minutes:-

- U10's to borrow upto 3 players to avoid league match forfeit.
- Minimum number of players required to register 2 teams to drop from 32 to 28 (still less than 2 x 12 players as required to register 1 team in a single age group.
- Only the game sheet to be provided to Malcolm Preen for statistical purposes and the process needs to consider those without access to fax and or email.
- More transparency in the disciplinary process.
- 14 year olds linesman in an U18 match where he would be too young to play.
- Imposing sanctions on clubs who pull out of games should focus on deducting points NOT fines as a fine penalises the parents the deduction of points penalise the

parents. Previous meeting proposed imposing fines for pulling out of games, 1<sup>st</sup> - £50 fine, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £50 fine plus 2 points deducted, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50 fine plus 4 points deducted.

- A 5-nil fixture award should NOT decide the league winners.
- Ensure an even number of teams in the A League and B League (previous minutes include details)

Due to the number of points to be raised Rita to propose 2 day YWC meeting - dates now confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Dec in Nottingham.

Next Southern Club Meeting late January - exact date and venue to be confirmed during December.