

## **SUSSEX RFU COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**Hove Rugby Club**  
**Thursday 1 OCTOBER 2009**  
**7.45 p.m.**

### **Attendees**

Ken Nichols, Mike Richardson, Geraldine Brown, John Thompson, Nigel Lyons  
James Melody, Martin Doyle

### **Apologies**

Charlie Wise

### **Chairman's Introduction**

No items

### **London Leagues**

JT - Sussex 1 revised fixtures now on RFU London website with link to Sussex website

Discussion held with Mike Ward regarding getting 'Spitfire' branding on site alongside league names. MW says this is out of his remit and would need to be processed through rugby first. Precedent is set in that the Essex leagues have sponsorship name on website.

Delays in access to player registration lists has impacted on ability to verify eligibility of players on match cards.

Seaford, Holbrook, Midhurst & Newick have been sent cards for Round 1 of RFU KO junior vase.

League Secretary meeting; was to include section of instructions on responsibilities of league secretary due to number of new officers. This did not happen, no minutes have been circulated. Focus on regulations not role.

### **Sussex Leagues**

**All results in for first 2 weeks fixtures and table updated and circulated.**

Haywards Heath 4s have pulled out of league reasons given in JM email notifying Sussex of the decision. Worthing 5<sup>th</sup> team also struggling due to similar circumstances and may also pull out of league but honour fixtures as friendlies.

NL expressed concern over losing players from clubs as players lose interest in playing competitive league fixtures as they get older. Committee to look into possibility of running a vets league next season; to be discussed later in the season.

Location of 'missing' trophies - John Shelton & ceramic Sussex trophy runner up award.

## **Sussex K.O. Competitions**

All competitions running smoothly; draws have been made and dates confirmed.

Medals and plaques ordered, balls to be sourced from RAM.

## **Women's K.O. Competition**

There are problems with previous format due to disparity in levels of rugby played by women's teams in Sussex and teams pulling out at short notice. Hove play at a much higher level than other clubs and only team which plays under full laws. Clubs enjoy the competition but not the outcome; a heavy defeat to Hove in the final.

Need new format which encourages participation but which also does not penalise Hove.

GB to explore inviting teams from Hampshire & Kent to create tri-county competition with possible senior & junior level (senior Championship 2 teams and above; junior remaining levels)

GB to contact Nick Silk regarding sponsorship  
KN to raise with Sussex CB

## **Sponsorship**

No update

## **Fixtures Bureau**

All working well KN renegotiated terms so cost fallen from 10p to 6.2p per text; cost covered by fixtures bureau

## **Any Other Business**

MD – JT to arrange access to Brighton, Lewes & Hove player registration for validation of match cards.

KN – St Francis 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary may have a president's game to mark occasion  
KN – looking at developing inter-county level 9 competition, positive feedback from other counties awaiting confirmation following CB meetings.