

SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

RUGBY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP – SOUTH AREA

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hove RFC on 13th Sept 2011.

PRESENT: Gary Howorth (Chairman); Tim Holgate (Community Rugby Coach); Nick Page (Lewes RFC); Tim Loadsman (Old Brightonians RFC); Gary Ansell (Shoreham RFC)

- 1) Chairman welcomed the few that were present - Apologies were received from David Beglan (Secretary).
- 2) The minutes of the Meeting of 28th July 2011 had been circulated and were approved
- 3) There were no matters arising from the previous meeting
- 4) Activity report from the CRC Tim Holgate
 - i. SLA's were outstanding from Lewes, Hove and Brighton – Please ensure these are sent to Tim Holgate asap.
 - ii. ACTION – Tim to follow up with Mal on those SLAs already received and requiring sign off.
 - iii. Teacher Tag development was being enhanced to replicate similar previous successful sessions at other schools in the cluster – Tim contacts these schools directly
 - iv. Efforts to improve links between Clubs and University Students. Suggestion is that clubs attend the various Freshers Fairs and then Trials the Rugby Societies hold, this is a good opportunity for clubs their profiles out there. The Unis often attract enough players for 4-5 sides but do not have the resources to run them all. The following are Brighton Uni details:-
 - Eastbourne Trials - Wed 28th Sept - 1-4pm at Eastbourne RFC
 - Falmer Campus - Trials - Thursday 29th Sept - 1-4pm
 - Combined Brighton Campuses Trials - Friday 30th 1-4pm at Eastbourne RFC
 - Brighton Uni Freshers Fair – 28th Sept at Brighton Racecourse – soft copies of flyers and other information that can be printed out and distributed can be sent to Zaid Ali – President of UBRFC – zali88@hotmail.co.uk – Tele 07964 722107
 - v. Starting 12th Oct and every other week until the end of Jan 2012 there is Non Bucks Training at Falmer and Eastbourne - Clubs can provide assistance with coaching resources – Contact Tim with offers of help
 - vi. Tim has been asked to run a few training sessions for Plumpton RFC only side
 - vii. Tim has managed to get a foot into Portslade School – initially to help coach and develop the girls rugby but the hope is that it will extend to boys groups at a later date.
 - viii. Rugby World Cup events – Tim would like to be informed of activities/events that clubs are running around RWC games:-
 - Lewes have held and plan more Breakfasts for England games
 - Shoreham plan some “all nighters” for die hards to watch a number of games
- 5) Club updates
 - i. Brighton Old Boys – The Peter Rumney Memorial Games was held - An U21 side attended and came runners up in the Cronk Cuniis (?) Tournament in?

- ii. Shoreham – Reporting good numbers of player registrations especially at U7 and U10 - U11 are considering combining with Burgess Hill – more numbers at U12 & 13 – They will repeat a bring a friend along session that had proved a success in the past – It was reported that Dole Fruits had offered to “sponsor” the club in a novel way. No financial offering to the club but a supply of fruit and Banana type Mascots attending events, all of which is tied into the campaign to get people to eat more fruit! This has raised media interest from which the club hope to attract more members.
 - iii. Lewes – Nick Page gave a brief update of the status of the long term project to build a new Club House and the challenge of dealing with the District Council.
- 6) No Girls Rugby update was available
 - 7) RFU Leadership Academy – Gary reported there were 10 people signed up – there are potentially 2 more places – Contact Gary asap for more information and how to join
 - 8) Gary pointed out that these events were not just about player recruitment but also to attract more volunteers to clubs – engage anyone you don’t know at your events and find out if they are interested.
 - 9) AOB
 - i. First Aid Course – If your Club has candidates for a first aid course then please provide a cheque of £40 per candidate to Gary asap. We need 10 to run a course, the new system requires individuals to register and pay, which we have found ineffective. Gary has agreement to pay centrally but registration will still need to be made by individuals. The County will subsidise the difference which is £25 per person.
 - ii. Referees – More refs willing to join the Sussex Refs Society are urgently required – By the end of this season there will potentially not be enough Referees to cover all of the league fixtures – no ref no game!
 - iii. 2nd November 2011 at Virgin HQ in Crawley (TIME?) – All Club Chairman and their Club Volunteer Coordinators are invited to an interactive session on how to entice more volunteers to come forward.
 - iv. Gary informed the meeting of the future formats of the RDP meetings which align more with the Exec meetings – see the spreadsheet attached. Essentially different set topics will be discussed and the RDP or Club reps will bring along the club members performing the role/function being discussed i.e. Finance = Treasurers.
 - 10) Date for next meeting **7:30pm Tuesday 1st Nov 2011 at Hove RFC**