

Sussex Youth Mgmt minutes Oct6 2010

Held at Hove RFC – Wednesday 6th October 2010

Present: David Hooker (Chair), David Beglan, Kevin Blakiston, Steve Briscoe, Roger Edmondson, Ian Newman, Mike Richardson, Steve Searle

1. Apologies: Peter Bailey, Alan Croucher

2. Action updates - April meeting and AGM

All actions had been taken or are due to be taken (Mini Festival draws)

3. Matters Arising

Incorrect information had been supplied with reference to the query on County Tours but the East Forum still expressed concern. RE reported The U17 County Tour has been cancelled due to low support and high cost

Quins Academy – RE advised nominations should be via Schools and Clubs

- There was query whether all club received notification requests? **RE**
- U13 Trials were held over the summer. The starting age may be later in future

Finals & Medals – Requirements have been fed through to KN

- The venue for youth finals have been notified and published

Girls – RE reported that CB executive had agreed Budget and kit. General directions provided.

4. Forum Feedback (DB/IN)

No additions to the recently circulated Minutes for both meetings

5. Youth Registrations (DH)

The timing issue had apparently been raised with the RFU and an extension to the re-activation deadline had been notified to all clubs.

- Guidance notes have been issued to Club Registrars
- League Organisers have not received the Club Listings from ES yet

6. Youth League / Cup 2010-11

U14s – First round completed – results and match cards received ok

Lewes and Edenbridge both used their allowed re-arrangement. Uckfield has withdrawn

U15s – First round completed – results and match cards received ok

Worthing B and Eastbourne have withdrawn. Pulborough moved from A to B league

U16s – First round completed – results and match cards received ok

Chichester B has withdrawn

Colts – All club B teams withdrawn – so league re-drawn as East & West

Some more league drop-outs may occur

U17 Cup first round games played - U17 County clash with Cup date still not resolved

U17 Cup takes priority – ME to be notified

RE

7. Sussex Mini Festival(KB)

Invitations due to be issued – due back by end Dec

- The Draw will take place at HH Fixture meeting in Jan.

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8. Schools & County (RE)

U18 School Dev 10s – Held at Hove as two leagues – Beacon and Sussex Downs won
U18 County – play tonight @ Crawley
U16 County – to play 31/10 @ H&W

9. Youth Structured Season 2011-12 (RE)

SB circulated two examples of YSS draft – one with league dates applied to set Green weekends and one with u13-15 off-set. SB commented that to have to play league weekends across all age groups would put an impossible strain on clubs regarding available facilities and referees. RE commented that:-

- RFU concerned about over-playing and that Schools should need to conform to YSS
- Sussex is OK to tweak to balance draws but must avoid Blue County/Dev and retain same number of Green dates
- We should wait for the published version before setting dates in case of any changes
 - due during Dec - Sussex dates will available before Fixture events

10. Sussex Youth Structure 2011-14 (DH)

DH had circulated discussion paper to be used to stimulate club proposal discussions at Forum. No conclusions could be drawn from analysis of history of numbers of clubs competing with different formats. It was agreed that a supporting questionnaire could reach a wider audience if sent out to all current league team contacts.

- It was expected that retention of the current u13-16 structures would be supported
- All dates are to be set as normal ahead of HH Fixture meeting
- Colts dates would be set – but draw should be left until September to try and avoid impact of early season drop-outs

Discussion paper to be reviewed – feedback to DH

Draft questionnaire to be produced and circulated for approval

All
SB

11. Youth Festival approval (SB)

The proforma was agreed and has been distributed to all clubs. 3 club responses received so far (Burgess Hill, Chichester and Shoreham), Chichester CB approval confirmed

- Chichester had confirmed appropriate 1st Aid cover
- Sport Tours and Rye RFC had been contacted regarding their Camber Sands event and to ensure that the lack of 1st Aid cover last season is addressed
- RE requested that School festivals with 'out-of CB' teams are also included

12. Regulations

The recently published Youth Variations now include a 50 point maximum difference for all youth games. The Youth League regulations specify a 40 difference applies – this will remain in effect

13. AOB

Child Protection RE commented that 29 club officers had attended the Safeguarding courses held at Hove

Diary Date: Next Youth Mgmt meeting is Wed Jan 19th 2011 19:30 @ Hove RFC