

Sussex Women and Girls Forum

08/11/2010 White Hart Hotel, Lewes 19:30

Attended: Sonya da Silva (Sussex Women and Girls); Robin Gale (H3 and Sussex Girls Lead Coach); Wendy Horwood (Sussex Girls Manager); Rebecca Wallis (Lewes); Chris Keeley (Chichester) Mel Liley (RFUW Legacy Events Officer); Andy Baurer (H3 – Hastings, Headingly, Heathfield cluster)

Apologies: Mal Chumbley (Sussex Rugby Development Officer) Claire Byrne (South Sussex Barbarians and Brighton); Anita Philips (East Grinstead); Alice Hayes (Worthing); Brian Vincent (Worthing); Donald Simmonds (Worthing); Mike Titheradge (H3); Geraldine Brown (Sussex)

SdS Rugby First

SdS All Women and Girls (W&G) sections need to be aware of who is updating registration information onto Rugby First.

RW Lewes will look into who their Rugby First manager is and ensure this is being done accurately. **RW to action.**

AB As a cluster, H3 the girls that participate in the cluster to play matches must be registered as players at their home clubs. Are all clusters aware of this and auctioning appropriately? CK aware for the Bognor, Chichester, Midhurst proposed clusters. **SdS to contact Claire Byrne ref SSB as Shoreham, Hove, Brighton.**

SdS By having accurate reporting on Rugby Ready, the Sussex Constituent Body (CB) is in a better position to fund teams and bid for support from the Rugby Football Union (RFU). If the county can provide reliable numbers for funding purposes, we are in a better position to develop W&G rugby in Sussex and begin to establish the required budget needed year on year to remain sustainable – **SdS will look at coordinating an audit to present to the CB.** The appropriate channel to ask the CB for financial support is to send invoices made out to Sussex Rugby to SdS and she will forward these for approval.

NB ML: find out if funding is available to teams travelling over 100 miles for matches.

SdS W&G Coaching Development

SdS Following last meeting, list of potential coaches looking for development is not complete. However, it has been made apparent that in order for a Level 1 coach to progress, there must be evidence of Coach Development through recognised Coach Development Programs. **ALL: please submit list of coaches and their planned development**

RG If a club/cluster can show there is enough demand to warrant arranging a CDP, there is a 6 week lead time but this can be done. CPDs are not always relevant to girls, so there is also some worth in asking Community Rugby Coaches to come in and do specific sessions relevant to the needs of a team or a coach's specific development.

Community Rugby Coach (CRC) Information

(see: <http://www.sussexrugby.co.uk/dyn/pages/development/coaching/>)

South West Rugby Development – **Mike Marsh** 07711453867 mikemarsh@therfu.com
Clubs: Bognor, Chichester, Littlehampton, Pulborough, **Worthing**, Shoreham

Central Sussex Rugby Development – **Mick Orton** 07872827162 mickorton@therfu.com
Clubs: Barns Green, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Ditchling, **East Grinstead**, Holbrook,
Horsham, Midhurst, St. Francis. (Haywards Heath)

South Rugby Development – **Tim Holgate** 07894489792 timholgate@therfu.com
Clubs: **Brighton, Hove, Lewes**, Newick, Plumpton, Shoreham, Uckfield (Norfolk Arms, Old Brightonians)

South East Rugby Development – **Jeremy Nobbs** 07738648916 jeremynobbs@therfu.com
Clubs: Cinque Ports, Crowborough, Eastbourne, **Hastings & Bexhill**, Heathfield & Waldron, Hellingly, Rye, Seaford

SdS Linking schools, colleges, FE, HE to clubs:

SdS Under 18 and Women's teams should make direct contact to schools and their SSCos and FESCos to establish exit routes from school and college level into club rugby.

School Sports Partnerships

(in which Further Education Sports Co-ordinators and School Sports Co-ordinators operate)

<http://www.activesussex.org/run-sport/education>

Brighton and Hove SSP, Andy Marchant (01273 852233 / linda.loaring@stringer.brighton-hove.sch.uk)

Central Sussex SSP, Julia Duncan (01403 787200 / jduncan@theweald.org.uk)

Crawley SSP, Chris Yelling (01293 526255 ext. 2047 / cyelling@wsgfl.org.uk)

Hastings and Rother SSP, Sandra Pamplin (01424 448325 / sandrap@williamparker.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Mid Sussex SSP, Lorraine Everard (01444 873898 / leverard@wsgfl.org.uk)

North Wealden SSP, Jo Ashworth (01892 603012 / j.ashworth@beacon.e-sussex.sch.uk)

South Downs SSP, Mel Dunn (01323 841468 ext. 226 / dunnm@hailshamcc.e-sussex.sssch.uk)

Southern Area SSP, Jon Mills (01903 778368 / jmills1@wsgfl.org.uk)

West Sussex West SSP, Kate Smith (01243 872111 / ksmith@wsgfl.org.uk)

Ben Stocken Rugby Union Student Liaison Officer, London South (RUSLO) - 07889601261

Current Links (as per last meeting):

Lewes: Sussex University

Worthing: Chichester University

Hove: Sussex University/Brighton University(Falmer Campus)

AB Can positive discrimination be used to make girls participation at mini level mandatory? For example, each mini team must have a minimum of a girl on the pitch playing at any one time? Could this help recruitment and retainment in the long term for girl sections?

Sussex County Program for 2010/2011

RG Under 18 Sussex Girls Coaching Team:

Robin Gale	Lead Coach for Sussex Girls Section
Rob Lawrence	Under 18s Head Coach
Ross Waddington	Under 18s Assistant Coach
Mike Titheradge	Under 18s Assistant Coach
Pheobe Hurrell	Under 18s Assistant Coach
Donald Simmons	Under 15s Head Coach
Dan Penticost	Under 15s Assistant Coach
Phil Lavill	Under 15s Assistant Coach
Sara Wakeford	Backs Specialist
Mark Potter	Physio

First match played against Surrey (07/10/2010):

Under 18s squad (25 participants) lost 48-5

Under 15s squad (31 participants) lost 40-0

Pleased with commitment and dedication of the coaching team, and there is demand for coaching development with at least 3 requests for progression from Level 1 to Level 2 (D. Simmons, P. Lavill & P. Hurrell). Tour proposed for Feb 2011 half term, TBC.

SdS Sussex Women played Essex and lost 32-5, but the progress is measurable based on the fact this was the first county game in 2 years, and a full squad was fielded, coached and there is now a formal player pathway for the girls to aspire to. This is also the route for Women to be nominated for Divisional Rugby.

Following last meeting:

- WH
- Adjusted start time for under 15s accounting for the young age of some participants
 - It was agreed to keep U15 & U18 to same venue for aspiration/learning benefits
 - Moved two venues from Eastbourne to Brighton and Worth School (Hove and East Grinstead were unavailable).
 - Worthing, now fully integrated into Sussex squad, will be working to ensure all area of Sussex are accounted for (including Chichester) in terms of travel demands in future.
 - All coaches are advertised for through sussexrugby.com

SdS 2011/2012 County Season

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- Sussex W&G is to be proactive and inclusive regarding training and coaching, looking at using Schools and Colleges as potential training/playing venues.
 - Continue with player monitoring and progression to divisional trials where applicable
 - Sussex 7s Festival date and venue to be booked
 - Pulborough and Barnes Green to be invited to W&G forum.

Any Other Business

ML vRugby is continuing for a third year, please contact if you have any 16-25 year olds volunteering in your sections that could benefit from free coaching development (or other available courses) melanieliley@rfu.com

Date for next Sussex Women and Girls Forum Meeting 07/03/2011 @ Worthing RFC 7.30pm