

# SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

## Sussex Rugby Club Development Partnership – South Area

MINUTES of the Meeting held at Hove RFC on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

PRESENT: Claire Byrne (South Sussex Barbarians/Girls' Rugby); Rebecca Willis (Lewes RFC); Neil Thomas (Brighton); David Beglan (Secretary).

1. Welcome and Apologies. The Secretary welcomed those present. Apologies had been received from Gary Howorth (Chairman), who was on Cabin Crew training at BA; Tim Loadsman (Old Brightonians RFC); Mike Morton-George (Newick RFC); Nick Page (Lewes RFC); Paul Apps (Shoreham RFC).

2. The Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> March had been circulated and these were approved.

3. There were no matters arising.

4. Service Level Agreement for new Community Rugby Coach. In the absence of Mal Chumbley (RDO) and the Chairman and a lack of information at the meeting, it was difficult to make any headway with this item. Neil Thomas said that he had heard that a new CRC was expected to be in place by August and that Mal Chumbley is sorting out the new Service Level Agreement. Neil made some comments about "best practice" and recommended that the process be reorganised so that the CRC's programme works more logically. It would be best for Clubs to put forward their requirements and for the Service Level Agreement to be "Club driven".

5. Seal of Approval update. There had been no information regarding the position with regard to Uckfield RFC, who were not represented at the meeting.

6. Girls' Rugby update. Claire Byrne reported that she had been at "Take Part" (a weekend to promote sporting activities) in Preston Park, Brighton and had followed that with a "Tester Day" from which she had gained more recruits. RFUW is coming into line with the RFU and will run a shorter season. Claire has enough players at Under 15 to consider a second squad. The local leagues have disbanded and the girls will now compete in the South Coast League, with matches as far away as Swanage and Ellingham and Ringwood. Under 15s are officially limited to a maximum of ten a side but Claire has asked for this to be raised to thirteen a side. Expenses with regard to travelling are a problem. David thanked Claire, on behalf of the Partnership, for her efforts in promoting Girls' Rugby and said how encouraged he was with the efforts made by Claire and Rebecca and others to boost this form of the game.

7. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8-10 p.m.

Date of next meeting: To be advised.

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