

Sussex Women and Girls Forum

12/07/2010 White Hart Hotel, Lewes 19:30

Attended: Brian Vincent (Chairman of Rugby, Worthing); Robin Clarke (U15s Lead Coach, Worthing); Mike Titheridge (H3 & Sussex girls), Robin Gale (H3 and Sussex Girls Lead Coach); Wendy Harwood (Sussex Manager); Marcella Yeates (Farlington and Horsham); Sonya da Silva (Sussex Women and Girls); Geraint Jones (Chair of Coaching for Sussex); Mal Chumbley (Sussex Regional Development Officer); Alan Croucher (Sussex Chair CBRDP); Mel Liley (RFUW Legacy Events Officer); Jennifer Hake (Captain of Worthing Ladies); Alice Hayes (Manager of Worthing Ladies); Geraldine Brown (Hove Ladies); Carol (Lewes Ladies)

Apologies: Chris Keeley Chichester RFC, Claire Byrne SSB, Andy Baurer H3, Don Simmonds, Worthing & Sussex girls.

Formal Links for Communication

SdS Trying to unite the county contact list, with update emails and phone numbers before season starts

MC Rugby First should be as up to date as possible. ALL representative should enquire at their clubs to find out who is responsible for using this resource as it provides a means of communication that can group relevant contacts, etc.

SdS **Linking schools, colleges, FE, HE and clubs:**

- Benefits of this could be the sharing of coaching expertise/facilities and players and increasing awareness in the community as a whole
- Junior Sections to establish 2 formal schools links, via club education links and Community Rugby Coaches (CRCs)
- Under 15s/U18s to communicate with School Sports Coordinators (SSCs)
- Under 18s/Ladies to contact local Further Education Sports Coordinators (FESCOs) at colleges and higher education level
- Ladies to establish 1 formal university link (contacting Mal Chumbley (RDO) or Ben Stocken, Rugby Union Student Liaison Officer(RUSLO) - 07872 827140 (from 28th July 2010)

Current Links:

Lewes: Sussex University

Worthing: Chichester University

Hove: Sussex University/Brighton University(Falmer Campus)

MC There will be county skills development days held in September, club representation will be encouraged, further details to follow at dates are confirmed

MC **Links to wider Rugby Community**

- W&Gs should look to communicating with key contacts within their clubs

- W&G need representation at as many Rugby Club Development Partnership (RCDP) and Cluster meetings as possible in order to fully integrate with the county.
- At Cluster level, the work program for CRCs are outlined as well as offering an opportunity to communicate with the Constituent Body (CB) for Sussex.

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** starting August 2010
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

MC Dina Lewis, Part-Time County Administrator can be contacted on 01273 623030/
sussexadmin@rfu.com and can coordinate mail shots for data capture, contact lists etc.

Nick Silk, Media Manager can be contacted via email nick.silk@sussexrugby.co.uk for
website updates

Coaching in Sussex

SdS Over the next year we should be looking at developing all our coaches

GJ Coaching development in progression from Level 1 to Level 2 coaching awards is crucial to
passing, and Club Coach Coordinators should be contacted in-club to arrange non-award
Coach Development Programs
(<http://www.rfu.com/TakingPart/Coach/FindACourse/LondonSouth.aspx>)

MC Coaching development should be actively encouraged in all clubs, with CRCs to support as
their work program/qualifications permit. Also suggest watching other sections' training.

ACTION: All clubs to email Sonya da Silva with comprehensive contact list (including current
coaching qualification and planned coaching progression). Please include any key
parents, unqualified coaches and volunteers.

County Program for 2010/2011

GB Aiming to re-establish Sussex Ladies, following a year out (2009/2010), however the RFUW have failed to issue fixture list including Sussex to date.

- Open training is planned at the following venues:
12/09/2010 Eastbourne RFC (Hampden Park)
19/09/2010 East Grinstead RFC
TBC Sussex University (Falmer Campus)
- This will be followed by three squad training dates:
01/11/2010 }
20/11/2010 } Worthing/Hastings/Lewes TBC
06/12/2010 }

RG The Under 18 Sussex Girls Coaching Team:
Rob Lawrence
Mike Tilherage
Ross Waddington

The Under 15 Sussex Girls Coaching Team:
Dan Pentecost
Robin Gale Head Coach
Sarah Wakeford Head Backs Coach

Recent Communication via email regarding Sussex Girls

- RG Background Information following communication between Glenn Warren (Chairman of Worthing W&G) and Robin Gale (Head Coach for Sussex)
- Coaches attended an open training session, where individuals volunteered for county roles
 - Locations for training were scouted and checked by Robin Gale, with Brighton decided unsuitable due to issues last year when Sussex Girls fixtures were disrupted due to the club's lack of commitment to the Sussex fixtures.
 - Eastbourne was decided to be best location on convenience for coaches and the majority of last year's team being East Sussex based (at under 18 level, only one player came directly from Worthing RFC)
 - Robin Gales felt liaison with relevant clubs through the Sussex coaches was a suitable communication feed, and as a result didn't email Girls' Chairs directly but will endeavour to do so in the future to avoid further offence.
 - Wednesday evenings are the most convenient for training in terms of coach availability and minimal disruption for the majority of contributing Sussex girls teams. However, as the cost of Rob Lawrence's attendance has proposed two sessions could be held on Tuesdays. As yet, this has received no reply from GW.
- BV GW has handed in his resignation at Worthing due to lack of support. As he feel Sussex is detrimental to club development.

GJ Compromise and Reconciliation

- The role of Sussex rugby is to endeavour to deliver the next step in player development and is not about disrupting club rugby or club development.
- RG has offered alternatives, and these should be considered further; suggest Brighton RFC on the two Tuesdays.

AOB

ML vRugby is continuing for a third year, please contact if you have any 16-24 year olds volunteering in your sections that could benefit from free coaching development (or other available courses) melanieliley@rfu.com

GB Asked if there is a Sussex Cup for girls; as yet no but to be considered by SdS

Datee for next Sussex Women and Girls Forum Meeting TBC