

Sussex Youth Mgmt minutes Oct5 2011

Held at Hove RFC – Monday October 5th 2011

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

1. Apologies: Roger Edmondson

2. Action updates - April meeting and Youth AGM

All actions have been completed, except

- AGM.7 – East Forum report still to be received for inclusion in Minutes

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3. Matters Arising

None

4. Forum Feedback (DB/IN)

West

- General discontent voiced with u17 Draw timing
- Worthing has announced an apprenticeship scheme

East

- Concern at falling numbers of players – teams need to consider combining
- Quins contact to be invited to next Forum to outline support they could give to clubs and academy operations
 - Jan 4th meeting will be combined East & West @ Hove

5. Youth League / Cup 2010-11 (SS/SB/MR)

U13 First round of fixtures later this month

U14 First round of fixtures held – one team withdrawn, replaced by new entry

U15 First round of fixtures last weekend

- 2 'allowed postponements' used – Eastbourne, Worthing B
- League 3 2 withdrawals – Burgess Hill, Midhurst
- Crowborough defaulted (late cancellation due to players) awarded to Horsham

U16 First round of fixtures completed

- League 2 withdrawal - Burgess Hill

U17 First round of Cup fixtures completed

- Hove defaulted (lack of u17 players) awarded to Bognor
- No additional dates required for recent draw changes

Colts League Draw issued

6. Minis

- West Festival has switched venues from Crawley to Horsham
 - Finals will now be at Eastbourne
- Mini Refs course to be arranged
- Kevin briefed on progress on mini Continuum trials

7. Schools (DH)

- SB was elected as representative of Youth Committee at Playing and Coaching committee especially with regard to 2012-2013 structured season. He would attend the next Schools/Playing and coaching meeting.

8. Youth Festivals (SB)

Submissions complete with the following exceptions

- No response from Midhurst or Shoreham – no festival assumed
- Bognor – Tourist event organised by Burleigh Travel
 - Approved by Sussex
 - RFU submission imminent following receipt of supporting event documentation
- Eastbourne appears to have proceeded with Mini Festival on Oct 2 without approval

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- No response to reminders to Worthing
 - RE advised of status of Eastbourne and Worthing events
- SS identified Brighton considering a new event
 - Late requests for approval acceptable for new events

9. Referees (DB)

- New appointment process working ok
 - Some clubs not going through their appointed contacts for submission
- Unable to appoint for recent U16 fixtures – lack of available referees

10. AOB

- (DH) Registrations have gone ok – many changes to registrars – it was noted old transfer rules were still included in the county handbook to be made clear on county website.
- (SS) Regulations not published on all Youth Page
 - Check website and request Peter Sealey to modify website **SB**
- (SS) will attend HH Fixture meeting in Jan to collect U12 contact details
- (SB) identified feedback from League 2 clubs that a County Coach was encouraging more capable players to move to League 1 clubs – supporting evidence requested

Diary Date: Next Youth Mgmt meeting will be Wed Jan 18th 19:30 @ Hove RFC