

## Devon Hockey Club Forum

### Minutes of the meeting – 16 July 2012

#### **Present**

East Devon HC, Ashmoor HC, Plymouth JHC, Torbay MHC, Isca HC, Plymouth Marjon HC, Okehampton LHC, Okehampton MHC, PGSOB's HC, Devonport JHC, Nicky Bruce (DHA President), Sue Hutchings (Single System), Rosie Parkin (DHA School Girls) and Barbara Reynolds (EHB).

#### **Apologies**

Sidmouth & Ottery HC, Plym Valley HC, Honiton Hornets HC, Tiverton WE HC, Teign HC and Dart HC.

- **Increasing Participation at your Club**

Rush Hockey – informal hockey – see website [www.rushhockey.co.uk](http://www.rushhockey.co.uk)

Back to Hockey – encouraging players back to the sport.

Sportivate – funding for attracting 14 to 25 year olds into hockey. Programme organised by Active Devon.

5 week frenzy portal – Give it Go! Log all club activity running from 27 July to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept onto the portal to promote your club activities.

If you are interested in organising or require any further information on any of the above please contact Barbara Reynolds.

#### **Action: All Clubs**

- **Devon HA Funding Support**

Possible ideas from the AGM;

1. Subsidised courses – for example coaching updates, SPC, First Aid, GK Workshop, Time to Listen, Leadership Courses (Plymouth JHC – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, Isca HC – Aug 20<sup>th</sup>)
2. Coaching Engagement Day – top level coach into Devon to deliver a session, Q & A, share ideas etc. Season planning sessions. Tactics & technical updates. Video analysis.
3. 50% coach bursary – Level 2 two options – clubs that need a L2 and up skilling coaches to L2 as part of the Single System. Or Level 3 funding. Needs to be a set number of bursaries.
4. Coach database – linked to Active Devon workforce.
5. Funding for Clubs Course – organise Active Devon (SH to contact)
6. Entry fees to junior leagues and competitions – reduce costs to be discussed at DHA committee for season 2012/13.
7. ClubsFirst accreditation support through Active Devon.

The above points will be discussed at the next DHA Exec meeting.

- **DHA Website**

Following on from the Club Forum the website has been discussed at committee at great detail. Club feelings it is heavily based on umpiring and not on Devon club hockey. If we need to change the website, what needs to be altered?

1. Time to input the data / information for clubs
2. Clubs information needs to be separated possibly – could the admin buttons on the home page be separated – umpires and clubs
3. Too functional, not attractive for hockey, too cluttered and too much on there.
4. Simple home page – umpire and club then courses, junior leagues, etc

- **Competitions (Junior & Senior)**

Devon Calendar dates set – Sue circulated dates to clubs and these will be posted on the Devon Junior website. Indoor dates need to be added. The Devon calendar factored in the West HA dates into the Devon calendar so there shouldn't be any clashes.

The new EHB U14 In2Hockey competition for smaller clubs was outlined. Clubs can enter both EHB U14 competitions but players can only play in one U14 competition and not both (either 11 aside or the 7 aside). This competition will be at local level, with the option to attend a National Festival.

Junior Festivals – details sent out to clubs at least one week prior and stick to dates unless awful weather conditions.

Three festivals – any clubs wishes to host a date? Different venues per date;

Isca – 7<sup>th</sup> October

PGSOB's – 25<sup>th</sup> November

Okehampton (need to check clubhouse building work) – 3<sup>rd</sup> February (pm only) plus another venue  
ECVH - tbc

- **AOB**

1. Applications for JDC and JAC coaches please promote within your clubs.
2. Rules changes proposed for 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. – When are EHB introducing the new rules for leagues? **Action: BR**
3. Club rep on Umpires Association – Sue Ansley – she will contact clubs in due course for items to be discussed at their meeting on the clubs behalf.
4. Share Olympic stories – Torch bearers, Olympic volunteers – good news story on the website
5. Promote hockey as a 'Family Sport' in light of the recent football court case
6. One piece of good news from every club – over the next season. Articles to be sent to Nicky Bruce

