



## Devon Hockey Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Dolphin Inn, Bovey Tracey on 1 April 2014 at 7.30 p.m

### Attendees:

Dave Chard – DC - President  
Michelle Judge – MJ - Hon Secretary  
Martyn Harvey – MH - Men's League Rep  
Peter Hodge – PH – Hon Treasurer  
Sam Tallowin – ST – Discipline Officer  
Barbara Reynolds – BR – EHB  
Keith Dingle – KD – DHUA President

### Minutes

#### 1. Apologies

Mike Tucker and Rosie Parkins

#### 2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

Signed as a true record

#### 3. Matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by the Agenda items

None

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – PH attached report

PH provided an overview of the accounts.

The single system was discussed – email to Sue Hutchings was mentioned, the suggestion was that DHA would subsidize the SS by approx. 2.5k.

The SS should be able to fund itself; PH will try and meet up with SH prior to the AGM to discuss the accounts to date as it is not known if the accounts are in profit or not.

KD asked if the perhaps the WHA could be approached for funds? The committee decided as there are surplus funds in the accounts, DHA could provide a subsidy.

BR asked DHA if they could put towards £100 to the Peninsula coaching course, this was agreed. Invoice to be sent to PR from Active Devon.

#### 5. Secretary's Report – MJ

All final places have been decided in the cup competition, which is to be held at Okehampton on the 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Further to the complaint received by DHA from Teign Hockey Club, regarding Marjon B fielding ineligible players during the semi final of the Devon Trophy, the case and all evidence before the committee was discussed at the DHA.

After careful consideration and taking into account the submissions from both sides and Committee member's views, the Committee voted unanimously that the result should stand. The main reasons behind this decision were as follows;

1 - It was believed that Marjon B had entered a team in the spirit of the competition and had not deliberately strengthened their team to effect the result of the match.

2 - It was agreed during the meeting that the three players named in the Teign complaint, were not of a high enough playing standard to materially effect the result of the match.

3 - It was agreed at the meeting that the rules of the competition, particularly when considering larger clubs playing their lower teams in the Trophy were too open to interpretation. As a result there will be a rule change in future years to prevent any repetition of this situation and provide clarity for all. In line with the DHA Constitution this rule change will be put before this years AGM for approval.

It should be noted that Michelle Judge who is both Chair of Teign Hockey Club and Secretary of DHA declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the issue.

Whilst the result of these discussions was never going to please both parties DHA believe this is the correct outcome in the 'spirit of the competition' and that the proposed rule change will prevent any ambiguities in the competition rules for future years.

MJ will take an action to make changes to the competition rules to ensure that there is no ambiguity.

In2Hockey - Exe HC through to the National finals

DHA have set up a Facebook page, over 100 likes so far.

## **6. Single System Report SH**

ST shared an email that was sent to him from Tom Spencer re the U16 JAC WHA tournament in that an injury took place and

DC to investigate with SH to why Devon did not have an adequate first aid kit or first aider.

BR to ask West Performance Centre why there wasn't a first aider from supplied for the tournament.

## **7. County Discipline Report – ST**

4 Red Cards:

Dart - 30 days Cat B

OPM – 36 days Cat A

Okehampton – 30 days Cat C

Plymouth Marjon – 30 days Cat A

MMO was issued too late by a club and was therefore timed out and would not stand.

There are clear guidelines to on submitting MMOs and categories posted on the DHA Website for all umpires and players to see.

#### **8. Devon Umpires Report – KD**

KD reported on the proposal of funding to run umpire courses form WHA. There was supposed to be a meeting in January but unfortunately there were not enough people at the meeting to pass a decision.

KD also discussed the Kick Start Initiative, how the funding should be spent re the course, in that umpires will take the course and they then should complete 4 matches and then the course would be paid for.

DC suggested that DHUA/DHA should look at funding umpires to attend courses through the association and not through WHA.

KD suggested that both DHA and DHUA should each put in £1250 towards funding new umpires to gain their qualifications. This was agreed by the DHA committee.

KD discussed that there is a major problem with the numbers of umpires in that league games had been cancelled because of this.

DHUA does not have enough umpires in the Devon pool, WHA take at least 8 umpires from Devon into their pool. KD asked MH if the men's league rules were changing to accommodate active/inactive umpires? MH was not aware that this was changing. DHUA may adjust the bands for clubs in order to encourage more umpires into the pool and to continue with the club commitments to the pool.

#### **9. The Davis Wood Hockey League report – MH**

The last league meeting was held; most games have been completed now bar one. Suggestions have been put forward re changes to the match card reporting system; the top 3 tiers will not be able to postpone matches if you are a university team.

Another proposal was discussed re a local league in Devon, this will be discussed further at the League AGM.

DC gave a vote of thanks to MH for his role as League Rep over the past years.

#### **10. West Hockey Association report – MT**

No report submitted

#### **11. AOB**

- AGM – election of officers – DC asked which current committee members were standing again. All officers were standing again apart from Martyn Harvey.
- BR – EH have had their funding cut from Sport England, as participation figures have gone down. EHB are fighting back re cuts as other bodies have not made their figures but have not been cut. The cut is 1% can be absorbed this year. BR stressed that affiliation figures are very important. The EHB Club and player surveys should also be completed. Emails have been circulated to all clubs re the above. Back to Hockey is being pushed for April.
- Next Forum will be at the end of May and will focused on Junior hockey.
- A pre AGM meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- DHA Men senior trials will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April at Exeter University.
- Junior League – there is pitch availability on a Friday from 7-9 at St Peters. Age groups will be decided at the forum, both Jill Dupain and Jane Cornelious have said that they would help organize
- Devon Winter school games went ahead with over 200 children taking part.
- DC discussed if DHA should become a limited company. There are costs involved in the set up and other complications; EHB will be running a series of workshops on becoming a limited company. DC asked MJ to add this as future agenda item.

*Other Information:*

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May AGM

*Notes:*

The meeting finished at 21:00 pm.

The above are an accurate record of the Devon Hockey Association committee meeting held on 1 April 2014

Name: Dave Chard

Position: DHA President

Signed:

Date