



## Devon Hockey Association Committee Meeting Minutes

The Ley Arms, Kenn on 2 Dec 2014 at 7.30 p.m

### Attendees:

Dave Chard – DC – President  
Mike Tucker – MT – Vice President  
Michelle Judge – MJ - Hon Secretary  
Peter Hodge – PH – Hon Treasurer  
Rosie Parkin – RP - School Girls Rep  
Barbara Reynolds – BR – EH Relationship Manager

### Minutes

#### 1. Apologies

Sam Tallowin and Keith Dingle

#### 2. Minutes from the Last Meeting

Signed as a true record

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

DHA contribution towards West Masters has been paid to sum of £100.

KD asked about whether DHA were open to paying a contribution towards the Umpires tournament – this was agreed.

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

PH presented the accounts to date. Attached.

University of Exeter Ladies and University of Plymouth Men have not yet paid their affiliations.

Incurred costs in pitch hire for juniors, MJ to chase entry fees.

Paid an upgrade to Tex Systems of £60.

#### Action:

MJ to chase affiliations

MJ to chase up the entry fees for Junior comps

## 5. Secretary's Report – MJ

All the regional rounds for the Schools and Clubs are scheduled, some of which have been played already. Lots of correspondence received in regards to the finals for the Boys and Girls indoor clubs, nothing has been sent out by West yet, despite MJ sending Devon contact details.

This has been a steep learning curve as it was unclear what DHA role was in organizing regional rounds and submitting entries.

A few cup matches have resulted in walkovers but there have been little issues to resolve, other than one team being disqualified due to them failing to contact the appointed umpires.

The Exeter Uni pitch is unavailable for the finals (11<sup>th</sup> April), MJ has contacted Exeter School for availability, Okehampton have provisionally booked their pitch if Exeter is unavailable.

This Friday for U15 league, this has been fairly successful, but unsure if we should continue from Jan, Jill Dupain has asked clubs for feedback. Suggestions are sort in regards to changing the format. U12s has been less successful due to teams dropping out.

U14 leagues are also finished, with places to be finalized in February.

MJ to send out final tables once all results are in.

MJ to send out In2Hockey entry forms this week.

Correspondence received from Andrew Harvey in regards to disrepute charge made against him by Penzance HC.

### **Action:**

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## 6. Single System Report SH

JDC completed, many thanks to EH and Gus McVey.

The password to Devon Junior Website has not been shared, DHA need to advertise for JAC coaches, MJ to put info on the DHA website and Facebook of remaining coaching positions.

DHA have paid Gus McVey on his hours that he has put into organizing the SS.

It was agreed that an advert should sent out for the role of SS administrator and for 3 or 4 Centre leads. BR to send job descriptions from Somerset.

Pitches are booked for JACs and information is on the website.

BR updated the committee about the SS database, in that the EH need to bring the system up to date.

Some JRPCs have not attended JAC Assessment, it was discussed and decided that players should be invited to be assessed at the first JAC training session.

PH brought up the mention of kit, in that DHA did agree to provide some funds for costs. DC has already got this in hand, a new supplier has been found.

It was felt that the SS could eventually be self-funding but DHA will commit to assist and offer financial support where needed.

BR brought up the JAC competitions in that DHA have not yet entered. MJ to action.

**Action:**

BR to send job descriptions from Somerset

MJ to put info on the DHA website and Facebook of remaining coaching positions.

**7. County Discipline Report – ST**

9 red cards for the season to date!

6 Cat A

2 Cat B – physical violence

1 disrepute charge

ST brought to DHAs attention a complaint regards to a website where a report was mentioned concerning a player of the opposition.

2 reds have been submitted for December.

KD mentioned that Joan Davies (West Discipline Officer) will retire at the end of the season.

**8. Devon Umpires Report – KD**

As expected gaps are beginning to appear in the umpire appointments from the highest level down in Devon as Devon umpires continue to provide over 25% of the appointed umpires at West level every week and umpires of suitable calibre do not make themselves available for appointment within Devon.

The solution to this rests primarily with clubs and despite repeated warnings many will be surprised by the level of their appointment fees next season.

The Kick Start Initiative is now operational and the first applications are being processed.

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

No report

## 10. West Hockey Association report – MT

Nothing to discuss

West meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

MT mentioned that Salisbury HC have applied for funds for new goals, it will be interesting to know if this is paid.

EH Club Strategy will be discussed at the West meeting.

## 11. AOB

- Devon Club Forum 24<sup>th</sup> November went ahead with a small number of clubs attending. A number of excellent discussions were had. One question was raised in that how can we get more clubs to attend. It was discussed that perhaps the forum could have a themed approach; the first discussion will be retention of players.
- MT mentioned that he had advised a young player to complete the online Umpiring Course, he then commented that he believes that every player should be encouraged to do this. This was agreed.
- ST mentioned that perhaps Andrew Ashenhurst could be approached to take over the Regional Disciplinary Administrator role for West.

### *Other Information:*

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 18<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 20 Oct 2014

Name: Dave Chard

Position: DHA President

Signed:

Date