



## Devon Hockey Association Committee Meeting Minutes

Dolphin Inn, Bovey Tracey on 8 October 13 at 7.30 p.m

### Attendees:

Dave Chard – DC -	President
Michelle Judge – MJ –	Hon Secretary
Sam Tallowin – ST –	Discipline Officer
Keith Dingle – KD -	DHA Umpires President
Martyn Harvey – MH -	Men's League Rep
Mike Tucker – MT -	Vice President West Rep

### Minutes

#### 1. Apologies

Sue Hutchings, Peter Hodge 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

PH will continue to look into whether or not Coaches should be employed or self-employed – **EHB** have met and have produced a document that will give guidance on this matter, this has gone out for approval

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – PH

Bank account balances were distributed, no questions

Affiliation to EHB from Devon clubs will be chased up by BR, all fees need to be in by 31 October

#### 5. Secretary's Report – MJ

MJ to chase up on Cup and Trophy match dates/times as there seems to be little evidence of clubs adding anything to the website.

DHA will be holding a Vets tournament day in Plymouth at the end of the hockey season, it is hoped that more men's clubs will enter.

Devon In2Hockey dates

Oct 6<sup>th</sup>

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Liaise with Peter Hammond for umpiring

Jan 26<sup>th</sup>

Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>

ISCA to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. MJ to provide dates to Peter Hammond re umpiring.

MH asked if the cup play by dates end on a Sunday. This was agreed. Finals day 12<sup>th</sup> April MJ will look to club to host.

KD mentioned having more sponsors on the website, this was discussed and the conclusion was it might be not be cost effective add one to the DHA page, plus add additional clutter to the site.

ACTION: MJ to add the dates of the next meetings to the website.

#### 6. Single System Report SH

Nothing reported.

DC to meet up with SH to discuss SS

#### 7. County Discipline Report – ST

ST attended annual CDA meeting in Taunton – it was noted that any red cards awarded for decent will be treated more severely.

#### 8. Devon Umpires Report – KD

KD reported that the final version of the new umpiring structure is now on the website. The new level 1 umpiring award course will be run from the 1<sup>st</sup> November, the course will have a practical element and umpires will be qualified once completing the course. They will be able to umpire lower leagues only.

Peter Lovell is trying to get a meeting together between the leagues to ensure that there is a consistent approach to how to implement the new system.

KD stressed that there is dreadful shortage of umpires in the region and the new system is an excellent way of getting more umpires qualified. He suggested that perhaps all associations should contribute to the payment of courses, there should be a caveat set that all umpires that have had their course paid for, that they must agree to undertaking 4 appointments a year. KD asked for DHA approval that he takes the suggestion that there should be a change to the ladies league rules that umpires should be appointed to matches. DHA are fully supportive of this strategy.

DC asked BR if this could be something that Active Devon could help fund. BR did not think that this would be covered.

KD suggested that perhaps it might be a good idea to hold a preseason course that could involve all clubs. DHA might be able to consider this.

ST asked about aerial balls in that were leagues in Devon, MH commented that we should be playing/umpiring to the FIH rule book.

MT asked about ABC clubs, and how umpires contribute to the number of umpires at the club. KD explained that if they have a level 1 qualification they will count.

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

Not much to report – Sally Hammond has officially taken over the role of League Secretary.

Player list are submitted to the leagues, if associations were to ask for such lists, clubs are asked if consent is given due to data protection.

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

MT suggested that we should encourage clubs to ask how they could use additional funding. MT will be putting forward a plan to West. MJ commented that clubs will already be looking for funding sources. It was suggested that West should be putting together a criteria of what clubs should be asking for, giving them an idea of what to expect.

#### 11. AOB

- Club Forum date Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30 at the
- Time to listen course booked for a weeks time, only 3 people booked on. MJ to send out a email to clubs.
- BR mentioned the county development plan, DHA agreed that this should be started up again.
- ST asked if the dates of the meetings could be added to the website
- DC put forward Jamie Oxley's proposal of setting up a Devon Hockey league and he would like DHAs support in doing this. DC will reply to Jamie's email asking for more information, such as set up etc.
- DC has asked for entry to the EHB Senior Men's county

#### *Other Information:*

Dates of next meetings:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 1<sup>st</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 8 Oct 2013

Name: Dave Chard Position: DHA President

Signed: Date