



SUSSEX HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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SUSSEX BOY'S DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETING minutes
Tuesday 13th June 2017
St. Francis Hospital Social Club
7.45pm

Minutes

1. Apologies and attendance

Present: John Murphy (Chairman), Sandrine Yeates (League Organiser), Colin Upchurch (St Francis), Fraser Milnes (Crowborough), Stephen Bird (Worthing), Brian Humphreys (Horsham), Keith Truter (Crawley), Jo Humphreys (Horsham), Simon Hookway (Eastbourne)

Apologies : Lorraine Harvey (Horsham), David Pinard (Hailsham), Ian Anguige (New Chairman), David Mansell (Lewes), Jo Ireland (Brighton & Hove)

Not represented: East Grinstead, Mid Sussex (Justin Maynard stepping down), South Saxons

2. Introduction to new joiners.

John Murphy announced, he will stepped down as SHA Chairman at the end of June 2017. Ian Anguige will replace John next season.

3. Season 2016-2017 review and proposal for changes for the forthcoming season.

This year there was 12 teams participating to the Boys Sussex Development League. 22 development games were played between 17th Sept 2016 and end of March. 2017

The first round of the cup was played on 17th of December for both U14 and U16 teams. 7 clubs entered a team for U14 and 6 clubs entered a team for U16.

Semi-finals were played between 25th of March and 8th of April.
Final occurred on Sunday 23rd of April in Lewes with other Mens finals on the same day. All went well.

SDL U14 winners: Eastbourne

SDL U16 winners: Worthing

4. Consideration of the rules for 2017-2018- the following changes will be applied for season 2017-2018

Age rule: For next season the **1st Sept will be used as a key date** to consider players' participation in the league. (year 7 – year 11, boys born between 1st September 2001 and 31st August 2006)

Players born after 1st of September 2006 can play at the discretion of their club, but clubs are asked to consider players safety at all time. **Clubs are strongly advised obtain a sign consent form from parents.**

Communication between managers before the game is encouraged to ensure the game is developmental for both teams.

Participation of an adult on the pitch: an **adult** is allowed on the pitch **from the start** of the game. But the adult must leave the game once his team is winning by a score difference of 3. Each adults **must stay in their own half** while on pitch and are **not allowed to defend a penalty corner** unless the adult is the goal keeper. Adults (especially young adults) **must wear something to identify** themselves as the adult on the pitch)

Last season all results with a difference of more than 5 were adjusted to reduce the goal difference to 5. The decision was initially brought to avoid focusing players on scoring rather than play a developmental game. But this decision was judged not to be effective. It was decided that for next season the **scores would be recorded as they are.**

5. Fixtures Live

Following changes made by Fixtures Lives, results will no longer be texted after each developmental games.

Instead results will be entered by logging into FL by 8 PM on the day of the match. A reminder email will be sent to the captain if not entered.

Guidance from Fixtures live can be obtained the support menu:

<http://w.fixtureslive.com/support.aspx?articleid=204>

PINs can be obtained from Club administrators.

Any administrator from a club can enter results.

Please ensure that the contact and email address provided in Fixtures Lives is up to date. This includes club secretaries.

6. Dates for 2017-2018.

The following clubs have confirmed their participation to the league next year.

Worthing
Brighton & Hove
Horsham (2 teams)
East Grinstead
Lewes
Mid Sussex
Crowborough
Crawley
Eastbourne
St Francis
Hailsham

Could the remaining clubs provide a response by **END OF JUNE**. After this the league match dates will be posted in Fixtures Live.

7. Any Other Business.

This following rules were discussed and clarified during the meeting:

- Boys playing in both Dev League and Mens Team together: U16 and U15 boys who regularly (a couple of times a month) play in men's Sussex division two and above should only play as an adult.
- Reverse Stick: Reverse Stick HITS at goal are banned on the grounds of danger. A controlled push or deflection should however not be penalised. This decision is made on the grounds of safety.
- On behalf on Horsham Hockey Club and all other clubs present, Jo Humphreys thanked John Murphy for his support during the many years he has been part of the SHA.