

SUSSEX COUNTY BADMINTON ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Management Group Meeting held at St Mary's Social Club, Christie Road, Lewes, on **Tuesday 30th August 2016** commencing at **7.30pm**.

Those Present: Adrian Adams, Derek Webb, Vera Groves, Lynn Levy

1. Apologies: Mark Russ, Mark Allen, Wendy Adams, Andrew Craig, Philp Huggett, Lee,

2. Minutes of the Management Group Meeting held on 26th May 2016 were checked but not signed in the absence of chairman and deputy chairman. One amend was made to item 6. This should have referred to Clubs instead of Leagues.

3. Matters Arising:

- Auditing of accounts. Adrian flagged that he had no responses. Derek raised that he had spoken with a contact at St Marys who was investigating.
- Medals and appearances. Adrian confirmed that he had appearance data but did not have any medals yet and that he would pick this up with Sara and DT. There was discussion around the accuracy of the data but the view of those present that we should make awards at the restricted.
- Masters web link. This is now working. However it was felt that to avoid confusion this should feed through to asters content not generic content. Adrian to resend Lynn, Andrews contact details in order that we can get some masters content on the page. Discussion followed about if we could make webpage phone accessible.
- Child Welfare officer role is still vacant. Initial attempts to recruit had fallen through. Adrian to check with Mark Russ and update on status.
- Sussex had supported Mark Russ in his candidature for BE main board. Unfortunately Mark was unsuccessful in this. Committee roles have not been communicated yet so we are not aware if Mark was successful in this capacity.
- Adrian confirmed issue of U21 team which was closed off at the AGM for the immediate future.

4. Correspondence:

Adrian detailed the Badminton England communication that had been received:

- Junior communication which was aimed to provide a format for counties to communicate to clubs about BE events. Adrian to forward to committee.
- Dawn Conaty regarding return of Charleane Taylor from maternity leave. Charleane will take over from Dawn as PA to Adrian Christy.

In addition communication had been received from:

- William Brown requesting tournament sanction for ESJBA event
- The umpires association regarding requirement for umpires at restricted

5. Reports:

i) Junior committee: Adrian reported that:

- There was no junior report but he had spoken with Mark who had relayed the following:
- The junior restricted would run in line with new BE age groups (U12, U14, U16 & U18) and will take place at the Triangle over the weekend of 24th/25th September
- The junior committee is actively seeking more parental input and the names of new people on the committee would be shared at the next meeting.

ii) County Teams Adrian reported that:

- Team training has been arranged. 1st team are training with the performance centre. 8 sessions had been arranged for 2nd and 3rd teams at Falmer. This was on website and would be communicated to all affiliated players now we had a mailing list established.
- It had been agreed not to charge match fees this year due to the new BE ICC format. ICC match weekends were now published on BE website
- Adrian confirmed that Restricted would run at Worthing on Saturday 1st October and Brighton University on Sunday 2nd October. The move in date on BE calendar has caused issues with Universities going back. This meant Universities were not available on Saturday. Mark is seeking to get to at least Q/F of singles on Saturday at Worthing. Mark is avoiding Friday night for preliminaries given lack of desire from players to turn out on Friday.

iii) Masters – Lynn reported that.

- 2 practice sessions had been booked at Horsham. Lynn is presently booking matches
- Vera asked if we could enter 2 over 65's teams due to the number of players. She mentioned that this had been requested before. Lynn said that we will only have 1 over 65 team this year and that next year we would also have an over 70's team.

- There was discussion about lack of awards for masters players
- Lynn asked why masters had to be completed by March. Derek stated that he felt this was because of need for fixed dates for play offs.
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iv) Treasurer’s Report – There was no report from Phillip

- Adrian relayed that Phillip had shared at the AGM that we were in strong financial health.

6. SCB Strategy Session Update Adrian shared that:

-The session in June had made good progress albeit attendance was very low.
 -Following the session it had been agreed that he and David Taylor would further develop the strategy. Adrian had met with Tanya, Gemma and spoken with David Taylor regarding the strategy. He shared the 5 areas of work and that this was work in progress and once he and David had managed to meet they would share with the committee for refining and agreement.
 - There are 5 key areas to the strategy for which the working title is “Grassroots to Greatness” to reflect that SCB will have a role from players and participation through to elite. The headlines for the 5 areas are below. Each area will have key actions which will require owners to progress.

- Junior Participation
- Coaching Catalyst
- Grow Top Talent
- League Leading Connections
- Become a Player Pleaser

- Adrian also shared that following meeting with Tanya and Gemma he had been able to create mailing lists for leagues, players, clubs and coaches. This should help improve the level of communication. The coaching list from BE website is poor. Adrian has built on this but will be meeting Gemma and Tanya to identify how we can get a more comprehensive list.

- Adrian shared that as part of the strategy we would look to run quarterly open coaching sessions. Lynn suggested that there had been issues with people signing up and not attending in the past and that we may want to get payment before sessions.

7. BE Strategy Session Update

- Adrian shared that meeting with Julia Strong from BE on 20th September would take place at Brighton University Pavilion Rooms and that leagues and coaches had been invited.
- A suggestion was made to invite clubs also. Adrian said he would do this and dependent on responses would then pick up with the University if a larger room was needed.
- A request was made for Tea and Coffee to be served. Adrian said he would ask the University if this was possible.
- Vera shared that BE had restructured people to better facilitate working with Counties, Leagues and Clubs.

8. Any Other Business

- 3 Series: Derek confirmed Janice Byerley had booked 3 series events and he would share the poster for publication on website.
- Mark shared trials dates for juniors as 2nd July. The date for senior restricted will be towards the end of Sep start of Oct.
- Derek passed onto Adrian email regarding contribution to National Badminton Museum. Adrian to pick up with Mark & Phillip.
- Vera raised website compatibility with mobile phones. Adrian said he would pick this up with Andrew Craig for a response.

There being no further business, Adrian declared the meeting closed at 9.14pm.

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