

South West Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 16th June 2020 – 7.00 pm

Via Zoom

Present: Heidi Marvin (HM), Helen Amos (HA), Sally Keogh (SK), Chloe Watterston (CW), Kate Nelson-Lee (KNL), Michele Bray (MB), Victoria Westwood (VW)

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| 1 | Apologies for absence: Claire Stoot |  |
| 2 | Minutes of last meeting: approved  Matters arising:   * new Umpiring Advisory group being set up by EL, hoping SW will be represented by Paul Jenkins and MB * search for SW Uni Rep ongoing * SW officiating database – MB reported that Platform is tricky to get accurate/up-to-date data from; SW umpiring FB set up last season was getting going and probably a better tool going forward * Are there any outstanding payments from clubs for the League? Check with Emily Feist (EF) * Budget – 2nd tranche of this season’s budget wasn’t drawn down as league tournaments and regional competitions were cancelled; budget for 2020-21 season will be/has been allocated/received (?); KNL warned that the non-spending of part of a region’s budget can result in the budget for the next season being reduced by EL | PJ/MB  MB  VW/HA  CW/HA |
| 3 | SW Proposed Constitution: HA thanked for all her work putting this together; it was proposed that the AGM be held in May or June, not April | HA |
| 4 | Proposal of Secretary post: VW was proposed by HM, seconded by HA and voted in   * committee job descriptions to be updated | HM/VW |
| 5 | Website update/access and Facebook/Social Media administrator:   * EF has given VW the website access details to update email addresses, new committee details, new COVID-19 links from EL etc * EF has been doing Instagram/FB posts but would like to hand this on; she has put out an invitation but no offers have come forward; HM offered to do Instagram in the meantime (this may automatically go onto FB too); suggested that Lydia Nicholson (Cheltenham) be asked direct if she would take it on, not needing to come onto committee, as she is almost always at league fixtures; CW offered to continue to post on Senior Regionals | VW  HM  ?  CW |
| 7 | COVID-19 Return to Lacrosse:   * KNL reported that EL suggest only 2 groups of 6 on one pitch; all information is on EL website; ‘being sensible’ is key approach * NLC have requested an outline ‘return to lacrosse’ plan from regions and schools to encourage information sharing, stimulate planning and help EL provide support as needed * Agreed that schools will make their own plans based on government and EL guidelines but unlikely to decide on possible plans/use of fixture dates until nearer September depending on what is allowed by then * Important that information from EL comes into regions and onto clubs as quickly as possible (keep FB/Instagram/website up-to-date) * Suggested we send clubs information on ‘things you could do’ eg kids sessions * Suggested that we arrange another clubs’ meeting on Zoom to share information/views/Safety Plan adherence | ?  HM/VW  KNL?  HM/VW? |
| 8 | How can SW provide support: more of the above |  |
| 9 | Officiating updates:   * circulate new rules and guidance to clubs following EL webinar * ask EF to promote 50% discount on umpiring courses on Instagram/FB * remind all umpires that they will have to take the Annual Rules Test (ART) to keep their qualification valid (should be coming out in August) | MB  VW  MB |
| 10 | World 6v6 Rules:   * EL have asked for feedback from clubs on the proposed new rules (by 23rd June) although no one present had received anything from EL   Discussion arising:   * MB uncomfortable that goggles are mandatory resulting in different equipment being required for different versions of the game * SK reported that goggles become much more important given the extra speed of the game * SK had found the 6v6 game great fun (especially as GK) but very different * KNL pointed out that this is a proposed version of the game, not to replace the current game * HA explained that the pitch size makes it extremely difficult to use any pre-existing markings on a multi-use venue * HM was concerned that another reduction in the size of the playing team would result in a reduction in the number of participants in the sport * Smaller team groups places greater pressure on the coaching/officiating numbers required * HA pointed out that the proposed rules had been drawn up by men’s referees and reviewed women’s umpires, allowing some spurious rules to ‘slip in’ * KNL thinks that Jane Powell is the EL representative on the 6v6 panel (Blue Skies with World Lacrosse?); would be helpful to have input from more people with an ‘English’ take on the rules * MB suggested a dedicated umpire committee to watch/participate and report back to EL * KNL pointed out that these rules are still only proposals so we have the opportunity to influence decision-making by submitting our feedback | KNL |
| 11 | Funding to clubs and individuals:   * VW was concerned that the SW website states applications for individual funding must be made retrospectively which can put off people undertaking courses if they are not sure they’ll get the financial support they need * KNL suggested the wording be changed to allow people to apply for bursaries in advance but that the funds would be handed out on completion of the course * CW suggested an EL discount code be set up so the individual pays, for example, 50% and SW pays the balance direct to EL | VW  HA |
| 12 | NCL Updates: None – KNL at a meeting next week |  |
| 13 | Senior League:   1. Updates from League Secretary – none 2. League club meeting – to be arranged 3. Team entry payments – to be discussed once there is a clearer picture of the season ahead 4. Senior league budget 20/21 – ditto above | HM/VW?  HM/CW  HW/CW |
| 14 | Senior Regionals:   * CW reported that there was some dissent at the disparity of payments to coaches from SE to SW this season; HA explained this was purely down to the difference in the numbers of players trialling and that Senior Regionals in the SW always runs at a loss * KNL suggested we need to encourage more players from current SW clubs/universities to get involved, perhaps involving a change in the EL byelaw re eligibility * Also need to encourage more female coaches to apply * SK reported that as a player the balance/abilities of the coaching staff was at times challenging (x4 male coaches, some with a limited knowledge of coaching the women’s game) * CW said that a 50/50 male/female split has worked well in previous years * CW reported that at times some girls felt intimidated by the 4 men together and occasionally even she (as Manager) found it tricky * SK pointed out that when there is a wide diversity of playing ability it is important to have a degree of maturity in coaching |  |
| 15 | Super Counties:   * some similar inconsistences with coaching as with Regionals * not attracting the top level(s) of girls |  |
| 16 | Budget and Development Fund update:   * complete transfer of role to CW not yet complete | HA/CW |
| 17 | AOB:   * HM suggested a committee away-day to discuss topics in greater depth; considered a good idea by all | HM |
| 18 | Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 4th August 2020 7.00 pm on Zoom | HM |