South West Lacrosse Committee Meeting

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, 26 June 2024**

**18.15 via Zoom**

**Present: Annabel Campbell (AC), Victoria Westwood (VW), Tia Hislop (TH), Kate Nelson-Lee (KNL), Charlotte Williams (CW), Clare Stoot (CS)**

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|  |  | **ACTION** |
| **1** | **Apologies for absence**  George Wood, Becca Kellagher, Heidi Marvin |  |
| **2** | **Minutes of last meeting -** Approved  **UPDATE**: decision on rules for schools next season – existing rules will be played on exiting pitch markings with following exception - 2 spots behind goal: any foul will go to spot plus any boundary ball behind goal; there is appetite for rule changes over next season with more education; Wendy Reynolds to send out information on placement of players at backline; UAG to create tutorial videos on new rules; Regional umpiring leads to contact schools to give support for umpiring days, webinars etc; opportunity to introduce some of new rules at eg Top Test |  |
| **3** | **Junior Regionals/Super Counties: consideration of CW proposal for 2024-25 season (attached)**  CW summarised proposal: all regionals want to reinstate JR as top level competitive for juniors play – supported by the then National Academy coach as helpful to see girls in competitive scenario; all 3 regions to create the best teams they can to come together at a tournament; National coaches to attend JR tournament as ‘scouting’ opportunity; regions to work together to promote the ideal outcome, recognizing that the regions are very different within their structures; do not want to exclude top players/multi-sport athletes by insisting they go to every trial/training – allow some discretion to allow them to manage the burden; in SE girls have to register at the beginning of the season to be considered, even if they were unavailable for SE tournament dates; agreed to share the promotion material from SEWLA to make message clear across regions how the routes run alongside each other, not an either/or Academy v JR  SW needs to decide how to hit our need in consideration of the nuances of the region  CW recommends a Hybrid Model (3) to allow those who want to ‘just play’ and enjoy playing with different players (ie current Super Counties model) can still do so whilst also being invited to JR trials; or selected for trials at SW Schools; others can be invited by a paper selection if burden too great  Discussion points:   * do we need self-nominating system in addition to other two routes (SW Schools + Super Counties) * stand out message to players is the prestige of playing for representative team * self-nomination needs to be coach ratified * how many girls would come through self/coach nominated route? * SC a separate event from which girls could be invited to trials * we don’t want to lose SC as we support its inclusivity and as a ‘pick up’ point for talented players who aren’t in Academies * must be careful not to undermine SC to keep participation numbers up   **Roles**: Super counties manager can also act as organiser/selector for JR trials  **Costs** to be discussed – important to try to recoup some losses from last season; all elements need to be self-funding and add something to SWL funds  **Dates**: difficulty of using same dates as SEWLA is the problem of umpires  **ACTIONS:**  tba on WhatsApp group | AC/VW |
| **4** | **New Rules – update on SEWLA Clubs’ position**  SW clubs have appetite to use new rules; SEWLA voting tonight, if they vote against new rules in entirety they might vote to adopt some | AC |
| **5** | **Date of next meeting - tba** |  |