

# CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

20<sup>th</sup> June 2001

**Present:** Simon Fairhall [Secretary], Michael Wrathmall [Treasurer], Stephen Graves [Chairman], Colin Burton [Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association], Chris Hillsdon [Clubs Representative – Men], Sally Tippen [Junior Representative – Girls], Khalid El Wahab (Kal) [Youth Representative - Boys]

**Apologies for Absence:** Claire Gould, Liz Ellerington [Local Authority Sports Development representative], Richard Munns [Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association]

## 1. REPORT BACK FROM JUNIOR ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes from this meeting were not yet available but the key discussion items were reported as:

- Very disappointing turn out with only 9 people present
- Lengthy discussion on the issue of over-playing of players. The Management Group recommended communication between Coaches / Managers of teams, especially County Teams but also with East Academy, Schools and Clubs; that County games should see the whole squad present being used; circulation of details of activities to help avoid clashes.
- Lack of attendance at trials. It was agreed that the secretary would write to the Headmaster of the Perse School thanking him for support in terms of a venue for County activities, but also expressing concern that very few boys from such a strong hockey playing School were attending County trials.

## 2. REPORT FROM THE SENIOR ANNUAL MEETING

Again, minutes from this meeting were not yet available, but the key discussion item was the relationship between the Cambridgeshire Hockey Association and Cambridgeshire Women's Hockey League. The meeting agreed that the expansion of the League irrespective of County boundary was the future. It was agreed that a meeting be held with Barbara Dorban Hall and Bridget Gibson with a view to proposing that the league adapt itself independent of CHA. However it was proposed that close ties be maintained, such as sharing dates of Annual Meetings.

The meeting discussed the proposal for bi-annual meetings of members of the Association. One idea was to hold it in conjunction with a Management Group meeting. It was agreed that whenever the meeting was held it had to have a worthwhile agenda.

## 3. SENIOR HOCKEY

- 3.1 The withdrawal of the County Team from the National Finals was noted with dismay. It was reported that the name of the County had suffered and that a fine would be levied by English Hockey. It was noted that a significant effort had gone into trying to raise a team. It was agreed that a decision on entering in 2001 – 2002 would be taken very much in conjunction with the Clubs ideally at the bi-annual meeting in November.
- 3.2 The following appointments were confirmed: Steve Gregory – Senior Men; Keith Baldock – Under-21 Men. Senior Women would be dependent upon the November meeting, whilst there was no competition for Under-21 Women.
- 3.3 Senior County Cup Competitions. It was proposed to run pre-season Men's and Women's one-day competitions and end-of-season mixed depending on entries, and if an organiser could be found.

## 4. JUNIOR PROGRAMMES

The following appointments were approved:

- Boys Under-17: Tony Goulding
- Boys Under-16: Trevor Hopkinson and David Fisher
- Boys Under-15: Keith Baldock and Paul Taylor
- Boys Under-14: Mark Brookes and Graham Finding
- Boys Under-13: vacant
- Boys Under-12/11: Barry Franklin and Craig Brand
  
- Girls Under-17: Felice Mastropierro and Barbara Dorban-Hall
- Girls Under-15: Debbie Mould and Louise Patten
- Girls Under-14: vacant, refer to Sally Tippen
- Girls Under-13: vacant

It was agreed that Michael Wrathmall should be the contact for the Boys Junior activities in the absence of a Boys Competitions Coordinator and Junior Boys Representative.

A link with leisuRealm / Hinchingsbrooke School was proposed in terms of competitions (host and organisation). The meeting indicated some support for the idea but felt that more details were needed. It was also noted that pitch hire was often waived when other Schools host competitions.

It was agreed that Sally Tippen and Trevor Hopkinson would coordinate the Mini Competitions.

Young Player of the Year. Mark Wadesley was proposed for the Boys. Simon and Sally to liaise with other Coaches to agree a nomination for the Girls.

## **5. CHA REPRESENTATION & MANAGEMENT GROUP MEMBERSHIP**

The following were agreed

- 5.1 Representative to East – Simon or Stephen
- 5.2 Representative to East Men's league – Richard
- 5.3 Representative to East Women's League – CWHL to be asked to nominate
- 5.4 Representative to East Coaching & Youth – Michael & Sally with Kal as reserve
- 5.5 Discipline Administrator – Chris
- 5.6 Assistant Discipline Administrator – Colin

The vacancies on the Management Group were noted with a number of suggestions made for candidates to be approached:

- Vice Chairman – (Jane Peggs, Shirley Rawlings, Helen Birch, Ally Brennan)
- Young person – Girls (Alex Shaw)
- Boys Co-ordinator (Barry Franklin, Craig Brand)
- Schools Representatives

## **6. ACTIVE SPORTS**

Simon explained where things had progressed to in terms of the Cambridgeshire Active Sports Hockey Development Plan.

The meeting discussed possible fundraising ideas to help raise the 20% required. This included asking for Clubs contributions in the absence of a Junior affiliation fee; a fundraising 'Hockathon' and International Player Roadshows.

No date was set for the next meeting but it was agreed that one should be called early in the new season.