

CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

Monday 22nd October 2001

Present: Simon Fairhall [Secretary], Michael Wrathmall [Treasurer], Stephen Graves [Chairman], Bridget Gibson [Cambridgeshire Women's Hockey league], Richard Munns [Cambridgeshire Hockey Umpires Association], Chris Hillsdon [Clubs Representative – Men], Sally Tippen [Junior Representative – Girls]

Apologies for Absence: Paul Taylor [Boys Under-15 Manager], Liz Ellerington [Local Authority Sports Development representative]

1. SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – WOMEN

There was discussion around whether, following the late withdrawal and fine last year whether this competition should be entered this. It was noted that a repeat this year would bring a far harsher response from English Hockey.

Bridget reported that she had contacted the Cambridgeshire League Clubs and 13 of the 14 had indicated an interest, and she suggested that the League take responsibility for organising. It was agreed that Simon would provide information to Bridget of players and costs from the previous few years. It was further agreed that in principle the League should be responsible for the team this year, but it was stressed that if there is any doubt about the ability to get together a team then the competition should not be entered.

2. SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – MEN

It was reported that Steve Gregory was unable to run the side this year. A number of possible candidates were suggested. It was agreed that the vacancy be advertised but if there was no-one forthcoming then the competition should not be entered.

3. UNDER-21 COUNTY

It was noted that Keith Baldock was busy making preparations for the Men's Championships. It was reported that there was no Women's Under-21 Tournament and therefore need or activity for a team.

4. COUNTY KIT

Michael Wrathmall indicated that he had some County ties (CCHA). It was agreed that Simon investigate the purchase of sew on badges. It was reported that one of the teams had purchased County kit in colours other than those agreed for the Association. It was agreed that County kit must be in the agreed colours, unless specifically agreed with the Management Group and Simon's letter to Managers / Coaches to this effect was endorsed.

5. EAST

- 5.1 League – Richard reported no major issues to date, although a larger number of abandoned / cancelled games had been noted.
- 5.2 Coaching & Youth. The meeting agreed that it was desirable to have the same age qualification date for boys and girls and that this should be pursued at the special meeting the following week. A response was also requested for the proposal to change the girls competitions to match the boys. It was noted that the timescale for this response was very short, but that Sally should try to ascertain Club / Coaches and Players views.

6. ACTIVE SPORTS

Simon reported that the Active Sports Hockey development Plan had been completed and with the other plans had been submitted to Lottery. It was noted that Cambridgeshire Hockey Association had offered £4000 support for the 'partnership funding' and that contributions to this now needed to be sought. Michael reported that only a few Clubs had made donations in lieu of a Junior Affiliation fee. Richard reported that the CHUA would consider favourably a request for a contribution.

In terms of activity, it was agreed that the Active Sports Stage 3 Assessment and Stage 4 Player Development Centre for Under-13's be the Under-13 County Hockey representative team programme for 2001 – 2002. It was reported that this used 1st September as the age qualification date, and that the programme would culminate in a Training Camp at the University of East Anglia in June.

7. HANDBOOK

Simon questioned the need for a County Handbook on the basis that much of the information that might appear in it was already included in the East Handbook.

He also noted that he had still not received responses from every Club with contact details for this year. He wondered if this was due to the fact that East / Cambridgeshire League and CHA all ask for contact details at different times and Clubs are probably fed up with having to reply three times for the same thing. It was agreed that Richard would raise the possibility of the League collecting information on behalf of the County. And the next meeting, and that a proposal be put to the December east Meeting for this, and the extension of the East Handbook to include the remaining pieces of information to make it comprehensive (ie club youth contacts, schools)

It was agreed that a website was the way forward, and Bridget reported that she was trying to set one up for the league. The meeting agreed that this fact (a CHA website) had been frequently agreed by the Management Group, but the technical expertise to create one did not exist amongst the group, and no reasonable reply had been received in response to enquiries. It was agreed that Sally would pursue an alternative route and report back to Michael / the next meeting.

It was agreed that e-mail was the preferred method of communication within the CHA (clubs, schools, coaches etc) especially as access to photocopy was now no longer as available as before (except at cost).

8. EQUIPMENT

Any equipment purchases had to be agreed with the Treasurer in advance.

9. REPORTS

- 9.1 Discipline. Chris reported no red cards to date.
- 9.2 Boys County Teams - Under-11 Boys – although the Boys U11 had finished last in their tournament there had been positive reports back on the training that was being provided.
- 9.3 Girls Competitions - Sally reported the dates and entries for the BAE SYSTEMS Girls Schools Tournament. It was noted that this had all been a bit rushed because of the absence of teachers involvement in the Association in helping to set it up / knowledge of Schools activities, half terms etc. She also reported the dates of other girls competitions – 18th November (Leys) for Mini U11 / U13; 27th January (St Ivo) U19 Clubs. The Group were unaware of interest or confirmed details for Indoor U19 and U16.
- 9.4 Boys Competitions – In the absence of a co-ordinator Michael reported that he had agreed venues for the RAF CAREERS Youth Cup. U14 (Wisbech Grammar); U16 (Perse); U18 (Leys) and Mini (Ely HC)
- 9.5 Treasurer – Michael rabled a statement of accounts.
- 9.6 Secretary – Simon circulated a copy of the Active Sports Audit summaries for information.

10. GENERAL MEETING

This was agreed for Monday 26th November 2001 at the St Ivo Indoor Centre. It was agreed a 7.30pm start to allow the Cambridgeshire Women's League to organise a meeting 7.00pm – 7.30pm. It was agreed to invite Senior and Junior representatives, with a joint meeting to start to consider East issues and Umpiring (to be led by Rtichard). And then split the meeting, with Senior representatives considering Senior County issues (Bridget and Richard) and the Junior to consider Active Sports issues (Simon)