

South West Lacrosse Committee Meeting

**Minutes - Wednesday, 11 January 2023**

**17.45 via Teams**

**Present: Heidi Marvin (HM), Victoria Westwood (VW), Kate Nelson-Lee (KNL), Clare Stoot (CS), Annabel Campbell (AC), Charlotte Williams (Willie)**

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| **1** | Apologies for absence  Chloe Watterston, Tia Hislop |  |
| **2** | Minutes of last meeting  Accepted |  |
| **3** | Treasurer/bank account transfer  CS – old account details provided by EL are the correct original account set up by Clare’s son-in-law Matt (with £855 in credit); CS will give Matt KNL’s details to liaise with to arrange transfer of signatories to x3 officers/committee members; when sorted SWL will revert to use of this account and close Monzo on line account  KNL has now been put in touch with treasurer from another region to move things forward and bring SWL in line with recognised good practices  Has HM had any info from EL re submitting a budget? NO. KNL will ask Neil Edgar/Mark Coups for template/format they want and then submit draft to committee for discussion of figures  KNL has had query from a school regarding payment of their invoice and security of SWL Monzo account as not in SWL name; agreed better to revert to old style account in SWL name but should be able to manage banking on line | CS/KNL  KNL  KNL |
| **4** | Senior Regionals –  Confirmed hosting at St Swithun’s: KNL is in contact with school’s lettings manager but there have been unavoidable delays; looking into possibility of offering low-cost accommodation (one of boarding houses) at commercial figure to get pitch-hire for free; if SS decide they can’t provide accommodation, pitches will be £400 + VAT for 2 days: EL U20/national academy will be entering 2 teams (confirmed in December but will follow up again); KNL will email senior regionals contacts with competition details and costs etc as soon as accommodation situation is confirmed  HM – at Regional Chairs’ meeting a man in Stockport was mentioned who does live-streaming - has YouTube licence; HM will get contact info to KNL to explore  A and B teams being sent by: SE, SW, North, EL U20/National Academy  Waiting to hear back from SS to see if they want to sell refreshments to their advantage; or perhaps SWL could use as a fund-raising opportunity for David Leach’s family  Umpiring: KNL to contact Ryan Griffiths at EL, AC will organise, ask Paul Bibby to be UiC; KNL to email regional leads giving details and asking for probable costs etc | KNL  KNL  HM  KNL  KNL/AC |
| **5** | Super Counties  HM sent out feedback and availability form at the end of last term; very positive feedback on the whole (except 1 GK)  Should we be paying coaches in line with their qualification or just same daily fee?  Ditto umpires – very short of both coaches and umpires but managed in the end!  Most players happy to commit to two days, generally happy with kit (colours)  Super Counties finals 19 March at Stowe School, SE organising; HM to follow up availability responses from players | HM |
| **6** | Senior League update   * lost Senior League and Development tournaments in November at Westonbirt due to pitch conditions following very heavy rain; Premier Division matches and one first division friendly took place at Bristol Bombers’ training venue (Shine) – very expensive £440! * all Invitational Cup fixtures in December postponed due to icy conditions; rearranged for 12 February with final/play-offs now on 5 March * indoor tournament taking place at Prior Park College, Bath this Sunday, 15 January; 10 teams entered (Bath, BBx3, Cheltenham, Cirencester x2, Oxford City, Nuneaton, South Coast) * talking to Prior Park College about possibility of using their astro and/or grass pitches in the future * VW will start looking for a Senior League Admin replacement | VW |
| **7** | NLC update  Last meeting was before Christmas, main issues were inclusion/gender (who can play in which leagues); EL safeguarding course now free; revisiting centralized calendar and for it to be more accessible – agree there is a need, work is being done to compile necessary/relevant information Brucie is leadil; old UAG wanted calendar to include umpiring opportunities etc but recognised that there is a data protection issue; no one at EL was wanting to take ownership; CS mentioned that there has been a historic reticence by EL to take ownership but are the only body who have access to the database etc  Clashes increasing between junior and senior calendars  Main clash this season is National Schools with netball National Schools; would schools be open to regional qualifications leading into finals  Communication with schools by EL could be improved and give schools a voice; feedback form is quite prescriptive and limited in space; affiliation fee could for example offer discounts for coaching/umpire qualifications etc  Home Ints – confirmed 14 -16 April; Scotland have been told possibly no B team competitions (junior and senior) HM to follow up with Mark Coups  Stakeholders engagement summary and state of the game report – only 6 valid L3 umpires in England; numbers of schools teams is in decline for a variety of reasons | Willie  HM |
| **8** | Umpiring Update  AC, Brucie and Paul Bibby have been working together to try to progress L3 course; HM has raised the issue at Regional Chairs meeting - course needs rewriting rather than updating and AC, Brucie and PB happy to rewrite together as regional umpiring leads; Regional Chairs all recognise that the courses are not fit for purpose and have reported this at Regional Chairs’ meeting; L3 to be priority to unblock assessment possibilities for L2 etc  Need to have senior level consistency  HM to follow up with Mark Coups that EL agree for AC etc can collaborate and press on with writing L3 course – work cannot start until this clearance is given  KNL suggested offering Senior Regional t’ment as an opportunity for L3 education – HM to include this suggestion in discussion with Mark Coups  Senior Regionals training on 29 January – not a L2 assessment opportunity as not going to be a long enough match; x2 full length 1st U19 matches can be used, or senior club matches – AC will be asking for matches/fixtures that might be suitable to arrange assessments for those ready  L1 bursaries – need dates for webinars; bursaries won’t be offered subject to attending but very heavily recommended; most new L1s would be delighted to have the extra tuition  National School umpires over-subscribed – lots of European umpires applied so hopefully not too many junior L1s will be needed | HM  HM  AC  AC |
| **9** | Bursary applications   * Imogen Culhane, Oxford Uni: Umpiring L1 50% (£30) * Amy Roberts, Warwick Uni: Umpiring L1 50% (£30) * Natalie Thompson, Exeter Uni: Umpiring L1 50% (£30)\* * Thea Liddell, Exeter Uni (2s): Umpiring L1 50% (£30) * Hannah Townend, Exeter Uni: Umpiring L1 50% (£30)\* * Alice Ripper, Exeter Uni: Umpiring L1 50% (£30)\*   \* have submitted Certificates showing successful completion  All granted 50% | VW |
| **10** | Any Other Business  AC – Oxford City are doing some fund-raising to David Leach who was injured in Box lacrosse match (club will match funds raised selling helmet stickers); would SWL add support – yes, HM to look at website and discuss with VW  Lots of spam posts on FB – VW will try to report to Meta to have removed; add moderator option? Also look at SW umpiring fb page – AC has removed latest spam post  EL trying to appoint new U20 head coach so lack of information coming out to players from coaching body re U21 Euros/U20 world champs/future representational opportunities/what they are working towards – Derek Morgan is new development director so will hopefully take this forward  No further information regarding adoption of new rules, especially with regard to interpretation from NLC or EL | HM  VW  AC |
| **11** | Date of next meeting  Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 19.30 on Teams | HM |