South West Lacrosse Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, 30 August 2022**

**14.30 via Teams**

**Present: Heidi Marvin (HM), Annabel Campbell (AC), Kate Nelson-Lee (KNL), Chloe Watterston (CW), Victoria Westwood (VW), Tia Hislop (TH), Charlotte Williams (Willie)**

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| **1** | Apologies for absence and welcome to new committee membersClare Stoot, (Chloe Watterston)Welcome Tia, Willie and Annabel | HM |
| **2** | Minutes of last meeting * Minutes Approved

Matters arising:* HM send something to Michelle Bray as a thank you: eg vase saying ‘thank you from SW lacrosse’
 | HM |
| **3** | Senior Regionals * Advertisements for coaches to go live **2 September**; cut-off date for applications **25 September**; appointments made by **end September**
* Put onto social media by end of this week for EL to lift and share
* Dates for training/trials: **4 December + 29 January** (do not allow coaches too much freedom to chose dates as they won’t have visibility on all other calendar commitments)
* Which region is organising tournament this season? We think it is SW - Brucie has set up meeting tomorrow evening (31 August) with all regions to discuss dates of super counties and senior regionals (HM, TH + KNL attending) and purpose of super counties tournament across all regions
* date of tournament: HM to propose 1-2 April as first choice or week after Home Ints
* try to ensure we have a fourth team to run tournament over two days, everyone then has two matches on both days
* KNL offered to run tournament
* Appoint head and assistant coaches first, then reflect on support required eg S&C
* Fees same as last year
* Home Ints to be hosted by England; provisional date is weekend after Easter (tbc 7 September?)
* Willie wondered whether we could streamline format of training/selection to make better use of limited time available; suggested having a SW universities pre-season tournament with SW coaches present, to then invite players to trials – project for next season
* Collate a database of school leavers from SW schools; TH/HM to ask schools to provide list of 1st and 2nd team leavers; HM to revisit her Super Counties list
 | CWCW/VWCWHM/TH/KNLHMKNLTH/HM |
| **4** | NLC * Update from last meeting; next meeting 22 September
* Review of protective equipment ie head protection (eg Cascade amalgamated goggled/helmet) not necessarily approved/allowed in World Lacrosse rules whilst are allowed in certain sections of US game, also Q-Collars and other items
* White paper for best practice of safeguarding/ inclusion/racism in EL
* Review of new rules implemented – what we adopt/don’t adopt
* Discussions over make-up of NLC, there are a number of positions currently unfilled; Mark Coups looking at dynamics and balance
* Transgender issues
* AC - is there any umpiring representation on NLC? (Brucie is Clubs), Ryan is invited on regular basis to attend and he then liaises with UAG?, not clear where UAG sits in relation to NLC

Regional Chairs meeting: Birmingham uni is doing concussion survey starting now over next few years on women’s game | Willie |
| **6** | Senior League * Schedule of competition dates (one date clashes with Super Counties) and venues; probably Westonbirt again for all or most League tournaments
* Approached by Stoke City lacrosse to participate in SW League – not yet had a decision from them
* Bristol Bombers have a new trans gender member, asking if able to play in SWL competitions – request has been handed to EL; EL are going to deal with each case sensitively and according to each situation; MC is handling BB request; EL has a working party but not yet at stage to present a general policy
* Southampton Ladies and Bournemouth joining forces for Invitational Cup and Development tournaments
* Oxford City have been accepted to play in SE League but we believe their affiliation remains with the SW via EL for other activities
* Query from ~~Bournemouth~~ Southampton over deposit to be returned – no further information yet provided
* EL’s new competition platform ‘LacrossePlay’; VW will continue to try to set up and implement but difficult for SW as not yet suited for our structure
* VW purchase Invitational Cup trophy; Avon Trophies in Devizes (Phil Rossiter)
 | VWMCVWVW |
| **7** | Umpiring * Welcome to AC
* AC to spoke to Paul Bibby re proposed 15 September mentoring/refresher day at Marlborough College; perhaps move to Tuesday, 20 September? AC to check diary for 20/9. PB happy to come down and run with AC; SWL to suggest a fee to him (to cover petrol); HM will check with MC re lunch and pitch and classroom; 10-12 classroom, 2/2.30-4 on pitch; is there a Schools’ meeting on 10/9; send out email to all schools (HM) + instagram (VW); rule refresher for any teacher with some experience (of any level), leading up to L2, recent L2 etc; fee to attend? 20 max? HM/AC/VW to discuss further
* SMC 17 September – email all SW umpires (AC)
* AC to ask Kerrie at EL to enlarge her search ability on Sport:80
* U19 SW Rally (1 October) – Paul Bibby has cleared as assessment opportunity for L2 (ask Brucie, Pej as assessors?); also offer as mentoring opportunity
* Umpiring U18s should have safeguarding course (free via EL); UPDATE: umpires working with U18s should have safeguarding certificate this season and DBS next season
* AC wants to create as many opportunities to get up-coming umpires onto the pitch and reinforce idea that umpiring is not scary!
* SE webinars from last season can be shared and future ones offered to everyone in SW + North
* HM found Iona Moseley’s weekly questionnaire – HM will send to AC
* ART has not been sent out yet by EL
* Need to introduce AC as new SWL Head Umpire (AC – photo in stripes please!)
* Limited mentoring is being offered at Bath 8s; permission declined to offer as L2 Assessment opportunity
* KNL – Brucie has been in touch and is keen to do a joint endeavor between SE and SW to run online workshops/evening courses to learn how important safeguarding is and why - Graham Yates, Deputy Head at St Swithun’s happy to run (also their safeguarding lead); is SW interested and can we help support?; SWL support out of umpiring development budget
 | ACHMHMVWHM/AC/VWAC/VWACACACHMVW/ACKNL/AC |
| **8** | New website: * ready to launch: cleared by EL except they would like some EL branding added - waiting to receive from Sean
 | CW |
| **9** | Workforce bursary applications:* Bryony Osmond, Southampton Ladies: Umpire L1 (£60); 100% with undertaking to umpire with SWL
* Bryony Osmond, Southampton Ladies: Coaching Field Lacrosse (£200); in principle agree to applications if she undertakes to contribute to other SWL
* How to make umpiring/coaching qualifications more affordable and accessible to schoolgirls? Willie bring up at NLC

Regional Chairs: MC wanted to know if there are any clubs really struggling and needing EL help – VW to talk to Southampton and put them in touch with MC via HMClub grant applications:* Southampton Ladies: Equipment £200 (goals); see above; should they approach Lacrosse Foundation?
* Oxford Brookes: Memberships to Oxford City (£500) – Oxford City should have affordable student membership; is this something that EL would approve/fund? VW to ask NE
* Phoenix (pending): equipment c£200 (goals); no paperwork arrived so postpone decision until in receipt
 | VWVWWillieVWVW |
| **10** | Budgets 2021-22; 2022-23* HM, KNL, VW to meet Neil Edgar; KNL has Monday’s free, HM need to be back by 2.00 if we meet in person
* CW to pay HM Super counties fee
 | HW/KNL/VWCW |
| **11** | Any Other Business* senior Top Ten competition date: 5 February
* what is our approach to 6s game in SW/regions; Ryan handles all 6s umpiring – Willie to raise at NLC
* need to advertise for **Super Counties Manager**
* need to advertise for **Super Counties coaches** and **umpires**
* date of Super Counties final tbd at Regional meeting 31 August (see above)
* Super Counties dates are 13 November and 27 November
 | WillieCW/HMCW/HM/VW |
| **12** | Date of next meetingVW to do a Doodle poll to assess when we can meet – after 25 September, before end of the month | VW |