

MINUTES OF SUSSEX FORUM MEETING 25TH September 2010

Mike Tonge (Crowborough and SSRA), Mick and Frank Sheeran (Dunnings and SSRA junior league), Bill Jeffries (Southdown), Giles Cowdell (Dunnings), John Millard (ESR Sussex Development Coach), Dave Meagher and Paul Butcher (Littlehampton and Bognor), Andrew Watts (Crawley), Paul Millman (SSRA chairman), Heather and Chris Lock (Chichester), Graeme Williams (ESR Regional coach), Mike Harris (West Worthing and county coach), Fiona Western (Dunnings and SSRA ladies league), Graham Stevenson (Bluecoats and county coach), Sarah Naish (Weald).

Introduction

I know there were others who expressed a wish to come and couldn't. Apologies included Ben Hutton (just a bit busy running the junior closed), Alex Over from East Grinstead and Paul Fennell from ESR who were otherwise occupied, and Mike Phillips from Chichester who was busy playing racketball for Sussex.

A really good cross section from across the county.

To cut down on admin and keep things as simple as possible, I propose to post the outline Development Plan on the SSRA website, tweaked slightly as necessary following the meeting.

Notes of the meeting follow in abbreviated form, not a blow by blow account of the discussion, but a summary of key issues raised and most importantly, actions agreed. I hope you're all happy with that as a record of progress. I'm keen to keep things as simple as possible.

1. Junior and adult development

These were agreed as priorities for Sussex. The following 11 clubs expressed an interest in the proposals for some funding jointly from ESR and SSRA to support local initiatives:

Crowborough, Southdown, Bognor, Littlehampton, Crawley, Chichester, West Worthing, Bluecoats, Weald, and also Corals and Brighton.

The funding proposals drawn up between ESR and SSRA as they stand are based on 8 clubs receiving approximately £400 each to support both a Minisquash programme of taster sessions in schools, and Adult beginners 5 for £5 courses, with the larger portion going to Adult Development. Proposals aimed at women will be particularly welcome. Some of John Millard's time is available as part of the package, and John can also help with equipment.

Action: all the clubs concerned to submit a bid to me (Mike Tonge) by the end of October so that SSRA and ESR can consider these as a whole and take a decision on how the money should be allocated. Please give all relevant information, but try to keep the bids brief! It may be that not all bids can be accepted this year, but this is a three year programme. Bids can be for

stand alone projects or to support existing programmes

Urgent request - can anyone please give me the contact details for Brighton - I have tad@..... which keeps being bounced back.

2. Coach development

Funding is available to support clubs wishing to encourage more members to get coaching qualifications.

Action: clubs to notify the county secretary Simon Tunley if they identify suitable individuals.

The value of coach workshops was agreed and Sussex will aim to run two during the season.

Action: Graham S, Mike H, Graeme W and John M to discuss possible timings after Christmas

3. Chichester PSL team

Heather Lock explained the present position with Team Chichester, and funding problems. Following a discussion of how SSRA might support the team:

Action: Heather to circulate publicity info to all on the Forum circulation list, and all to encourage members to go and watch. Fiona to speak to Kirstie at ESR Regional Office. More info to be put on SSRA website.

4. Refereeing courses

Action: Graeme to look into how we can best arrange a refereeing course following critical comments of a recent course (much too basic).

5. Minisquash tournaments

Action: Mike H/Giles/Mike T to discuss possible structure and report back

6. School competitions

Action: Graham to encourage activity at Lancing and report back

7. Chartered clubs

Targets for increasing number of chartered clubs agreed in principle. It is a well worthwhile attainment. Andrew mentioned specifically that Crawley is working towards chartered status, and there were thought to be others. At the moment we have one gold, one silver, and a handful of bronze.

Action: Graeme to see what info ESR has which can be used to promote the benefits of chartered status, and circulate.