

**REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD - 16 MAY 2007
ITEM FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION**

Report – Regional Water Polo Group

MINUTES of the South East Water Polo Meeting at Guildford Leisure Centre on 26th February 2007 starting at 7.00pm.

- 6.62 Present Mike Clark, Nicholas Buller, Natalie Cunningham, Fred Holehouse, Gerry Lay, Alan Lewis, Alastair Roberts, Richard Sellors
- 6.63 Apologies Roger Edmondson, Joan Massie
- 6.64 Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting (11th December 2006) had been circulated and were accepted as a true record.
- 6.65 Matters Arising:
- 6.52 Suggested that a referees course should be organised at Charterhouse in 2007 with a second course earlier in the year. Second course could be organised in conjunction with the League Finals at Crawley.
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- 1 Noted that there had been a problem arranging suitable dates for the training due to a clash with league dates.
 - 2 Attendance at Basingstoke was growing and after 3 sessions some 20 children were taking part.
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- 2 Dates of Finals were reversed in minutes. Later confirmed as on the agenda.
 - 3 Noted that the Womens event had not taken place.
 - 5 The West League weekend in Jersey had taken place and was very successful both for the aquatics and sociability. Suggested that the order of playing the weekends be reversed in 2008. Agreed that dates should be confirmed as early as possible.
 - 6 Regretted that Worthing had dropped out of the league. Suggested that consideration be given to admit Worthing into the West League.
 - 7 Agreed that the League Finals should be played on Sunday, April 22nd.
- 6.66 Budget: Circulated papers were noted and would be discussed at the next meeting.
- 6.67 Talent database; Compilation work was continuing.

- 6.68 Agreed that the format of the League Finals would consist of two crossover matches, an interval of one hour, with the two losing teams playing for third place and the finally the two winners playing for the Championship. Teams would be able to warm up in the diving pit. It was proposed that there should be a womens training session in the interval.
Discussion then took place as to which teams should represent the East League. It was noted that the Sussex/Kent League included non-SER clubs. Agreed that the top two clubs whose headquarters were in the SER should be invited to participate. Noted that these were probably Hythe and Bexley.
Also noted that the SER League had no constitution, funds or rules. Agreed that this should be an item on the next agenda. Trevor Jones offered to draw up a constitution and circulate to the committee.
- 6.69 Coaching: Reported that the Unit 1 course was now a available. Costs for Unit 1 and 2 courses were noted and it was confirmed that 75% of the course fees could be paid by the SER.
- 6.70 Manager: that MMC would remain as manager for the present.
- 6.71 Development;
1 It was felt that water polo did not 'sell itself to the public' and it was agreed that the Region should investigate the possibility of a course for club officers to help clubs promote the sport.
2 Agreed that the SERWPC should organise some mini-polo events in the immediate future.
3 Also agreed that the SERWPC should appoint a development officer asap.
- 6.72 Committee was informed that the ASA intended that London should have a second RTC.
Whilst welcoming this the committee felt that the SER warranted a RTC of its own and that negotiations with the ASA for this should be opened.

In addition the following information is also provided:

- U19 Competition report - attached
- Sussex won the U16 Water Polo Competition held last October
- Hythe won the Club Championship 14 - 12 beating Jersey in the Mens Finals.
- Referees qualified at the Charterhouse Course last November.
- Coaching Course held at St. Bedes last July - when assessors are appointed by the ASA, a Level 1 Course will be run.