

East Midlands Region

Water Polo Committee meeting minutes 2012

Date: 11/12/2012

Venue: SportPark Loughborough

Present:

Marie Moffat (Northants Aquatic Officer)
Wendy Coles (ASA Board Member)
Nick Hunter (Leicester Rep stand in)
Sally Dunlop (Lincolnshire Rep stand in)
Jon Lane (Northants Rep and Chair)
Tony Taylor (Youth Tournament Coordinator)

Apologies:

Chris Freebury (Nottingham Rep)
Colin Robbins (RTC)
Leslie Hill (ASA RD)

Absent:

Derby Rep (no rep identified in Handbook)
Lincolnshire Rep (no rep identified in Handbook)

Agenda

1. County Reports

Leicestershire – Hinckley: taster sessions held to promote sport to 8-10/11 yrs = 8 new members. 30 existing U18 members, 2 coaches (none qualified), 3 hours of Polo +swimming time available.

Leicester: no information available

Lincolnshire – Grantham: 100 members 8 ½ hours training (early and late times) one sociable hours session. 5 Coaches – (all unqualified) 1 UKCC1 temporary, 2 Referee D, 3 Table.

Spalding: no information available

Northamptonshire –Kettering: 22 members 8 junior, no coach qualified, Referee B,
Northampton: 10 members 20 junior, UKCC2, 2 x unqualified, referee 2 xD, C
+ 2 provisional

Nottinghamshire – No information

Derbyshire - No information

This information was trying to identify if the clubs in the region are active and have spare capacity (or not) for more players. – Also a straw poll for the level of qualified coaching existing in the region being delivered to athletes.

2. RTC report was received and circulated by Colin prior to the meeting. The attendance is good; however there is no entry assessment which is diluting the talent pool. 4 athletes have achieved GB talent standard (1 male and 3 female).

The 'free' Fridays when the elite move to Cardiff has been well attended and Hinckley thought it provided a good additional training session for their players.

3. Referee Officials development report was received and circulated by C Freebury prior to the meeting.

The planned activity continues to provide a good source of referee officials for the region.

Many thanks Chris. 75 have taken the various Referee courses with about 50% from within the region.

Licensing issues were discussed – these included the lack of information to the renewal form, identifying courses which are mandatory.

Request for information to be sent to licensed officials on a more regular basis including but not limited to:

- Players with discipline penalties

- FINA written updates

- H&S updates

- Course information

- Officials Coordinators (to enable experience to be obtained)

The committee requested a process by which newly trained and newly qualified referees could join a list for appointments in local junior leagues – an open list available to clubs.

Our objective should be to convert 80% of newly qualified Officials to **practicing** officials at local games.

Removing constraints such as the specific equipment which may not be openly available could be solved simply by providing a printed order sheet and WEB links to suitable vendors. We should try to make it easy to convert parents to practicing officials.

4. Youth Development plan. The proposed plan was circulated for discussion.

WC – advised that the Regional Board requested a development plan be put together by Tim and Sarah Dunsbee.

Those present discussed the circulated plan prepared by TT after his conversations over the past year with various youth clubs and agreed that it identified the key elements that needed development from a club and county point of view.

It was agreed by that SD's skill and knowledge should be used to suggest further changes to the plan for discussion at the next meeting.

5. Senior Polo Development – this was not discussed due to time constraints.

6. Inter-regional competition. JL advised the meeting that the change in circumstances of the identified coach left a gap which needed filling. WC advised that all positions should be advertised. This ruling meant that we could not advertise the position and fulfil it in time to enter the competition. Based upon the advice given by WC of advertising the positions of coaches and team managers, the group concluded that the time scale was too short and therefore on balance resources could be spent in developing the talent pool for 2013 by supporting initiatives .

It was considered on balance that the resources could be spent in developing the talent pool by supporting initiatives which increase the participation in the sport generally and numbers of officials which can be called upon to support the sport.

A level 2 Team Manager would also be needed to support the competition as it occurs in Liverpool. The Committee did not know of anyone suitably qualified.

WC informed the meeting she was to hold a Team Manager 2 course in the New Year. (Subsequent to the meeting WC has agreed to hold a level 1 TM (pre requisite of the L2 for water polo). We should maintain a list of suitably qualified Team managers for future reference.

7. Swim21 – this was not discussed due to time constraints.
8. H&S issues – this was not discussed due to time constraints.
9. TWPC feedback. – JL advised the meeting that in January a questionnaire will be issued to all clubs to gain information concerning the sport, participation and resources.
10. Budget 2013. – The budget for 2012, as presented to the ASA board was discussed. It identifies that resources have been budgeted for totalling £9000. It was agreed that events to develop the sport, juniors and officials should be submitted for approval in accordance with the development plan. Action all clubs to submit ideas in accordance with the plan. JL to confirm with the RD that this is acceptable use to consume the funds.
11. Objectives for the Region – unfortunately these were not discussed due to time constraints. However in part they should be fed down from the ASA Board. – To be reviewed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 21:30.