Herts Water Polo Steering Meeting 18/11/2013 1915pm

Location: conference call

Agenda

1) Introductions / attendees (2m)
2) Review and agree previous minutes (attached) (5m)
3) Update on knockout and league (2m)
4) Update on County Teams - over 40s, over 50s, junior girls, junior boys, Ladies (5m)
5) Update on teams from Herts secretaries (5m)
6) End of Season - cut-off dates and reiteration of implications (2m)
7) Agree on Next Years season dates (linked to point 8) (2m)
8) Suggestions for changes to the constitution for 2014 season (20m)
9) Herts Junior Development)
10) AOB (up to 17m)

1) Introductions / attendees (2m)

Attendees Peter Thomas Hatfield, Neil Cook Hertford, Steve chambers Watford, Steve cook Hitchin, Mick Musgrave bishops Stortford.

Guest: Jon Lowy (Hertford).

Apologies: Grant Chivers (Herts Treasurer)

2) Review and agree previous minutes

Previous Minutes agreed

3) Update on knockout and league

Knockout

The knockout Final has been arranged for Woodside Leisure Centre between Watford and Dunstable on November 27th. Peter Thomas to referee, possibly Martin Unwin.

No medals are needed; the Knockout Trophy is already at Woodside and will be presented by Grant Chivers, past president.

League

League update – there are just a few games outstanding that have been arranged before the Nov 30th season end, and one in December.

Fixtures live results would need to be examined to ensure conceded matches had the 1 point deduction applied correctly.

4) Update on County Teams - over 40s, over 50s, junior girls, junior boys, Ladies (5m)

The Men's Over50s team finished 2nd in the London tournament at the Hillingdon Leisure Centre in Uxbridge on 16th Nov.

The Men's over 40s have a team to play in a similar the same tournament on 23rd November.

Junior girls update – 6 players from Hertfordshire went with the Iceni team to the national age group championships at Manchester. They won 2 matches and were competitive in all games.

There is a Herts Junior Girls team entered in the south east competition on 15/12, and in the London league across Jan / Feb / March 2014, the team make up being 1 from bishop's Stortford, 7-8 from Hertford, 4 from Watford.

There is an East Region Senior Ladies tournament to be arranged on the same day as the Senior Men's tournament. It was felt that Herts could get a team together. Practice matches for the girl's teams were discussed, possible to use QE Barnet on a Tuesday evening (9-10pm)

Proposal to use similar selection process for Junior Boys as 2012 – 3 session trials in the lead up to the tournament, Sunday evenings most likely. SChambers raised the possibility of Herts funding for pool time and coaching.

It was felt that such trials should be held in double deep facilities, and this was agreed in principle, although noted with the caveat that not all teams and players have access to such facilities at present.

5) Update on teams from Herts secretaries (5m)

There was insufficient time to have an individual team update; these were requested to be sent in via email from the relevant secretaries.

6) End of Season - cut-off dates and reiteration of implications (2m)

It was decided that games arranged in Dec would stand provided they did not alter the ordering in the league positions as at Nov 30th. Any other games not played by Nov 30th (or agreement to concede) would be deemed void and no points awarded to either team.

7) Agree on Next Years season dates (linked to point 8) (2m)

There was insufficient time to agree on next season's dates, this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

8) Suggestions for changes to the constitution for 2014 season (20m)

There was insufficient time to discuss changes to the constitution, this will be carried forward to the next meeting.

9) Herts Junior Development

Given the increase in junior teams, it was decided that a Junior League, or at the very least junior development tournaments should be encouraged in 2014.

Meeting effectively halted at 1945 due to other commitments (mainly water polo training + matches!)

Date of Next meeting - tbc

Next steps

Action	Date Raised	Action Owner	Status	Update Comments
Approach Martin Unwin to referee Herts Knocko on 27/11	18/11	PThomas		
Send out reminder and invitation to all Herts clu secretary and Herts ASA Management Board for Knockout final	18/11	SCook		
Jon Lowy to approach Nikki Baker of Watford to organising the Girls Junior team generally, and th for the East Region Tournaments specifically.	18/11	JLowy		
Pass Nikki Baker contact details to Jon Lowy	18/11	SChambers		
Secretaries to ask all eligible Ladies if they are wi play at the East Region tournament on 9th March	18/11	All		
Girls practice matches at QE Barnet from 9-10 to discussed in advance of East Region tournament	18/11	JLowy, NBaker, SChambers		
Pursue formation of Herts Senior Ladies and prac matches in advance of the East Region Ladies tournament in March	18/11	SCook		
Investigate junior team funding for pool time / c with Herts ASA Board	18/11	SCook		
Arrange selection process for Junior Boys team i advance of East Region tournament on	18/11	SCook / SChamb		
Look into possibility of junior tournament on 5th at Hitchin.	18/11	SCook		
Arrange 2014 series or meetings	18/11	SCook		See email from HERTS ASA board
Determine quoracy of meeting with HASA MB	15/07/2013	SCook	COMPLETE	Meeting confirmed as quorate and to be termed Herts ASA Water Polo Committee
Confirm use of QE pool on 15th September for Hi Biggleswade game	15/07/2013	SCook	COMPLETE	Biggleswade conceded game
Investigate use of fixtureslive.com for Herts Leag Knockout	15/07/2013	SCook	COMPLETE	FixturesLive now in place. However, results require extra work for games conceded.
Arrange date of next meeting (2nd week Septemb	15/07/2013	SCook	COMPLETE	Date had to be arranged to 18/11. Note dates of next year's meetings
Review plans and rules for 2014 knockout / leagu competition w.r.t double-deep and equipment	15/07/2013	SCook	ONGOING	Proposals sent out, but not reviewed due to lack of time.
Consider how Herts Water Polo could develop ac broad spectrum	15/07/2013	ALL	ONGOING	