Herts Water Polo Committee Meeting 10/02/2014 1900

Location: conference call

Agenda

1) Introductions / attendees (2m)
2) Agree previous minutes (attached) (5m)
3) Review and update Outstanding Action points (bottom of last minutes) (5m)
4) Update on final league positions - result of Dunstable v Milton Keynes playoff (2m)
5) Update on County Teams - over 40s, over 50s, junior girls, junior boys, senior Ladies / Mens (10m)
6) Upcoming county competitions - March 1st, 9th east region Intercounties, london intercounty leagues and comps (10m)
7) Update on teams from Herts secretaries (5m)
8) End of Season - cut-off dates and reiteration of implications (2m)
9) Agree on This Years season dates (linked to point 8) (2m)
10) Consideration of Herts Junior Development (10m)
11) AOB (remainder)

1) Introductions / attendees

Attendees Steve Chambers Watford, Steve cook Hitchin, Mick Musgrave bishops Stortford.
Apologies: Peter Thomas Hatfield, Neil Cook Hertford, Grant Chivers (Herts Treasurer)

2) Review and agree previous minutes

Previous Minutes agreed

3) Review and update Outstanding Action points

Actions completed have been removed, and carried forward where relevant.

4) Update on final league positions and knockout

Knockout
The knockout Final was played at Woodside Leisure Centre between Watford and Dunstable, with Watford running out on winners 30-4 (32-12 with handicap).
League
Division 1 was won by Watford, with Cambridge as runners-up.
Division 2 was won by Spalding, with Milton Keynes as runners-up.

Spalding were promoted to Div 1, Hertford were relegated to Div 2 automatically. Dunstable played Milton Keynes for the promotion/relegation play-off, with MK winning promotion to Div 1.

Div One League Table:						Points corrections)				
	Played	**Won**	**Drawn**	**Lost**	**Void**		Points	gls for	gls agnst	gl diff
Watford	8	6	0	2	0	0	20	116	67	49
Cambridge	8	6	0	2	0	2	18	67	32	35
Bedford	8	5	0	3	0	1	17	41	48	-7
Dunstable	7	4	0	2	1	1	13	24	21	3
Hertford	7	0	0	7	1	2	5	21	88	-67

	Bed	Cambs	Dunstable	Hertford	Watford
Bedford	##	W-L (c-c)	**9 - 7**	**9 - 4**	**5 - 10**
Cambridge	W-L (c-b)	##	**W-L (c-d)**	**20 - 6**	**15 - 6**
Dunstable	**8 - 6**	**W-L (c-c)**	##	**VOID**	**11-2**
Hertford	**L - W (c-h)**	**3 - 22**	**L - W (c-h)**	##	**6-13**
Watford	**19 - 12**	**17 - 10**	**25 - 6**	**24 - 2**	##

Div Two League Table:						points correction				
	Played	**Won**	**Drawn**	**Lost**	**Void**		Points	gls for	gls agnst	gl diff
Spalding	8	7	1	0	0	0	23	63	18	45
Milton Keynes	8	6	0	2	0	0	20	25	34	-9
Hitchin	8	3	0	5	0	0	14	11	67	-56
Hatfield	8	2	1	4	0	2	10	22	38	-16
Biggleswade	8	1	0	7	0	6	4	11	9	2

	Biggleswade	Hatfield	Hitchin	MK	Spalding
Biggleswade	##	L-W (c-b)	**8-4**	L-W (c-b)	L-W (c-b)
Hatfield	**5-3**	##	L-W (c-ha)	**4 - 12**	**3 - 3**
Hitchin	W-L (c-b)	W-L (c-ha)	##	**2 - 12**	**3 - 16**
Milton Keynes	W-L (c-b)	**10 - 6**	**18-1**	##	**4-11**
Spalding	W-L (c-b)	**10-4**	**13-1**	**10-3**	##

Steve Chambers noted that fixtures live is not accurate, and needs to be updated.

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

The Men's over 40s played and finished sixth of six in the London League at the Hillingdon Leisure Centre in Uxbridge on 23rd November.
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. Jon Lowy will liaise with Nikki Baker of Watford for trials and selection.

The trials for the East Region Senior Ladies/Mens, Junior Boys/Girls will be arranged in February and it is hoped that Herts can field team in all categories, the first time for many years. From information available, teams look to be selected from across all clubs in the county, demonstrating the increase of polo across the board.

6) Upcoming county competitions - March 1st, 9th east region Intercounties, london intercounty leagues and comps

Team trials and selections are being organised for all the East Region Tournaments:
Junior Boys – Nikki Baker (Watford), Steve Cook (Hitchin)
Junior Girls / Ladies – Jon Lowy (Hertford)
Mens – Steve Cook (Hitchin)

Steve Cook will arrange with Herts ASA board to ensure all representatives receive County TShirt.

7) Update on teams from Herts secretaries

Steve Chambers reported :
Watford sent 27 boys to England Talent in Cardiff, and 17 were selected to progress further.
They had entered a team in the inter-regionals, and had finished a very creditable 5th.

3 teams entered into London Region
U14s competed in the lond on leagues, P12, W12.
They have a dedicated coach from Croatis.
23 boys are committed to travelleting and playing in Hungary.
Cadet Polo started 6 montsh ago, U12s.

Steve Cook reported that the Taster Session at Hichin in December had proved successful, and that Hithcin were looking for pooltime to continue the enthusiasm in the 2nd half term of Spring Term locally.

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

The end of season dates and implications were reiterated.

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

A proposal to start the season one month early, on 1st March, would be taken to the Herts League Meeting on 23rd Feb 2014

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

As only 3 of the possible 6 committee members were present, it was decided that these would be deferred until the League meeting on 23rd Feb 2014.

9) Herts Junior Development

It was suggested to look at Herts schools to determine if Water Polo friendly matches / training were a possibility.

Investigate the possibility of mini polo development tournament. Also under discussions was seeding stronger players, or limit more experienced players per team.

Known junior teams in the region are Cambridge, Northampton, Chelmsford, Watford, Basildon

10) AOB

Mick Musgrave reported that Bishops Stortford have L1 coach. Two referees. Hitchin have 3 L1 coaches, and 1 L2, plus 1 part qualified Regional TO. Watford had 3 L3 coaches, plus numerous L2 and L1, as well as table officials and referees.

It was suggested that a referee's course locally would be a good idea.

Date of Next meeting –

Next steps

Action	Date Raised	Action Owner	Status	Update Comments
Update online fixtures live	10/02/14	SCook		
Send Edna Scotts email to Steve Cook	10/2/14	MMusgrave		
Write to Trevor Pledger for Herts Schools dev info	10/02/14	MMusgrave		
Look into East Region Referees Course	10/02/14	SCook		
Arrange 2014 series or meetings	18/11/2013	SCook	c/f	See email from HERTS ASA board
Review plans and rules for 2014 knockout / league 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 across a broad spectrum	15/07/2013	ALL	ONGOING	

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Attendees

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Neil Cook Hertford,

Steve chambers Watford,

Steve cook Hitchin,

Mick Musgrave bishops Stortford.

Jon Lowy (Hertford).

Grant Chivers (Herts Treasurer)

2) Agree previous minutes (attached) (5m)

3) Review and update Outstanding Action points (bottom of last minutes) (5m)

3) Update on final league positions - result of Dunstable v Milton Keynes playoff (2m)

MK up to div 1, MK down to div 2.

Cambridge, Biggleswade, Northampton

4) Update on County Teams –

over 40s – no action

over 50s – sixth in the London tournament

junior girls -

Following on from entering a Herts team in last years SE counties tournament we have entered a team Herts (98 and younger) into the London League and will be entering a (97 and younger) into the East counties tourament,
For the junior girls I believe we have a group of around 20 players across the county (currently spread across 3 clubs).

3 girls from Herts clubs were selected and played for East region in the National inter regional tournament that was played last month in Walsall. This competition was a first for the region and the girls finsihed 8th out of 10. It should be added that Wales, Scotland and Irelend particiapted in the tournament with national squads. The goal should be to get as many players involved, when we get to a certain level top players can be pushed to a higher level polo.

Junior boys – no Herts activities

Senior Ladies – we will also enter a ladies team into the East counties tournament. At last Friday's session at Hatfield, 20 girls participated aged from 12 to 50!
Senior men's – no team, just one volunteer for goalkeeper for the March 9th senior tournament,

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

Reiterate end of November, with any arranged matches in place by end of November in December can take place.

7) Agree on This Years season dates (linked to point 8) (2m) – 1st March.

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10) AOB (remainder)