

## BRISTOL & WEST WATER POLO LEAGUE

### COMMITTEE MEETING – TUES 15 NOV 2011

The Parkway, Stoke Gifford at 1930.

Present: Mike Coles, Tim La Touche, Matt James, Rhys Tamlyn, Phil Whiting, Vikki Binks  
Apologies: Robin Jarvis, Elliott Murphy

#### Action

#### 1. Matters Arising from meeting on 20 Sept 2011

**Referees courses** – MC announced that a referee’s course would be held in March 2012 with Mike Jukes as the tutor. This will be timed to happen at the same time as the Junior tournament. It was agreed that a date should be agreed before the AGM.  
**Handicap Cup Final** – took place as planned on 16 Oct at Bristol Uni. Bradford-on-Avon beat Weston the match 12-11 (with a handicap of 6).

MC

#### 2. Notification and Postponement/Unplayed Fixtures (Rules 14 & 21)

All fixtures in the Premier Division and Division One had been completed. However, there was one unplayed fixture in both Division Two and the Junior Division and 8 unplayed fixtures in the Women’s Division. The committee decided that **offending teams in each unplayed game would be fined £10** and the match would be awarded to their opponents **with a 2-0 scoreline** in accordance with rule 21. The offending teams are marked in bold below.

##### Division Two

Weston v **Bradford on Avon**

##### Women’s Division

**Weston** v Cardiff Ladies

Newton Abbot v **Bristol Central**

Cardiff Ladies v **Newton Abbot**

**Bristol Central** v Weston

Bristol Central v **Newton Abbot**

UWIC v **Weston**

**Cardiff Ladies** v Bristol Central

**Cardiff Ladies** v Weston

##### Junior Division

Devonport Royals v **Weston**

#### 3. Table Officials (Rule 19)

No significant issues were reported.

#### 4. Matchesheets (Rule 20)

Details of those matchesheets that had not been returned are shown on the final page. It was agreed that each unreturned sheet would be **fined £10**.

#### 5. Final League Tables 2011

Final league tables were provided by Hon Match Sec (except Women’s Division – see above), and the main results were confirmed as:

Premier Division- Winners

Division One – Winners

Division Two – Winner

Women’s Division

Junior Division – Winners

**Cheltenham I**

**Exeter I**

**Exeter II**

**Newton Abbot**

**Cheltenham Juniors**

## 6. League Structure 2012

Exeter I and Bristol Uni have agreed to be promoted to the Premier Division which will increase fixtures of teams in this division to 8. As a consequence, Exeter II can be promoted to Division 1 and so an application had been received from Exeter to enter a third men's team in Division 2. In the circumstances, it was decided to accept this application. As a consequence, Frome 1 would remain in Division 2.

Applications had also been received from Devonport Royals and Exeter to enter teams into the Women's divisions with Weston withdrawing and Exeter also wanted to enter a team in the Junior division. The make-up of the league for 2012 would therefore be:

Premier Division - Bristol Central I, Cheltenham I, Welsh Wanderers I, Exeter I, Bristol Uni

Division One – Cheltenham II, Exeter II, Welsh Wanderers II, Bristol Central II, Swindon Dolphins, Frome I, Newton Abbot

Division Two – Exeter III, Weston-s-Mare, UWIC, Bradford on Avon, Harlequins, Frome II, Bath Uni I and Bath Uni II.

Women's Division – Bath Uni, Cardiff Ladies, Bristol Central, Newton Abbot, UWIC ladies, Exeter, Devonport Royals.

Junior Division – Cheltenham, Newton Abbot, Welsh Wanderers, Weston –s-Mare, Harlequins, Devonport Royals, Exeter

8. New Rules for 2012 – it was proposed that the following changes to rules 3, 12 and 17 should be proposed at the AGM.

### **3. Membership**

Membership shall be open to clubs affiliated to the ASA or Welsh ASA. Clubs wishing to be members shall make a written application to the Hon. Secretary before November 1<sup>st</sup> in the year prior to the year of competition in which membership is sought. The acceptance of any such application shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee ~~–and subject to the conditions set out in Rule 17. and~~ subject to the conditions set out in Rule 17.

### **12. Competition**

The premier division will be played on a home & away basis with the addition of a final round of matches played at a central venue unless otherwise decided by the management committee.

### **17. Referees Panel**

The committee shall elect annually referees to be invited to become members of the League's Panel of Referees. Each referee must be a member of a club affiliated to the ASA or Welsh ASA. ~~Each member club will be required to ensure that at least one of their members is available to be elected to this panel. Furthermore, each member club will be required to ensure that referees from their club carry out a minimum number of refereeing appointments which will be proportional to the number of games played by all teams from the club. The minimum number of appointments will be determined by the Management Committee.~~

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The home club shall pay each referee his expenses. At the end of the season, the referees' expenses shall be totalled by the Hon. Match Secretary and equalised between the clubs in each division.

After discussion, it was decided that clubs would be expected to provide referees for 80% of the matches they play. It was suggested that the number of games that they would need to provide referees for could be included on their invoice.

9. Any Other Business

~~The Treasurer reported that there had been a surplus this year following a small deficit in the previous year so that subscriptions could be held at current levels. RJ warned that Kingswood Sports Centre was due to close for 6 months sometime in 2011 which would cause problems for Harlequins~~

9.1: The lack of a full-time referee's coordinator was raised and it was agreed that it was important that this role was filled as a stand-alone job as the number of matches is likely to increase and the new proposed rule would need to be properly policed. After discussion two potential candidates were identified and RT and PW agreed to approach them to find out if they would be willing.

9.2 The Treasurer said that the league was currently showing a surplus of £534 but this would be used up in subsidising a referee's course early in 2012.

10 Date of Next Meetings

AGM – The date of this was originally supposed to be Tues 6 2011 at 7.30 at Hornets Rugby club, Weston but this was found to clash with several other events so it was agreed to change this to **Weds 14 Dec 2011 at 7.30.**

Fixtures Meeting – Mon 9 Jan 2012 at 7.30 at Hornets Rugby club, Weston

Man Committee Meeting – Tues 31 Jan 2012 (to agree registrations).

**Meeting finished at 2115.**

Unreturned Matchsheets (offending teams **in bold**)

Premier Division		
31/07/2011	<b>Bristol Central I</b>	Cheltenham I
25/08/2011	Welsh Wanderers I	<b>Bristol Central I</b>
31/08/2011	<b>Cheltenham I</b>	<b>Bristol Central I</b>
Division One		
10/03/2011	Cheltenham	<b>Bristol Uni</b>
13/03/2011	<b>Bristol Central II</b>	<b>Bristol Uni</b>
21/03/2011	<b>Bristol Uni</b>	Cheltenham II
07/04/2011	<b>Bristol Central II</b>	Swindon
16/05/2011	<b>Bristol Uni</b>	Newton Abbot
19/05/2011	Welsh Wand II	<b>Bristol Uni</b>
09/06/2011	<b>Cheltenham II</b>	Welsh Wand II
18/06/2011	Newton Abbot	<b>Cheltenham II</b>
26/06/2011	<b>Bristol Central II</b>	Cheltenham II
22/09/2011	<b>Bristol Central II</b>	Exeter I
28/09/2011	Newton Abbot	<b>Bristol Central II</b>
30/09/2011	Newton Abbot	<b>Bristol Uni</b>
04/10/2011	Exeter I	<b>Bristol Uni</b>
Division Two		
01/03/2011	Weston-s-Mare	<b>Bath Uni I</b>
Women's Division		
14/03/2011	Bath Uni	<b>Bristol Central</b>
12/04/2011	Cardiff Ladies	<b>Bath Uni</b>
15/04/2011	<b>Bath Uni</b>	Newton Abbot
17/04/2011	Weston-s-Mare	<b>Bath Uni</b>
14/05/2011	Newton Abbot	<b>Bath Uni</b>
16/10/2011	Bristol Central	<b>Bath Uni</b>
18/10/2011	<b>UWIC Ladies</b>	Cardiff Ladies
23/10/2011	<b>UWIC Ladies</b>	Bath Uni
Junior Division		
13/07/2011	<b>Welsh Wands</b>	Cheltenham