

BRISTOL & WEST WATER POLO LEAGUE

COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDS 20 JULY 2011

The Parkway, Bristol

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

Action

1. Matters Arising from meeting on 3 May 2011

- **Referees courses** – MC reported that the referee course at Weston on 11/12 June 2011 had to be called off because of a lack of interest (only 5 applied – from Southampton). In contrast, there were 40 candidates at the Devon course (16/17 July) and 20 candidates expected at the Dorset course (23/24 July 2011). This was very disappointing particularly as nearly 10 games had now been called off this season because of a lack of available referees. As a consequence, the committee decided that it would reluctantly have to make a rule that all clubs must supply at least one referee and undertake to carry out a minimum number of refereeing appointments proportional to the number of games they played. The ASA would be contacted to ask them if they could put on a refereeing course before the next season starts – preferably in the Autumn.

MC

A letter would also go out to clubs to provide them with an early warning of the management committee's intentions.

TLT

- **Table course** – the table course took place as planned on 22 May 2011 at Hutton Moor, Weston with 20 candidates and now meant the Mike Coles was qualified to run similar courses. It was agreed that we should aim to do one of these at the start of each season.

MC

- **Junior League Fixtures** – MC reported that these had all now been completed.

- **Referee appointments** – are now completed until the end of the season.

- **Player registrations on website** – MC said that he unfortunately not been able to do so this and as the season was now near its end, it was suggested that this could be postponed until next season.

2. Notification and Postponement (Rule 14) and Unplayed Fixtures (Rule 21)

21 May 2011 Newton Abbott Women v Bristol Central Women

Although this match was postponed, it was stated that this was the result of a misunderstanding which had now been resolved and had been re-arranged.

3. Table Officials (Rule 19)

An email had been sent to Welsh Wanderers expressing concern at the adequacy of their table officials and there had been no further reports of problems. VB said she would do what she could to help ensure that problems did not arise in the future. There had been no other reports of problems.

VB

4. Matchesheets (Rule 20)

No major problems have arisen to date – MC stated returns were better since clubs sent scanned sheets electronically.

5. Handicap KO 2011 and Premier Division Tournament

An email had been received from Bradford on Avon and Harlequins saying that they were unable to complete their semi-final match before the proposed date of the final on 20 August 2011 at Bristol University. It also emerged that the other semi-final between Newton Abbot and Weston had not taken place and would also be difficult to schedule before the proposed final date.

Action

RT then also informed the committee that it would also not be possible to hold the Premier Division Tournament on 20 August as some of the teams now had other playing commitments.

After discussion, it was decided that it would no longer be possible to hold both these events at the same time.

RT agreed to contact the other Premier Division clubs to arrange the tournament on a mid-week evening in the first or second week of September 2011. The playing order was then drawn as follows:

RT

Welsh Wanderers v Bristol Central, Bristol Central v Cheltenham, Cheltenham v Welsh Wanderers.

It was agreed that the Handicap final would now be held on **Sunday 16 October between 16.30 and 18.30 at Bristol University.**

Handicaps for the semi-finals as follows Harlequins 0 Bradford 3 and Newton Abbot 0 Weston 7.

6. Any Other Business

Finance – MJ reported that the finances were in good shape with a current surplus of £640 for the year so far. In the circumstance, it was agreed that, as a one-off, the league could afford to subsidise the whole fee of £30 for the referee's course that clubs would need to attend in order to comply with the proposed new rule above.

League Structure 2012 – RT said there was a strong desire by clubs in the Premier Division to increase the number of games that they play by increasing the number of teams. It was proposed that all B&W teams playing in the British Water Polo Leagues should join the Premier Division next season. MJ pointed out that Swindon did not currently have the playing resources to compete in the Premier Division. This would also have consequences for the divisions 1 and 2 as it would reduce the number of teams and number of games the clubs play. One solution to this could be that clubs play each other three times as opposed twice. It was agreed that possibilities would be investigated before the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting would be Tues 6 Sept 2011
Preliminary dates for future meetings are
Tues 1 Nov 2011
AGM – Tues 6 Dec 2011.

Meeting ended at 21.00.