

SHA Ladies League Meeting Agenda Surbiton HC at 8pm

19/3/14

1. Apologies for absence:

Committee: Bridget O'Leary (Website Administrator); Angela Durnin (Fines Secretary);

Clubs: Croydon & Old Whitgiftian; Richmond; Wanderers;

2. Matters Arising:

- The Results Secretary reminded the meeting that Match Report Forms should be fully completed before the game then just signed at the end. It is not acceptable to send in an electronic list of names and numbers afterwards. Fines are being issued for all issues: duplicate or missing shirt numbers; missing header details; late receipt. The Secretary also asked that teams list 'GK' against the goalkeeper rather than a shirt number so that it is easy to identify who has played in goal.
- The Matchday Secretary reminded the meeting that no result should be texted in to FixturesLive for conceded games but an email should be sent to the Matchday Secretary, copying in the Results Secretary so that the correct update can be made to FixturesLive.

For postponed games, the date of the fixture should immediately be changed to the next available slip date, or if this is not possible, then an email should be sent to both the Matchday and Results Secretaries so that Terri Foggin can update FixturesLive to show that the game was not played and that a Match Report Form is not expected.

3. Outstanding Fines

The Secretary reminded everyone that fines unpaid by 31st March will be doubled and if any remain unpaid by the AGM, the team will be excluded from next season's competition.

The meeting was also reminded that if a fine has been levied for failure to submit a Match Report Form then this still has to be submitted even if the fine is paid. If any Match Report Forms are still missing by the end of the League season, the home club risks a points deduction.

A full list of fines was available for clubs to check at the end of the meeting and the Secretary undertook to send this out to all club contacts with the minutes of the meeting.

In response to a question from the Guildford representative asking how the fines monies were used, the Chairman, Marilyn Walker, reminded the meeting that a proposal to support Suburban Hockey was discussed and approved by clubs last season. Suburban Hockey promote and support links between schools that do not teach hockey and local hockey clubs.

4. Promotion/relegation

The Secretary explained the policy for promotion and relegation: the top and bottom team in each division are guaranteed promotion/relegation and any other movement is decided on a case by case basis by the Committee after the end of the season but the intention would be to promote movement between divisions. This season, there may not be a team relegated from the South League which would allow more room for manoeuvre with a spare place in the Premier Division.

If any club anticipates having to remove a team from the League then it would be a great help if they advised the Secretary as soon as possible as it spoils the competition in individual divisions if teams drop out early in the season and leave gaps in the league schedule.

If any clubs wish to enter a new team in the League next season then confirmation of this is required in writing to the Secretary by 31st March. So far interest has been expressed from the following clubs:

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- Entry at Division 11: Camberley & Farnborough; Richmond (tbc); Barnes (tbc)
- Entry above Division 11: Spencer Sapphires; EUHC Gamblers

5. Rule change proposals

- A proposal to amend the rules to include sanctions for inappropriate comments on social networks about umpires was thought inappropriate as this type of issue would normally fall under the jurisdiction of the county and regional disciplinary officer. The feeling of the meeting was that the Guidance to Captains document sent out at the beginning of each season should be updated to include a requirement for respect to be shown to players and especially umpires. The Secretary undertook to revise the document in time for next season.
- A rule amendment will be drafted to require the goalkeeper to be listed as 'GK' on the Match Report Form instead of a shirt number as this helps to identify who has played in goal in a particular game and so may be entitled to play in a second game on the same weekend.

6. Any Other Business

- Abusive behaviour towards umpires was raised by Mags Johnson from Mid Surrey who recounted a very unpleasant recent experience to the meeting. As an experienced umpire, she had felt that the number of occasions when players and coaches harangue the umpires is increasing and this is only likely to lead to fewer people being prepared to umpire.

Marilyn Walker advised that umpires should report abusive behaviour so that the League can pick up patterns from particular teams or individuals and follow up with the clubs if required. She also advised that umpires could contact the club's Chairman or Secretary direct if they felt strongly that the club should take action about a team's behaviour.

- Committee positions:

Bridget O'Leary has decided to step down from her role as Website Administrator so the League is in need of someone with the necessary skills to take over the role from the AGM in May. The Secretary asked if clubs would ask if anyone from their club would be interested in the role.

- Website map feedback

There was generally very positive feedback on the new map although Camberley & Farnborough did say that their club was not represented. The Secretary asked that this information be fed back to Bridget O'Leary along with any other comments so that the map could be updated.

- Cup competition/Vets league

The possibility of the League helping to fund a cup competition or using the League's account to add a Vets /development/Back to Hockey League on FixturesLive was revisited following discussions at the last meeting as no further interest has been expressed in the meantime. There was some discussion about the sort of options that might be available but it was stressed that nothing would happen without someone offering to organise and that person or group would then decide exactly what form the competition would take.

- AGM / Fixtures Meeting Date

No date was fixed for the AGM but the Secretary was advised that it was likely to be in the middle of May. An email reminder will be sent out to clubs once a date has been set.

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Club attendees:

Club	Representative
Bank of England	Nicky Parry-Jones
Barnes Hounslow Ealing	Bronwyn McAlister
Berrylands	Sarah Candy; Teresa Parke
Camberley & Farnborough	Ali Holme
Cheam	Lois Hare
Epsom	Natalia Anda; Andy White
Guildford	Maggs Kyte
Kenley	Claire Worley
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame & Steph Woodman
Mid Surrey	Mags Johnson
Old Kingstonian	S Cheetham; L Deeley
Oxted	Terri Foggin
Purley Walcountians	Jane Hallett
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Spencer	Selina Lofting
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	Nicky McAndrew
Surbiton	Jo Firth; Ellie Vickery
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker