

ECKC Committee Meeting, Thursday 30th October 2014 held at Clifton Inn

Present:

Rob King, Ian Boutle, Gavin Robbins, Helen Johnson, Stephen Pring, Michelle Spillar, Alex Rose, James Hardy, Matt Milum

SP went through the minutes of the last meeting held 25th September 2014. RK had contacted SWKA about Under 18s policy and they are considering the questions posed. No formal response yet from SWKA regarding this. The club will wait for a response from SWKA before proceeding further with developing an Under 18s policy. SP had contacted Bristol Thunder and SWKA admin about moving the 3rd January to 31st January, SWKA and Thunder were happy with this. HJ had asked Thunder for a refund for the tournament that we did not go to, the email was acknowledged but a refund was not forthcoming.

After the minutes of the previous meeting, SP then raised the transporting of the posts and was looking for volunteers. GR mentioned that at Reading they used to forward plan who would be taking the posts etc to prevent one person doing it all the time. It was suggested amongst the committee that those people with cars should be expected to take the posts when possible. An action was created for JH to send out an email to club regarding this.

Next SP discussed an email from SWKA regarding the new player eligibility policy. SWKA pair clubs together to check each other's teams legality. We have been paired with Thunder. SWKA were looking for a club representative and RK has volunteered. HJ and IB will deputise as and when is necessary. There was also a discussion about when substitutions could be made in the game. It is guidance but not a rule that tactical substitutions should not be made inside the first 20mins of the game. HJ mentioned that substitution times and reasons for substitutions could be made on fixtures live. An action was created for RK to contact SWKA about the substitution timing. HJ said more detail would be put on fixtureslive about reasons for substitution and when it occurred. It was also discussed that although we will be able to put a legal team for the next game against Exeter Uni we would have to be careful not to put out an illegal team for the next game against Gloucester. This is because it is likely that a lot of "2nd" team players will have become "1st" team players. An action was created for HJ to set up further doodle polls for availability up to the end of December. It was also important for team selection that we knew when people weren't available to help field legal teams.

Next the 3rd team was discussed. Taunton cancelled a game which was due this coming weekend since they didn't have enough 3rd team players. There were also question marks over whether Exeter City would have enough 3rd team players for a game against Exeter Uni. GR raised the question whether 3rd team games should be played during the week during a training session. JH said that there had been some opposition to this and MS said that we should encourage 3rd team players to play at weekends. An action was created for GR to look into dates for a 3rd team fixture on a weekday when there was a gap in the fixture list, between 22nd Nov and 13th Dec.

JH then raised the issue of promotion and relegation and that this should be thought about early. Another recruitment session would be held in January which would hopefully grow the club so that a regular third team could exist. If Exeter City had two teams in the top league then it would be difficult to integrate and develop new players without a third team.

It was discussed that next year we could ask SWKA for a weekend where Taunton, Exeter City and

Exeter Uni had a free weekend so that 3rd team matches could be played.

RK raised the issue that at the last Bristol City game there could have potentially been a lot of substitutions made at half time. Selection policy was discussed and RK said that development substitutions of second team players were being made. RK said in the future it may be the case that we can't select everyone who has made themselves available. HJ said that if people weren't selected who had made themselves available then they should be emailed personally. An action was created for the selection committee to send out an email to the club regarding selection policy. This would be based on ability and attendance at training. It was also discussed that named subs was working out well and if it was a home match then anyone not selected should be encouraged to attend as a possible sub. MM asked how did new players to the club find out what the selection policy was, this was a good point and raised the need to send out again the selection policy.

Action : RK to send out selection policy.

In AOB RK mentioned that he was now head of referees within SWKA. This was a development role and RK went through the needs to develop referees within the club.

An action was created for the committee to encourage players within the club to become referees.

The next meeting was set for 11th December.