

Game Development Committee minutes

Wednesday 4th May 2016

Held at Moderns RFC

At 7.15pm

Present : D Andrews, D Sutton, P Carroll, S Grainger, M Jefferson (RFU) R Fearon, S Winfield and S Kirby

Apologies: D Gourlay, J Widdowson, T Wilbrahams and G Rudkin

Matters Arising

1. All Schools Programme – a new initiative being piloted by NLD. 10 Clubs chosen. An aim being to develop a 'club coach mentor' in each club
2. Teacher development days – these to be held in June. Two at Lincoln RFC, one at Chesterfield RFC and one at Mansfield RFC. DG waiting for names from TW re an additional course. MJ stated that any list of teacher names should be passed onto him. The timings of the courses had been criticised by some teachers but it was felt that no date would suit all.
3. Medical – DA reported that overall progress in getting individuals qualified had been slow. Sammi Thorson and Robyn Wiles had completed the Level 2 course. **Also Jo Gregson L2 and Jason Livingstone L3** MJ reported that Level 1 medical courses had been run at Sleaford and Stamford by non RFU trainers. Despite funding for these being granted no application had been made by either club.

PFR

1. Young Officials Academy – for the Level 1 course 48 people had enrolled for the February ½ term course. 12 had enrolled for an additional course being run at Lincoln RFC. 2nd June will be the Launch day at Southwell RFC 3pm. Kit will be provided for each candidate. The Level 2 course will be run in the Autumn 1/2 term. DS reported that the new Nottingham College (a 16-18 merger of all existing Nottingham colleges) intend running Sports Leaders courses integrating external coaching and official qualifications. MJ reported that Scott Johnson the new RDO in Nottinghamshire was aware of the development but it fell under the remit of Hamish Morton the National Colleges liaison officer to follow up.
2. YOA - it was agreed that a sum of £3k should be submitted to the 2016/7 PFR plan.
3. Discussion of funding of 'casual' school coaches to be referred to the NLD Board. It was thought this could be included in the All Schools Programme. MJ stated that in his experience school festivals based at a club with leaflet follow up provided the best form of recruitment. Better than sending coaches into schools.
4. First Aid – Cost of basic STA course £65. MJ stated he knew of clubs who were accessing alternative training resources. **as Stamford and Sleaford had done.** It was felt that clubs should encourage their coaches to complete the on line 'Headcase' Course.
5. ICIS – only 2 qualified this season. **Information incorrect the number should be 3 plus 1 Level 3.**
6. Kit for NLD Physios and First Aiders bought.
7. Match Officials – Level 2 refereeing courses held at Ilkeston x 2, Moderns, NTU with two cancelled due to lack of numbers. As yet no application towards costs made by clubs or individuals. PC stated that it had been agreed to refund 50% after 5 games had been refereed.

8. Match Officials – Level 1 funding had been moved into the YOA programme.
9. Support for coaches working towards L3/L4 – each application to be assessed on merit. It is believed Sean Ford, Nigel Hall and Calab Foster still doing L3. Applications for funding at the end of the course had been made by these candidates.
DA reported that Dan Edson had just been accepted on the L3 course. MJ felt that offering an 'open bursary' would be a better route to take. After much discussion DA decided no decision should be made until thought through.
10. CPD Workshops – many delivered but money not claimed by individuals from the budget.
DA and DS to meet to go through the PFR budget for 2016/7

Match Officials

3 Level two refereeing courses booked, one per county. To be held at Paviers RFC, Lincoln RFC and Chesterfield RFC. A further Level 2 YOA course to be held in Oct ½ term.

PC stated that any candidate who successfully completes the Level 2 refereeing course will be placed on the English Rugby Referees Association.

PC also stated that the NLDRS had voted unanimously to apply for full membership of the RFU. PC reported that behaviour of spectators at the various NLD and County Finals had been reported to the disciplinary committee.

Coaching

The New Age grade workshops to be run from 1st July 2016. These will be individual age group related. DA felt that 2/3 age groups could have been done together.

2016 Game Development Conference

DA went through the programme with the group. SK offered to attend and do the arrival register. Numbers already quite good.

Application for support funding made to the Wharton Trust but no response yet.

DS gave his apologies for not being able to attend the conference.

A.O.B.

Nil

Date of next Meeting

21st September 2016 at Moderns RFC