

# DEVON WATER POLO COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

VENUE: NEWTON ABBOT LEISURE CENTRE (TRAINING ROOM) 7:30PM

**Present:** Derek Wyatt (President), Veronica Blackmore (president Elect), Coral Waldoock (Devon Treasurer), Mark Procter (Devon Water Polo Secretary), Denise Ward (League Administrator) and Roger Bossom.

**Apologies:** Phil Whiting (Referee Secretary), James Baker (Devon Head Coach) and Brian Steer

WP 16.43        **Minutes of meeting** held 13th October 2016 were approved as a true record of the meeting.

WP 16.44        **Matters arising.**

Denise to calculate the club's equalisation for 2016.

Devonport are still to pay the league entry fee. Coral will chase Devonport's Treasurer.

WP 16.45        **Correspondence**

A request has been received from Kevin Hadley for training for the teams after the selection trials. It was agreed that training sessions would be held after the trails which should be done during the first 3 weeks of September. There would be a charge of £5 per player per session for the training.

Coral proposed that the head coach should be an elected position and this should take place at the first Water Polo Committee meeting after the County AGM. Nominations for the post should be received from participating Clubs, if people want to be put forward to be the County Water Polo Head Coach. This was agreed by the Committee.

An email had been received from James Baker regarding an incident at the trials held on 6th November 2016 regarding whether a player was able to take part in the trails that day. The issue was around that the fact that the invite for trials had clearly stated that you would only be able to take part in the trials if you were available to play in the tournament. As it was known that there was a GB training camp on at the same time as the tournament the player concerned would not be available to play and therefore shouldn't join in for the trials. Other girls from that age group that would be at the GB camp had not come to the trials. Mark and Roger were present at the trials at the time the incident took place and were happy that James handled the situation appropriately. The Committee considered the incident and agreed to support James' response to the situation.

WP 16.46        **Treasurers Report**

Coral presented the report and confirmed the Committee agreed to refund the entry fees for the under 19 league entries, Exeter and Newton Abbot and the Knock out under 17 fees for Exeter and Barnstaple.

The Committee agreed to keep entry fees at the same level.

WP 16.47        **League**

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Due to having to refund the under 19 league entries as only 2 clubs had entered it was agreed that the review of the conditions should state that the committee will assess the viability of a league or knock out cup on the number of entries received.

The Committee reviewed the email submission of Exeter Registrations regarding several players. The Committee agreed that it was acceptable for these players to be registered to play if they reside in Devon and in Cornwall and Dorset if there isn't a viable league for them to play in. The Committee wanted more information regarding where Katy Cutler lives before agreeing that she can be registered.

## WP 16.48 **KO Finals**

The Committee agreed that running all the finals on the same day went very well. The Committee noted that the Under 19 final was not played due to Exeter being unable to field a team. It was decided to fine Exeter and award Newton Abbot the win.

The Committee noted that the following trophies had not been returned in time to be presented at the finals; Under 17, Under 19 and Men's. It was noted that the under 19 trophy is the one requiring remedial action. The Committee decided to issue a fine of £50 per trophy not returned. Mark to inform the County trophy steward.

The Committee noted for the minutes the email discussion and decision regarding Devonport requesting that an under 15 player who was not registered in 2016 season would be able to play in the finals. The decision by majority by email was not to allow the player to play.

## WP 16.49 **Awards**

The Committee agreed that the following winners of awards would be:

Volunteer Award - Mark Procter – proposed by Denise Ward and seconded by Derek Wyatt

Player of the year -Robyn Greenslade – proposed by Mark Procter and seconded by Roger Bossom

Coach - Ian Mair-proposed by Derek Wyatt and seconded by Denise Ward

Official – Phil Whiting – proposed by Roger Bossom and seconded by Mark Procter

Roger proposed that the awards should be presented at the Knock Out finals in future, this was agreed.

## WP 16.50 **AOB**

The Committee discussed and Roger's proposal to have an Under 13 league and KO tournament. The Committee agreed that for the 2017 season that there wouldn't be any entry fees. The Committee agreed to keep the under 19 league and KO tournament. Mark to write to clubs inviting them to enter teams. Mark to also contact Cornwall to see if they would be interested in participating.

Derek proposed and the Committee agreed to see if the clubs were intending to run any Mini tournaments and offer to create these into a tournament. If there is any interest then the County would purchase a trophy that will be presented to the winning team with medals for first and second place. Mark to email clubs to see if there is any interest.

The next meeting will be called following the County AGM.

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WP 16.51      **Conditions**

Derek took the Committee through each section of the conditions and will share the revised sections that were agreed. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to finish going through all the conditions so an additional meeting will be needed to conclude them.