



Record of Domestic Management Group dated 13th November 2013

Present: KC Kirsty Clarke GBWR National Development Director
PA Paul Arnold GBWR Regional Development Officer South, East and London
LS Lee Stutely GBWR Events and Competition Officer
DH Daniel Hook GBWR Corporate & Membership Secretary
BW Brian Ward GBWR Head of Officiating
PZ Phil Zealey West Coast Crash
DW Danny Dawoud West Coast Crash
VB Vince Barton Solent Sharks
NB Neville Burrell MTWRC
DM Darren Matthews MTWRC
SM Shirley Massey MTWRC
RT Rob Tarr MTWRC
SP Steven Palmer LWRC
BOS Bob O'Shea LWRC [joined from item 6.2]
TS Tony Stackhouse North Wales Dragons
RD Rebecca Daley North Wales Dragons
CP Chis Perkins West Country Hawks
PJ Paul Jenkins South Wales Pirates
MS Mike Spence South Wales Pirates [joined from item 8.4]

1. Apologies

1.1. Lorraine Brown GBWR Performance Director
Amanda Thomas GBWR Regional Development Officer Wales & South West
Jo Arnold GBWR Regional Development Officer North & Midlands
Noel Thomas North East Bulls
Jonny Collingwood North East Bulls
Ryan Cowling West Coast Crash
Donald Hutton Caledonian Crushers
Garrett Culliton Gaelic Warriors

2. Rugby Wheels

2.1. KC outlined Rugby Wheels as a mass participation programme which will include variants of wheelchair rugby for those with different disabilities. The programmes will be operated on a sustainable basis, seeking resources from local partners. It is distinctly branded, but recognisable as a GBWR product. Pilot sessions have been run, and a formal launch will take place in 2014.

2.2. It is anticipated that 10% of participants may be classifiable into the sport, and GBWR will work to transfer these individuals into clubs. Similarly, non-classifying players in contact with clubs can be directed towards Rugby Wheels programmes.

2.3. It was confirmed that there is no expectation for club involvement, with the programme running behind the scenes of club development. The programme will request occasional support from players to support sessions.



3. Coaching Strategy

- 3.1. KC presented GBWR's Coaching Strategy.
- 3.2. This strategy aims to build a strong system around the needs of the sport, developing a pool of coaches.
- 3.3. There is an understanding that the current coaching pool have strong tactical / technical knowledge but may welcome support with essential generic coaching principles.
- 3.4. Level of development will translate into an appropriate area for the coach to work within, from Rugby Wheels to High Performance.
- 3.5. The schedule was outlined as follows:
 - 3.5.1. Dec 13 – Aug 14: CPD for existing club coaches via 2 day Sports Coach UK run conference. Coaching network to allow coaches to work as a group to identify needs
 - 3.5.2. Sep 14 – Mar 15: Development of qualifications
 - 3.5.3. Apr 15 – Mar 17: Qualification system in place
- 3.6. Coaches with other sports' qualifications demonstrating requisite skills will be supported into an appropriate level within the GBWR Coaching system.
- 3.7. It was agreed that the CPD conference should be held in the Midlands (Loughborough / Nottingham).

ACTION: KC to propose dates for CPD conference

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1. KC presented the draft Code of Conduct for GBWR staff and members, developed from values previously discussed by the DMG.
- 4.2. It was noted that not only is this document good practice, but a funding requirement.
- 4.3. This will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval in December, but the CEO first wishes to hear DMG feedback.
- 4.4. It was discussed whether clubs require their own Code of Conduct, in consideration that their members are GBWR members bound by the GBWR Code. It was noted that enforcing such a Code could prove difficult for clubs. It was advised that clubs' duty of owning and implementing a Code to their members will depend upon the membership structure review. Should clubs require a Code, GBWR are happy for this document to provide a template.
- 4.5. DMG suggestions:
 - 4.5.1. A Social Media section, to fully explain accountability of behaviour in this realm.
 - 4.5.2. It was discussed that members should sign, or be made aware that their membership application confirms acceptance of the document.
 - 4.5.3. Greater specificity to different situations, e.g. on-court conduct
 - 4.5.4. An Officials' section, which could be lifted from the IWRF Code of Conduct.
 - 4.5.5. 'Respect for IWRF rules' to be included within Values - Respect.

5. AGM and Membership model

- 5.1. GBWR are looking for at least 2 DMG reps to join a working group chaired by GBWR Trustee Simon Le Fevre, with a proposal prepared for presentation at the 2014 AGM. VB offered to participate.
- 5.2. KC outlined an AGM proposal previously proposed by SP. AGM to be held on Friday, with games and a season awards dinner on Saturday. The tournament would be held with individual entry, with teams based on skill / experience.



- 5.3. The AGM 2014 is to be held between Jul- Sep 14 as a legal requirement based on timing of the AGM 2013.

ACTION: DMG to consider participating in working group, and to advise DH

ACTION: LS to propose dates for the AGM / tournament

6. Champions League 14

- 6.1. It was agreed that this tournament should be made available for all teams to enter on first come, first served basis.
- 6.2. This would apply to similar tournaments, with the Europa Cup remaining as GB's qualification tournament following success at the Nationals.

[BOS joined meeting]

7. Coloplast Super Series 1 feedback

7.1. D1 and D2

7.1.1. Schedule needed earlier, as this allows accommodation to be booked at a lower cost.

7.1.2. It was suggested that weekends could be held across the country to share the impact of travel costs equally across clubs. This would also provide access to the sport to more interested persons.

7.1.3. Specific feedback form for Officials

7.1.4. It was questioned why venue wall clocks are not always used, as these would be preferable to allow spectators to view scores during games. It was discussed that this is due to access to clocks and technical limitations of running 2 clocks simultaneously. GBWR have sourced flip boards as a cost effective solution, being less costly than dedicated screens.

7.2. D2

7.2.1. It was observed that certain D2 players could benefit from greater direction from coaches, with more experienced coaches willing to support. Training sessions would also benefit from input from Officials and experienced players.

7.2.2. Limited parking: possible solutions discussed.

7.2.3. Limited storage. LS advised that there will be more storage space available for SS2.

7.2.4. Marathon: Travel in the area was hampered by local marathon. Research into events in the local area would allow pre-planning to avoid disruption.

7.2.5. Venue: LS advised that GBWR will look to hold D2 at Fenton Manor, Stoke on Trent next season.

ACTION: LS / BW to provide schedules at earliest opportunity prior to tournament

ACTION: DMG to confirm re: preference for league across the country or centrally located.

ACTION: DH / BW to update feedback form for comment on Officials

ACTION: LS to confirm nearby parking solution

ACTION: LS to research possible events which could disrupt travel during league weekends.

ACTION: KC / LS to confirm Season 2014 / 2015 dates and advise venues

8. AOB

8.1. Classification

8.1.1. It was noted that classifiers are not visible enough.



- 8.1.2. KC advised clubs to contact GBWR if players are awaiting classification, and GBWR will look to arrange classification. CP noted Hawks have 4-5 players awaiting classification.
- 8.1.3. It was observed that many unclassified D2 players were playing with an incorrect classification. In instances where there is no classifier available, it was discussed that a panel could be formed to rule on classification (pending official classification) for Appeals during events
- 8.1.4. It was suggested that classification CPD could benefit Coaches' understanding
- 8.1.5. Classification development strategy aims to have 2 classifiers present by end of season 13-14, and full classification panels by 2017.
- 8.2. It was noted that a GBWR advert for registered nurses to support the Performance team was featured alongside a magazine article regarding Wheelchair Rugby League. There was concern that this could cause confusion, however GBWR did not have decision over placing of the article, and placed the advert without cost.
- 8.3. It was discussed that the Talent camp was cancelled with very late notice. DM acknowledged Lorraine Brown's apology and explanation although noted the importance of changes to plans being communicated at the earliest opportunity.
- 8.4. Europa Cup: SP noted that this had been cancelled however it was unclear whether the original notification had come to the correct contact at GBWR.

[MS joined meeting]

- 8.5. Bernd Best: BW advised that teams will be required to supply an Official. It was questioned whether GB would enter at team. [Post meeting note: GB are not presently looking to enter a team].
- 8.6. Performance: It was questioned how far in advance camps are schedules, as this information can be used to plan club training. It was advised that camps are planned for 2014, and are held on varying days of the week to minimise disruption to club training. It was also discussed that GB players should liaise with clubs.

ACTION: KC to discuss classification of Hawks players with Sarah Leighton (SL)
ACTION: KC to discuss with SL panel ruling on classification in absence of classifier
ACTION: DH to ensure Europa Cup have up to date contact details
ACTION: LS to distribute schedule of Performance camps to DMG

[Post meeting note: DONM 19th Feb 2014 at Cophthorne hotel, Birmingham]

[Post meeting note: Coaching Conference dates proposed for 1-2 Mar 14 or 22-23 Mar 14]

ACTION: DMG to confirm preference for Coaching Conference date to DH