



Record of Domestic Management Group dated 30th May 2013

Present

- KC Kirsty Clarke GBWR National Development Director
- BW Brian Ward GBWR Head of Officiating
- LS Lee Stutely GBWR Regional support Officer / West Coast Crash
- PA Paul Arnold GBWR Regional Development Officer
- AT Amanda Thomas GBWR Regional Development Officer
- JA Joanne Arnold GBWR Regional Development Officer
- JP James Price Marauder Tigers
- JC Johnny Collingwood North East Bulls
- RC Richard Cartwright Solent Sharks
- VB Vince Barton Solent Sharks
- DM Darren Matthews Marauder Tigers
- CP Chris Perkins West Country Hawks
- JD Jim Deering South Wales Pirates
- JR Jim Roberts West Coast Crash / Burn
- TS Tony Stackhouse Dragons
- RD Rebecca Daley Dragons
- DS Dave Smart Marauder Tigers
- DH Donald Hutton Caledonian Crushers (Skype)

1. Apologies

- 1. Garrett Culliton
 - Steve Palmer (Skype attempts failed)
 - Sarah Leighton
 - Daniel Hook

2. Competition Feedback

- 2.1. KC Confirmed feedback for SS1 now available online
- 2.2. DMG asked to give feedback
- 2.3. JD Kitting up/Warm up area at Nationals could be better.
 - DS Hotel information needed much earlier from GBWR
 - TS Schedule needed from GBWR much earlier
 - ACTION: LS & Daniel Hook to send schedule information out as soon as it is confirmed. Hotel information to follow but also as soon as is available.**
 - DM Nationals officiating fantastic, no problems. DMG agreed
 - JR games not competitive enough at Nationals. Super Series structure better.
 - BW/DM Ranking system would provide better competition, more thought into this needed.
 - DM First league weekend needed food & beverage facilities available
 - CP Not central venue, too expensive
 - DM Earlier hotel bookings with info would have made it cheaper
 - RC Great first tournament, apologies for not attending awards evening
 - JP Venue, officiating, food all good. Glue on court
 - ACTION: GBWR to arrange court to be brushed between games**
 - BW Competitions too close together to arrange officials

- DMG agreed competition dates to be spread out because of costs for clubs and arrange officials
- 2.4. KC Evaluation and awards information online soon
- 3. Competition 2013/2014**
- 3.1. KC Confirmed agreed divisions by DMG as Division1 -8 teams due to no relegation, 6 teams in Division 2 as Sharks will enter 2 teams.
- 3.1.1 RD Asked if Dragons could still be promoted
- 3.1.2. KC Outlined what had been decided from last DMG.
- 3.1.3. KC Introduced papers to DMG: Sharks-proposals, Marauders-proposals, Darren Ransom proposals, Steve Palmer-response.
- 3.1.4. KC Confirmed 1 of potential 2 teams accepted promotions, Dragons now want to accept promotion
- 3.1.5. RD Dragons questioned why Division 1 & 2 teams played each other at Nationals
- 3.1.6. KC Outlined that the decision will be made on a case by case bases, some decisions need to be made based on talent pathways. Importance of having a talent system in place. For example assessing individuals at Nationals.
- 3.1.7. RD Addressed the issue of all games with juniors being played on a case by case basis, decided by the clubs.
- 3.1.8. BW Goal difference affected at the end of the season
- 3.2. TS / RD suggested that Tom Baines' parents would give permission. Dragons would like the risk to be assessed in division 1 as they are in division 2. Suggested it should be up to teams to manage
- 3.2.1. KC Insurance would cover this but clubs would need to make sure absolute safeguards are in place. Not just about insurance. KC Duty of care would be fully with the club, not allowed under RFU rules.
- 3.2.1. JP Agree with Dragons
- 3.2.2. DS asked if officials could make the decision
- 3.2.3. BW Can not request that players 'take it easy' on youth player. Reference; Burn Match at Nationals BW officiated game as a safeguarding measure. Allowing this would place too much responsibility on officials.
- 3.2.4. KC Confirmed that the official has absolute power to call the games off.
- 3.2.5. JP Suggested having a warning system in place
- 3.2.6. KC this will be in the new safeguarding policy
- 3.2.7. RC The sport, officials and club need to protect themselves. A framework is needed.
- 3.2.8. KC Outlined the safeguarding policy for the purpose of talent ID. This will mean doing more than we are already doing as clubs and an organisation.
- 3.2.9. RC Suggested each U18 be risked assessed
- 3.3. KC Nothing to compare against at the moment. If and when it needs to be joined up approach and managed by GBWR
- 3.3.1. DM U18 parents to sign waivers. Needs to be based on neurology not just age.
- 3.3.2. CP If we are letting them train we may as well let them play.
- 3.3.3. JD inquired about junior set up from GBWR in general
- 3.3.4. KC Outlined Junior team in Scotland, Aspire, Leicestershire youth plans
- 3.3.5. **PROPOSAL: To include juniors in Division 1**
For: Marauders, Dragons, Hawks, Sharks, Crash, Bulls
Against: Pirates
- 3.3.6. GBWR Consent would still be required. KC reiterated if this is passed it will mean very strict safeguarding. Needs to be confirmed through insurance.
- ACTION: KC to confirm**



- 3.3.7. LS Confirmed if this is passed Bulls and Burn would go into division 1
- 3.3.8. DMG Discussed whether restrictions on number of juniors on court should be in place
- 3.3.9. **ACTION: KC to get back to DMG on number of juniors allowed on court**
- 3.4. DMG Discussed more detail on division/no division structure if junior allowed to play in both
- 3.5.1. LS Divisions still needed for development. More teams. Teams having something to aim for.
- 3.5.2. DM Readdressed issue, if above is passed, that Tigers aren't a developing team, shouldn't be in a development group.
- 3.5.3. DMG Discussed Clubs being able to adjust their own teams for development purposes. Point difference recognised by the group as the issue. Topic of seeding readdressed. This couldn't be decided from Nationals as clubs weren't aware beforehand.
- 3.5.4. RC outlined shark club position 20 new players. 2 GB players. Unusual circumstances should be taken into account
- 3.5.4. JC No players bigger than the league. The players made their choice when they moved to the club. They knew what position the club was in.
- 3.5.5. DMG continued to discuss seeding benefits. Not having divisions. Having 3 divisions. Not league not practical due to number of games.
- 4. Further Points**
- 4.1. LS Outlined division protocols. When a division exceeds 8 teams a new division is formed. 5 in top division 4 in new division.
- 4.1.1. LS asked DMG to confirm they are happy with current division structure
- 4.1.2. All agreed.
- 4.2. Further points continued. LS confirmed with DMG that clubs how intend to decline promotion must make league aware before tournament. Although teams unlikely to now decline promotion if changes for juniors in Division 1 are passed.
- 4.3. Further points continued. GBWR confirmed there will now be a deadline for team list and names. Very strict.
- 4.3.1. DMG accepted with agreement that schedule and hotel information also has a deadline.
- 5. 2013/14 league venue and dates**
- 5.1. DMG confirmed the following dates and venues. NB division 1 and 2 will need to be on separate weekends
- 5.1.1. Division 1 Fenton Manor (Stoke on Trent): 5th-6th October, 1st-2nd February, 15th-16th March
Division 2 Doug Ellis centre (Birmingham): 12th-13th October, 15th-16th February, 29th-30th March
- 5.1.2. **ACTION: LS to confirm storage availability**
- 5.1.3. Nationals confirmed 3rd-5th May : Fenton Manor
- 5.1.4. KC suggested clubs can arrange hotels themselves if they wish now dates and venues confirmed.
- 5.2. LS Remind DMG of AGM on 21st June. Any individuals wanting to play in Challenge Cup must contact Daniel Hook before 19th June.
- 5.2.1. BW tournament useful for developing officials.
- 5.3. DS remind clubs of low point tournie. 5 teams confirmed so far, 8 would be ideal.
- 5.3.1. **ACTION: Daniel Hook to send out an email as reminder, New deadline 6th June. Then tournament offered to European teams. Individuals encouraged to contact Daniel Hook.**
- 6. IWRF Athletes council**
- 6.1. KC Note from Richard Allcroft. Application for positions on the panel can be found on the IWRF WEBSITE.
- 6.2. DMG had no further comments about international competition.
- 7. Club Affiliation**



- 7.1. KC AGM putting forward voting protocols with regards to membership. Forming a 'working group'. Membership will work alongside clubmark criteria (in development).
- 7.1.1. DMG interest: CP, VB.
- 7.1.2. **ACTION: KC to put a note out to all GBWR members about working group.**
- 8. BW refer to handout. Uniform regulations. Proposed regulations be strictly applied to Division 1.**
- 8.1. DMG decided regulations should be applied to all divisions.
- 8.1.1 ACTION: BW to look into regulations re half sleeves/colours. Requested by DM**
- 9. Any other business**
- 9.1. AT Confirmed over 45's still happy to play with 0.5pt reduction. Should information go on class card and/or scoresheet (raised on behalf of Sarah Leighton)
- 9.1.1. BW information on both class card and scoresheet.
- 9.1.2. LS Confirmed that 4.0 Players can play in league, nationals and domestic competitions. However if a club plays a 4.0 Player or uses a player reduction eg - over 45 rule in the nationals, they will forfeit their chances of obtaining Europa cup qualification.
- 9.1.3. AT suggested classifiers will be coming to individual clubs in the future. Ongoing. (on behalf of SL)
- 9.1.4. LS Clubs must always get players classified at the earliest available opportunity. Next tournament usually.
- 9.1.5. DS asked for details on protesting classifications
- 9.1.6. ACTION: GBWR to share formal class protest procedures via email.**
- 9.2. RC Solent University are developing at treadmill which chairs can go on. Testing VO2 Max etc.
- 9.3. VB A best practice document about fund raising and/or discussion about fundraising in clubs is needed.
- 9.4. DM inquiry about success of merchandise. GB association hoodie would be appealing to players/support staff
- 9.5. JP Kenda tyres company. 50% reduction if teams go together
- 9.6. DS GBWR website needs updating. DMG agreed.
- 9.6.1. TS Would like to see past results and tournaments archived
- 9.6.2. KC Website waiting for a complete update.
- 9.7. DS Membership costs have gone up again. Can DMG have a discussion about this in the future.
- 9.7.1. KC Membership cost increased due to insurance for junior members.
- 9.7.2. DMG Detailed information about membership breakdown would be useful
- 9.7.3. ACTION: GBWR to provide information about membership breakdown**
[Post meeting note: addressed at AGM by CEO]
- 9.8. BW Gave thanks to all players and clubs for their patience at competitions
- 10. Insurance**
- 10.1. KC outlined hand outs with new insurance information, with regard to previous issues of support staff raised by DMG.
- 10.1.1. LS Confirmed support staff pay associate member cost on a pool basis.
- 10.1.2. DM are support staff covered when they are all at training together
- 10.1.3. ACTION: KC to confirm insurance cover for support staff at training. Who is included in 'staff'?**
[Post meeting note: workforce defined as anyone with active engagement with on-court activity]
- 10.1.4. KC outlined rules of showcasing Wheelchair rugby. 15 times per year for the whole sport. 6 for GBWR staff. 9 for clubs.
- 10.1.5. ACTION: KC to confirm whether some venues would be covered under their own insurance. KC recommends clubs get absolute confirmation if this is the case.**



- 10.1.6. AT All clubs needs to talk to their RDO before running any events. GBWR will manage the number of events.
- 10.1.7. KC Able bodied staff not insured if they get in a chair. Clubs may look for their own insurance it must cover everything that the existing insurers are willing to cover. If 15 showcasing events are not enough we can look in to this at a later date. School demonstration sessions will be managed separately, must go through GBWR. clubs may investigate own insurance and share with GBWR.
- 10.1.8. JP Not adequate, able bodied players always getting into chairs.
- 10.1.9. KC This is historic, sport is professionalising and moving forward.
- 10.2. JC Bulls would not have enough players to run a training session.
- 10.2.1. RC Players shouldn't be a problem, but feels that checking the venue should be looked at.
- 10.2.2. CP Clarification needed about school events.
- 10.2.3. TS Dragons will continue with how they have always managed sessions.
- 10.2.4. KC Any school programme needs to be part of a programme and fed through the national governing body.
- 11. Any other business for next DMG**
- 11.1. JA safeguarding and child protection needs to be discussed along with new Disclosures and Barring regulations.
- 11.1.1. ACTION: JA Brief description about new Disclosure and Barring system.**
- 11.2. VB Fund raising to be discussed at next DMG, would like advice / support
- 11.3. DMG competition rules. Extra time rule discussed.
- 11.4. Coaching and officiating pathway.
- 11.4.1. JC Requested projector at competitions with info on so teams don't have to keep asking.
- 12. DONM**
- 12.1 Agreed for 31st July 2013
- 12.2 ACTION: Daniel Hook to arrange venue**
[Post meeting note: next DMG meeting arranged for 31st July 13 at Copthorne Hotel Birmingham]