



DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT GROUP: 21 NOVEMBER 2017 MEETING RECORD

Present:	KC	Kirsty Clarke	GBWR National Development Director
	PS	Paul Shaw	GBWR Head Coach
	LS	Lee Stutely	GBWR Events & Competition Officer
	DH	Daniel Hook	GBWR Compliance & Membership Officer
	PA	Paul Arnold	GBWR Regional Development Officer (South)
	DT	Dale Thompson	GBWR Regional Development Officer (North)
	SS	Simon Starr	GBWR Regional Development Officer (Midlands)
	AS	Adam Simmons	GBWR Projects Officer
	JC	John Colgan	Dorset Destroyers Wheelchair Rugby Club
	BO'S	Bob O'Shea	Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Rugby
	BP	Brian Pitchford	Canterbury RFC: Canterbury Hellfire
	JP	James Price	Gloucester Wheelchair Rugby Club
	VB	Vince Barton	Team Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby
	SP	Steve Palmer	London Wheelchair Rugby Club
	CS	Craig Streeter	London Wheelchair Rugby Club
	DN	David Needham	Leicester Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club
	RD	Ryan Dickin	The North East Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club

1. Apologies

1.1.	Stuart McLindon	GBWR Youth Programme Manager
	Susan Aldridge	GBWR Head of Officiating
	Louise Satherley	GBWR Workforce Development Officer
	Tom Rogers	GBWR Regional Development Officer (Wales)
		Brighton Buccaneers
		Yorkshire Lions Wheelchair Rugby Club
		Liverpool Lions Wheelchair Rugby Club
		Woodbridge Wheeled Warriors
		Glasgow Wheelchair Rugby Club
		Westcountry Hawks Wheelchair Rugby Club
		Ryghi Gogledd Cymru Wheelchair Rugby
		West Coast Crash
		Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby Club
		Northampton Saints

2. AOB

- 2.1. Due to a delayed start, the meeting opened with AOB.
- 2.2. JP noted that a the season opens with D2, this allows D1 players to open with D2 teams before transferring to their D1 team, and so it would be preferable to open a season with D1.
- 2.3. SS presented the Quack & Field wheelchair rugby book for children – this includes a forward by Ayaz Bhuta, and 10% of profit is received by GBWR.
- 2.4. BP requested player numbers to be included on team sheets, as this helps identification for new teams.
- 2.5. DMG attendance
 - 2.5.1. KC requested the DMG contact with suggestions to improve attendance.
 - 2.5.2. BO'S suggested video conferencing for those unable to attend in person, as some clubs are consistently not represented.

ACTION: KC to investigate



3. Head Office / staff update

- 3.1. KC apologised to the DMG for the impact recent Head Office issues had on Membership and the Super Series, and thanked the DMG for their support and patience.
- 3.2. KC welcomed DH and highlighted that the recent issues should soon be in-hand.
- 3.3. A new Membership database was discussed, with this to be implemented in time for the forthcoming Membership / league season – this will expedite registrations and renewals, and also facilitate uploading of team rosters.
- 3.4. The development team staff structure was outlined as:
- LS: GB & Competition
 - PA: RDO South
 - SS: RDO Midlands
 - DT: RDO North
 - AS: Variant
 - Louise Satherley: Workforce (initially focussing on officiating)
 - Tom Rogers: RDO Wales
 - Nathaniel Holland: Media
 - Stuart McLindon: Youth
 - Talent: being advertised for, in conjunction with the Peter Harrison Centre

4. Safeguarding

- 4.1. As current DBS certificates expire, Members and staff will be moved to the RFU system.
- 4.2. Members will be contacted by their RDO or Stuart McLindon when renewal is needed.
- 4.3. It was highlighted that Members should not subscribe to the update service at this time, as they will instead register under the RFU system.
- 4.4. It was clarified that requiring a DBS depends on duties undertaken, rather than role by title.
- 4.5. JC raised an ongoing issue of having been erroneously charged.
- ACTION: PA to follow up**
- 4.6. SP queried the necessity of coaching / safeguarding certificates – it was clarified that an adult session can take place without certificates, although it is best to have a trained individual present, however youth sessions must have individuals with a DBS certificate and Level 2 coaching certificate.
- 4.7. KC announced a 2018 wheelchair rugby-specific safeguarding conference to be hosted by Gill Camina – club welfare officers will have priority attendance with more details to follow.

5. Variant

- 5.1. AS is now the lead.
- 5.2. A launch tournament will take place on 10 Dec, with 7 confirmed teams and the option for another team to be created for players entering without a team.
- 5.3. The classification system is based on Invictus, and includes high function players from the Paralympic game.
- 5.4. The rules are largely unchanged.
- 5.5. The game will operate a summer league to cause least conflict.
- 5.6. IT will be confirmed whether able bodied individuals with PTSD will compete.
- ACTION: KC to confirm**



- 5.7. Games will be played with 5 players on each team – it was noted that this would provide less transferrable skills for those training in both games, however the change of player numbers worked well in testing, makes the game distinct and is a common format in game variants in other sports.

6. Talent

- 6.1. Currently recruiting for a Talent Manager
6.2. Talent squad has been selected and will be announced shortly.
6.3. Talent camps will resume from Jan 18.
6.4. Darren Matthews will lead on curriculum with Alan Ash as assistant coach.
6.5. The programme is funded by Sport England and player contributions.
6.6. Talent transfer system
6.6.1. Well supported as offers good experience.
6.6.2. No transfers down a division as unfair advantage.
6.6.3. Interest in opening up outside of Talent squad to give more players experience.
6.6.4. It was also suggested that a scratch team could be composed in D3 for those needing experience.
6.6.5. No changes to current league season – to be discussed further for next season.
ACTION: DH to send DMG current Talent Loan document

7. Workforce

- 7.1. Coaching
7.1.1. A Level 2 course is currently being run, and will conclude in Dec 17.
7.1.2. PA and Stuart McLindon are running a Safe Session course – this will be formalised as a Level 1 qualification.
7.2. Officiating
7.2.1. GBWR is seeking educators – Louise Satherley will soon make contact.
7.2.2. A formal education programme is being developed for Mar 18.

8. Youth

- 8.1. Lord's Taverners Junior Wheelchair Rugby programme soon to be launched.
8.2. Lord's Taverners currently fund multisport chairs only, but will look to investigate possibility of funding for rugby wheelchairs.
8.3. There is intention to develop the programme into a national league.

9. AOB

- 9.1. It was queried how clubs can access information on European events, and noted that there are fewer high level club tournaments available as these are now open to national teams.
ACTION: KC to discuss with Richard Allcroft
9.2. GBWR is supporting Stonewall's Rainbow Laces initiative at the upcoming Youth Tournament and Super Series.