

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Secretary report for GHA Committee meeting on Monday 9th December 2019

There has recently been an update to the EH AGM Resolution Governance review with the results of the survey being made available through the EH website. The full report can be read on the EH website via this link [Governance Review 2018](#). This details the results of the survey carried out into the EH proposals for the governance of hockey in England going forwards.

Overall the conclusion seems to be to continue with the proposals as explained in the roadshows back in the summer, these being principally:

- To break the various regions into smaller units to create 8 equal sized Areas.
- To align the various Leagues to Areas and on rules and to have them all integrated into a single structure.
- To clarify the structure of Areas and Sub-areas with greater transparency and accountability.
- To integrate umpiring into one single organisation

The difficulty remains though that there is a severe lack of detail of what this all means and the survey did identify this as one of the concerns. The action seems now to be to provide more detail. Lastly, whilst there is still a majority in favour of the changes, it has reduced.

West HA has established a working group on the EH AGM Resolution Governance Review and has met once to collect opinions. I could not attend, but the Minutes of the meeting seem to reflect a collation of the various thoughts of those attending and questions to which there were no answers. It was agreed to have a follow-up, but nothing has happened other than a West Council meeting which again I was unable to attend.

Ian Harvey

Extracts from England Hockey update from Safeguarding Clubs Forum 7th October 2019

EH Update:

1. EH Affiliation 2019/20
 - New EH Club Portal with individual login; start of single sign-in for all EH resources.
 - Opens 1st October to 30th November
 - Clubs can access site throughout year – update contact details / player numbers
2. AGM Resolution – EH website for supporting documents
 - Feedback on proposals via online survey, closes 27th October – please discuss at committee meeting and provide feedback
 - Clubs, Counties & Regions to vote at AGM in March 2020
 - If approved, new structure in place for 2021/22 season
3. Hockey Heroes
 - Target audience is 5-8yrs; 6-week block of sessions delivered by clubs.
 - Club in Yr1 – Gloucester City; If any other club is interested to take part in Yr2, please let me know.
4. Club Mark accreditation – encourage clubs to progress & complete.

5. Tokyo Olympic Qualifiers – 2nd & 3rd November at Lee Valley, tickets now on sale
 - Men vs Malaysia
 - Women vs Chile
6. Pro-League - new season, new structure
 - Home and Away in alternate years
 - Tickets – Hockey Family Window on Friday 27th September
7. Coaching & Umpiring workshops/courses
 - 'Intro to Umpiring' – Yate, Sunday 20th October
 - Plan for 2020 in progress, so be open for bookings on Hockey Hub early in 2020.
 - Community of Practice – roundtable style conversation of topics determined by attending club coaches
8. Time-To-Listen (TTL) workshops
 - Royal Wootton Bassett – Monday 14th October
 - Others is area already taken place, if 14/10 not feasible & still need to attend one, please let me know.
9. Health and Safety
 - Injury Monitoring – complete online survey on EH website when need hospital treatment (password in FAQ doc)
 - H&S FAQs – guidance on EH website, currently being updated
 - Concussion Policy – exists on EH website, currently being revised to improve readability (less medical)

Verity Langfield

Junior Festivals Organiser report for GHA Committee Meeting on Monday 9th December 2019.

There have been a total of 15 Festivals so far this season across U12 girls and boys, U10 girls and boys and U8s mixed. The maximum number of teams entering was 21 at an U12 girls Festival and on 2 occasions the U12 girls have required an extended booking at Cheltenham Ladies College to accommodate all the entries. Overall numbers of entries have been up on the previous season which points to a growing level of involvement in hockey in the area.

The various Clubs have largely been complimentary about the organisation and there has only been one occasion when a team turned up unexpectedly having not actually entered! A classic case of communication disconnects within a Club! The Clubs have also stepped up to running the various sites which has been a great help. My thanks to Lisa Lundie for all the pitch bookings, Nick Parker for the U12 schedules and Angie Atherton for the U8 mixed schedules and for being there on the day to help run the events. Thanks also to the schools which have hosted us; Cheltenham Ladies College, Dean Close, Cheltenham College and Bournside.

In the New Year we will have the In2Hockey Clubs competition (the old county cup) as well as the remaining Festivals.

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