

Hartlepool Community Badminton Network

General meeting held on Friday 11th May 2011 at Dyke House College, Brierton Lane, Hartlepool

Present :-

Vicky Evans	(VE)	HCBN Chair and Tees Valley Sport
Tony Evans	(TE)	HCBN Secretary and Coach
Martin Lamb	(ML)	HCBN Treasurer (and PL4S Coach Hartlepool)
Lynda Green	(LG)	Coach (and PL4S Coach Sunderland)
Gemma Saunders	(GS)	Senior Sports Development Officer
Kath Evans	(KE)	Coach and Club Organiser
Jean Ash	(JA)	Hartlepool 6 th Form College (HH6FC)
Rachel Frobisher	(RF)	Badminton England Regional Officer

1. Apologies for Absence.

Natalie Downes	(ND)	Schools Sports Competition Administrator
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Absent

Andrew Jordon	(AJ)	Deputy Head Dyke House College
Ian Clark	(IC)	College of Further Education
St. Matthews Badminton Club	SMBC	& Huntsman Tioxide Badminton Club (HTBC)

2. Review of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

CAN Funding

GS had almost completed the application which will now be processed as part of the June 2011 round of bids. GS had held meetings with Age UK as part of their 'Fit as a Fiddle' program and they are keen to be included. The Mind group were less enthusiastic due to the younger age of their clientele but identified that they could be included under the 'Positive Mental Health' aspect if a wider age group was bid for. GS will circulate the final bid for approval shortly.

Sportivate awards application

RF indicated that the CBN's 3 'Sportivate' bids have been submitted and all indications to date are that they will be successful. The bids had to be slightly revised to remove the 'coach education' element from the bids. Confirmation is due in mid May with funding anticipated end of June. The committee thanked Rachel for her efforts.

Matthew Henry – Level 1 coach award funding

TE asked what the procedure was for Matthew receiving 50% of his funding from the group. It was decided, that as the funding had been agreed, Matthew should submit a request for the payment to the HCBN treasurer.

4. Development Plan

ML confirmed that he was awaiting written confirmation that the bank account name had been changed. (Confirmation received immediately after the meeting)

RF has asked her placement student to re-format the development plan over the next few days and will circulate this to the committee when complete.

5. Development Areas

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Jean is to discuss the possibility of the H6FC taking out a 'No Strings' franchise. The reduced cost of doing so is in the region of £200.

A brief discussion then took place regarding potential candidates for the level 1 or level 2 coaching awards. Committee members were asked to forward names on to Jean as soon as possible. Other names mentioned were Joe Watson, Jordan Patton, Sean Bogey, Nic Barrit.

The 16+ coaching sessions held at the H6FC had been successfully completed with a small competition. No word had been received from English Martyrs and therefore it will now be left until September.

General concerns were expressed regarding the links with schools in the near future as at present the situation continues to be under review. The group anticipate it becoming clearer as time goes on and will discuss how best to liaise with the schools when structures are in place.

Rachel indicated that Sport England was now concentrating their funding on the 16+ age range and this may affect our small grants bid for the Primary Schools. It was agreed that this bid should be submitted once the support letters are received from the schools via Natalie. Rachel is to send a standard template letter of support to Natalie to forward to the schools.

The opportunity to take up a 'No Strings' franchise has been slow. This has been identified as the lack of lunchtime and other appropriate available slots in the sports centres. Rachel is to draw up a projected participation plan for a 6 week period to hopefully persuade some of the centres to take the franchise up to start in September.

Rachel confirmed that Badminton England had set aside £1200 for the HCBN. A sub-committee meeting needs to be held to agree in principle how this funding should be allocated within the group. This will be placed on the next agenda.

6. Correspondence

TE had received no correspondence.

7. Any Other Business

Martin confirmed that he had now completed the coaching to 3 of the seven schools in the Dyke House cluster. Natalie will try and organise sessions at the other 4 schools. The BISI festival date was set as 28th June in the afternoon (12:30 to 3:30 at BCSC)

GS indicated that she had held discussions with the 'Workplace Health Lead' regarding funding that may be available to a range of sports including badminton in the 'Workplace Health Initiative related to the 2012 legacy. The total funding available to this initiative is £5000 and badminton could potentially access part of this. Funding will be agreed towards the end of June and any initiatives would start in January 2012.

RF confirmed that the HCBN Badminton England status would be moved up to the next stage of 'Improving' in September.

Martin informed the meeting that the 'Premier League for Sport' funding had now stopped. A decision on whether this funding is to continue is expected shortly.

Rachel confirmed that there was to be a Level 1 coaching course held at Hartlepool H6FC in early September. Applications were already being received.

Martin asked that a 'Treasurers Report' section should be added to future agendas.

8. Date of next meeting

The date for the next full meeting was agreed as :-

Wednesday 22nd June 2011 at 10 a.m. **at Hartlepool 6th Form College**