

**MINUTES**  
**HAMPSHIRE RFU GAME DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 0224**  
Held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Trojans RC

**Those Present**

Rob Matthews (RM)	Game Development Chair
Gary Self (GS)	HRFU Chair
Ed Neville (EN)	HRFU President
Julie Greenslade (JG)	HRFU Executive Director
David Creal (DC)	Disciplinary Secretary
Terry Burwell (TB)	Hampshire Rugby Referees Chair
Nick Whittle (NW)	Club Rep for Game Development
Laura Self (LS)	Youth Committee Chair
Sandra Coffin (SC)	Girls Rugby
Hannah Avoth (HA)	Coaching Committee
Alex Roe (AR)	RFU Club Developer
Georgia Leprohon (GL)	Admin Officer

**1. Apologies for absence**

Nigel Morgan (NM)	Disciplinary Chair
Andy Stevens (AS)	Coaching Committee Chair
Sandy Newsham (SN)	Women's Rugby
Ian Kerr (IK)	HSRFU Representative
Sarah Whatmore (SW)	CBSM
Chris Budden (CB)	Competition Chair
Adrian Silvester (AS)	Diversity & Inclusion
Michele Amos (MA)	CB RugbySafe lead

**2. Previous minutes**



Game Dev mins Oct  
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Minutes agreed approved and taken as read.

RM introduced HA from the coaching committee to everyone.

**3. RFU Updates – Alex Roe**



Hampshire RFU  
Monthly Update Jan

Adult targeted support is working with several clubs.

There was a discussion about using some of the targeted fund at Alton.

RM & AR to talk offline about boys/men's game and having a representation at the Game Development committee to help with player retention.

There is a possibility of changes to the player pathway for both boys and girls.

RM mentioned that transition 16-18 needs to be looked at and AR said some coach developer support modules are being created.

RM also said that there was no Boys/ Mens rep on the Game development committee and perhaps there should be from a Governance perspective. AR agreed and said that Social Media (SM) engagement needs to be stepped up. HA said that the correct sort of SM is important to reach all demographics.

TN mentioned the Community Game of the Future a RFU topic at present, this deals with the Lower XVs in clubs and the U18 transitioning – he agreed it needs to be addressed now. RM suggested doing a bit on it at the next clubs meeting, TB agreed.

There was talk of potential changes in the Player Pathway for both boys and girls – we will await to see what these will be.

**ACTIONS:**

None

#### **4. Committee member objectives**

Some have been receive - all objectives should be with the County office by the end of February

**ACTIONS:**

All committee chairs to submit their objectives by 22-3-24.

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **COMPETITIONS – Chris Budden - Absent**

There was a discussion about the Vets Cup & rules. It was agreed that Chris and his committee do an excellent job of supporting the lower levels, however there has been a lack of communication and the feeling is, Chris and the committee need more support and extra members to help.

**ACTIONS:**

Office to email CB about Vet Cup rule/regs

##### **HRR – Terry Burwell**

TB stated that all obligations have been fulfilled to date.

There have been some new recruits and Hampshire has loaned refs to other CBs.

There was a discussion about referee abuse from players, coaches and supporters, questions were asked about a rating system for clubs, so Bystander training could be recommended to offending clubs. LS pointed out that to have transparencies, clubs should be able to rate referees, so that training could be tailored. This would mean both referees and clubs could score their experience.

TB would raise the matter with HRR. As the RFU no longer run the Club accreditation scheme, there was a discussion about standards within clubs.

**ACTIONS:**

TB to raise teh above matter at the next HRR meeting.

##### **Safeguarding – Sarah Whatmore - Absent**



Safeguarding Game  
Development Repor

**ACTIONS:**

.None

##### **Diversity & Inclusion – Adrian Silvester – Absent**

No report

RM and JG to discuss offline

## **Discipline - David Creal**



Discipline  
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TREDS letter from  
LS.docx

There have been several cases involving out of county clubs, which has caused issues regarding cross county discipline. It was discussed and felt if a club joins Hampshire RFU, they should be subject to Hampshire RFU discipline. DC will refer this to David Barnes, RFU.

RW is involved in the Youth cases

LS has issued a letter to be sent to Youth Chairs in all Hampshire clubs and out of county associate clubs regarding TREDS (attached above)

There was a discussion about using social media to publish red cards, the discipline committee will discuss this and advise. Apparently other counties do publish discipline details.

DC wanted approval for cases Adult cases 2301 to 2321 and Youth 2301 to 2311 – approved

### **ACTIONS :**

None

## **RugbySafe – Michelle Amos - Absent**



HRFU RugbySafe  
Report Feb 2024.pdf

MA is requesting feasibility of some financial assistance (Up to £600) to put on RugbySafe Conference for RSL's and First Aiders later in the year – this was agreed by the committee.

### **ACTIONS:**

none

## **Youth – Laura Self - Absent**



Youth Mins  
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As discussed in Discipline cross border issues was raised again and the committee agreed if the outside of county club joins Hampshire RF, they should fall under our discipline committee.

LS to send out letter concerning TREDS to all Youth Chairs.

### **ACTIONS:**

None

## **Coaching – Andy Stevens – Absent**



Coaching  
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There was a CPD course being run at Eastleigh, the office has requested being advised in advance of these events so we can put them across social media.

HA has requested a contact list of all Coaching Co-ordinator Club Contacts, phone number, as they wish to check that the person in this Golden Role is activate.

Link for RFU template for this role

<https://www.englandrugby.com//dxdam/70/7077dde5-c8ea-4e1e-87d5-076693604f0d/Club%20Coaching%20Coordinator.pdf>

DD and AS are in discussion about more transparencies with Club Hampshire and coaching.

The Coaching Conference will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**ACTIONS:**

Office to provide HA with CCC phone list

**HSRFU – Ian Kerr -Absent**

JG said that there has been a meeting and some events and competitions are still being held. Again the County office needs to know in advance of any events so they can advertise them to clubs. The new volunteers are settling into their roles.

**ACTIONS:**

None

**Women's Rugby – Sandy Newsham – Absent**

For the women's section not a great deal to report on. Lots of successful inner warriors and compared to other counties we have played most games as clubs.

It has been a success at the half way point.

Millbrook have a new women's team and Andover ran an Inner Warrior event.

**ACTIONS:**

None

**Girls' Rugby – Sandra Coffin**



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Girls Report.docx

AR advised that Petersfield ran an Inner Warrior event, recruiting 4 players

Eastleigh also ran an event recruiting 10 U18 players and 4 adults.

**ACTIONS:**

None

**Admin Update – Julie Greenslade**



Admin report Feb  
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Salisbury RFC has been approved by the committee to join in the new season 2024-25, U18s only.

**AOB**

It has come to our attention that Eastleigh Hurricanes has folded – GS/JG to discuss, AS the Diversity & Inclusion officer to be involved/

**Next meeting will be on Wednesday 08/05/24 at Trojans**

Meeting closed at 21:20