



Club / School Circular **December 2006**

Annual General Meeting

Please find enclosed the official notification for the Welsh Hockey Union Limited AGM due to be held on Sunday 7th January 2006. As last year, the AGM will be held at two differing sites, the Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff and Sports Council for Wales offices, Plas Menai, North Wales, with the meeting to commence at 14:15. The Reports have not been enclosed so as to reduce printing and postage but are available on the Welsh Hockey Union website. Video conferencing technology will again be used with representatives from the Board of Directors being available at both sites and it is hoped that with members not having to travel quite so far, that the attendance will be increased.

WHU Modernisation

Clubs will be aware that a number of meetings have been arranged for them to meet John Turton (Board Director). If you have always wished to have your say, then this is your chance. John will touch on a number of new initiatives that will shortly be announced so it will certainly be worthwhile you attending. Please contact john.turton@welsh-hockey.co.uk

Handbook

Club and School Secretaries will find enclosed a copy of this years Handbook on CD-ROM. I have been asked to pass on the apologies of our printers as the copying company they utilised unfortunately became bankrupt during the print run. Improvements have been made with the CD-ROM now set to automatically upload onto your pc. This will make it easier for the disk to be passed around your membership. In view of the continually changing hockey calendar it is not been included on the disk – however by clicking on the appropriate section on the handbook will automatically link to the web-based calendar. If however, any recipient

would like a particular section issued to them in hard copy, please let the WHU office know.

Registrations

A number of clubs have yet to register their members and as such, their members remain uninsured whilst playing in any WHU competition. Each of these clubs will have recently received individual letters advising them of the situation and regrettably, unless the full details and fees are received before 1st January 2007, they will be excluded from all forms of competition. Additionally any club that has not registered their members will be excluded from voting at the AGM. As is normal, new and returning members re-register with clubs throughout the playing season and it is vital that these member's registration details are forward to Anne Mullin as soon as possible, together with the appropriate fee.

School Registrations

Would Schools please ensure that their fees for 2006/7 (Secondary £15, Primary £10) are forwarded to their Area Secretary (for Secondary Schools) & direct to WHU for Primary Schools. If the appropriate fee is not received by the date of the AGM - 7th January – any such School will be ineligible to vote at the AGM.

Website

As many of you will have already seen the new WHU website is up and running and I hope that you feel it is of use and benefit to all. By following the Membership Services / Members Benefits link you will find a list of all the benefits that are currently available. Of particular interest is the Gilmour link (also available from the Home Page as 'On-Line Shop') which details the various items of WHU branded items available for purchase. These items have been recently reviewed and provide excellent value for money from one of the largest suppliers within the UK. Details are also available at the same link of the Hockey Sport'ers Club benefits package which is an easy way in which members can both receive discounts and earn their clubs and schools much needed revenue. If anybody has particular feedback on the website, please forward your comments to chris.brewer@welsh-hockey.co.uk

Cancelled /Suspended Memberships

Regretfully it is sometimes necessary to suspend or cancel some individuals' membership of the WHU for a number of reasons. If you wish to check that any new member of your club is eligible for registration please contact Chris Brewer at the WHU office.

Public Liability & Personal Accident Insurance

Our insurers WWSI (Worldwide Sports Insurance Ltd) are continuing to provide basic accidental insurance for 2006/7 with clubs continuing to have the option of taking out enhanced cover, including loss of earnings. Although the additional insurance is subject to the whole club being covered, the premiums negotiated are extremely competitive. As an added option, clubs can insure their kit, cups and trophies with full details available as above. If anybody needs a hardcopy version of the insurance cover available, please look at our website at http://www.welsh-hockey.co.uk/membership_benefits_insurance.htm where full details are available.

Club / School Tours

The Welsh Hockey Union travel agent, Sport Experiences, have launched an exciting new option, available to all clubs and schools, whereby tours to differing countries can be arranged. A brochure is enclosed which gives full details and is an excellent addition to the existing travel options that can be arranged for clubs involved in all forms of competition.

Administering First Aid

Just to reiterate and clarify that Clubs and all members should be aware that under most insurances, including ours, the only people that should administer first aid are those with a suitable qualification, subject to them acting within the limits of their training, knowledge and experience. Those without such a qualification should not administer any form of treatment whatsoever.

FIH Rule Book

Clubs and Secondary Schools will find enclosed with this circular the latest rule book detailing all the various changes that will be implemented as at 1st January 2007. If additional copies are required please contact Colin Crayford at colincrayford@ntlworld.com

Ladies Veterans

After considering a request from England for Ladies Vets matches a small group has got together and is looking to form a National Vets side in the same manner as their male counterparts. If anybody is interested in playing please contact Jane Wheeler at Theethreewheelers@aol.com

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and successful 2007.

*Chris Brewer
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Welsh Hockey Union Limited*

Enclosures

Clubs

AGM 'Pack' consisting of:
Notification
Agenda
Accounts summary
Directors' nominations
Representation form
Proxy form
Handbook (CD-ROM)
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Sport Experiences brochure

Schools

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