



AREA CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR SEASON 2010/2011

I always start my report by showing my appreciation to the Wessex Committee for all their hard work and this year is no exception. We should never take for granted the amount of time and effort they put in to ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible on your behalf. There has been a great deal of change to the way the committee runs this season and we have tried to embrace modern technology to save money and time. I am pleased to say that this is reflected in the account summary. That said there is no room for complacency and we will continue to make improvements to the way we manage the Wessex area on your behalf. The league and cup competitions were competitive and congratulations, not just to the winners, but to everyone who took part. It was particularly rewarding to see the Wessex Area do so well in the Warrior tournament this year, a tribute to the players and coaches who represented the area so well. On the downside there were some quite serious disciplinary issues that kept the committee busy. I hope that everyone who was involved has learnt that we will not tolerate abusive behaviour towards officials and offenders will be dealt with accordingly. It was also sad to see the demise of our junior cup competition despite the sterling efforts of Cliff Chen. We will continue to support any initiatives to develop young talent in our area and I am hopeful that some-one will come forward at the AGM to help pursue this. It only remains for me to thank everyone involved in the Wessex Area in any capacity for their participation and continued support.

Yours in sport

Tim Brown MBE

LEAGUE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

When I made my report last year I mentioned several things; a competitive league, fewer one ref games, good disciplinary record and poor administration.

As I write this year it is good to note that yet again we have competitive leagues. Last year it was Open Division 1 that was close, this year Open Division 2 went to the last game of the season before the league winner was determined. Congratulations to all the division winners.

However, on the other issues I am disappointed to have to report from my point of view, there appears to have been little or no progress. Although I don't have numbers to hand, there are still a number of games that are being refereed by only one ref. This could be due to either referees not turning up, or more often teams not confirming games, but, even if we only had one game with one ref that would still be one game too many.

Having said last year that our disciplinary record was improving, it's sad to have to report that we have gone backwards this year. We have had several disciplinary incidents to deal with this year, and the nature of those incidents means that there will be players with bans being carried forward to next season. At least I hope that this is sending out a message that we will deal severely with any incidents that are brought before us.

And finally onto administration; I should point out at this stage that the majority of clubs/teams are well run, however, there are a few clubs/teams that are dragging down the overall level of the league as a whole. Take Open Division 1 as an example. During the season there were 15 late score sheets, percentage wise not that different from Open Division 2, however, of those 15 late score sheets, 13 of them came from only 2 teams, and all of them only came from 3 teams. This is not acceptable as it makes the administration of the league and league table difficult. If other teams can do it, why can't these teams. So, as I said last year we still need to make efforts to improve our administration for the benefit of everyone.

Trevor Funnell

REGISTRAR/TREASURER

Registrations:

1. Payment on line is the quickest and most efficient way to get a player registered. However you must remember that after completing the registration form on the EB website you must inform me you have made the payment. This will prompt me to check the transaction and issue you a registration number, without which; you cannot participate in any capacity.
2. Anyone who sends registration details to me by email, or by post, expecting me to complete the online form for them will not be registered.

Treasurer:

The use of cheques for payments is time consuming and costly and should be avoided whenever possible. Just ask for the Sort code and account number and use electronic banking if possible please.

Chris Bunnett

MEN'S OPEN DIVISION'S RESULTS SECRETARY

Congratulations to the league winners

Division 1 - Woking Blackhawk Flyers-

Division 2 - Woodley Green Flash –

Division 3 - Winchester Kings –

The table below details a few point of interest, in particular

- 7 games from a schedule of 246 where not played or the scoresheet was not returned.
- 39 fines were levied for late receipt of scoresheet
- 37 games were played with a single official

Division	Number of Teams	Number of Games Scheduled	Number of Games Played	Number of Fines for Late Scoresheets	Number of Matches with Single Official
1	8	84	84(100%)	15	10(12%)
2	10	90	87(96.7%)	17	19(22%)
3	9*	72	68(94.4%)	7	8(12%)

(* Division 3 started with 10 teams however Cookham Comets withdrew during the season)

There were still instances of games being postponed at short notice for reasons that could have been predicted earlier in the seasons.

On the positive side –

- the submission of scanned scoresheets worked well
- emailing of results prior to the receipt of the scoresheet enabled leagues to be updated quickly
- there were few problems with registration numbers

It should be an aspiration of the league to increase the number of teams in Division 1 to 10, providing a more competitive league.

Measure should be further investigated to speed up the posting of results on Fixtures live by more use of emails and Texting results to me.

Looking forward to the new season

Martin Marshall

WESSEX LADIES RESULTS SECRETARY

12 Teams Played in Wessex League 2010-2011

One Division Up to Dec 2010

League 'split' into 2 Divisions in Jan 2011

Top 6 into Div 1

Bottom 6 into Div 2 (Aztec Suns added in Jan 2011)

Total League Matches played for each team – 20

115 matches in total

Only 6 matches not played (void/conceded)

Chiltern Ladies won the Pre-Split League on the basis of winning their head to head match with Woking Ladies 1 (by one point!)

55 Matches played – 3 Forfeited

The current split after the Xmas break is not a sustainable solution as mentioned in last years AGM

Court bookings harder to reschedule due to tight timeline as essentially 2 seasons in one
Current split does not allow teams to be more flexible in order to rearrange matches and avoid cancellation charges

Once league entries are confirmed for next season I would suggest the following:

Up to 11 teams entered = 1 division playing twice plus 2 x Cup Games

Above 12 teams entered = 2 divisions of 6 teams playing 1 "Cross Over Games" plus 2 Cup Games

If playoff format is agreed, then top 4 in each division play potentially 2 extra games (semi + final)

If we have 11 teams, and they play each other twice, then that would be 20 games per team, plus the minimum 2 cup games which would be a minimum number of games of 22.

For the 12 teams scenario, there are 2 divisions of 6 teams, then playing each other twice (10 games), plus cross-over games (6 games) plus minimum 2 cup games gives a minimum number of games of 18.

If the play off format is agreed, then top 4 teams will get a minimum of 1 extra game.

Jon Clausen Berg

WESSEX CUP AND PLATE – SECRETARY'S REPORT

What went well?

Both Men's and Ladies cup competition worked well with a least 1 upset in each competition
Woking Chasers beating South Bucks in the second round of the Men's cup and Diamonds beating Aldworth in the ¼ finals of the ladies cup

What did not go well?

Both Plate competitions, only 5 games in Men's competition and 2 games in the ladies competition, this is not offering enough games for those teams going into the Plate competition.

Results – there has been a lot of score sheets that have been sent to league secretaries rather than to me and in some cases have not be sent at all so fines have been levied.

Also there have been a couple of teams that have consistently used incorrect registration numbers for players and while this adds to the Wessex kitty, there is a need to make sure correct numbers are entered onto the score sheet.

What could be done differently?

For the Men's competition push the first round of the plate back to after the 2nd round of the cup competition to allow the losers of the second round of cup to be part of the plate competition.

Use the Fixtures Live as well as text and email to get the scores and the score sheet to the competition secretary in a timely manner.

Richard Bell

WESSEX JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

The success achieved by the Wessex Area for the above competition over the last two seasons has been fantastic. The Wessex Junior Cup had at least 13 junior teams that took part in all age groups and more encouragingly, the two Junior Cup Finals were very well supported by the Clubs, players, referees and parents, therefore, on behalf of the Wessex Area Basketball Committee, I would like to say a big thank you everyone who took part.

I truly believed this competition had created a solid foundation to build on and within 5 years, the Wessex Junior Competition would be an integral part of the Wessex calendar. However, in 2010/11, the Wessex Junior Cup served up a challenge; the competition only received a hand full of entries in different age groups and genders. Despite all the efforts I made to talk to the Clubs to persuade them to join in this year's fun, they just could not fit the Wessex Junior Cup Competition into their busy England Basketball Junior programme. After a long discussion with the Wessex Area Chairman and the Deputy Chairperson, we had no choice but to cancel 2010/11 Wessex Junior Cup. I would like to use this opportunity to apologise to the all the Wessex Junior teams for not being able to stage this year's competition.

I very much enjoyed organising the Wessex Junior Cup and I still believe there is some kind of future in this competition, however, I believe there is a more suitable person to take the Wessex Junior Cup forward, so therefore, I am proud to step aside, allowing another person to take on the reigns and hopefully reignite this great competition for next season and beyond. After all, Junior Basketball players are the future participants of our Wessex Basketball League.

I would like to express my best wishes to everyone and may the Wessex Junior Cup go on to be a major success for the future.

Cliff Chen

WEBMASTER & FIXTURES SECRETARY REPORT

Webmaster

A good year for the website, some modifications, newer pictures and a photo gallery have all enhanced the site. Like always though it's the information that is provided that make the site informative and useful to others. Hopefully the site will continue to grow and I am happy to take on board any criticism and any advice on improving the site.

Fixtures Secretary

A very difficult year, which I will break down as follows:

1. The list of unavailable dates seems to have grown and this makes the initial task of scheduling the fixtures difficult. Teams' being unable to play home fixtures for a month at a time does cause some problems and extensive juggling by me.
2. The Ladies playing each other once in the first half of the season and then splitting into 2 divisions again caused a larger than normal amount of work and fixture organizing was difficult. I do hope that this is reviewed and the Ladies go back to one league

3. The cancellation and rescheduling of fixtures caused me great concern, as the Ladies seemed to be doing it different to the Men. Some teams were not following the guidelines laid down in the rules.

Some suggested enhancements.

I found it very difficult trying to keep fixtures live updated as well as the fixtures list so I propose to go to one format and feel that fixtures live will meet that demand. To further enhance the referees and appointments I also propose the use of the Fixture live officials pack which will cost the league £50. The benefits will be that on a change of an official the system automatically sends out an email to both teams and officials. The appointments secretary will still appoint officials and then the official's secretary or I will load them onto fixtures live.

My only concern with this is that it requires all contact details to be accurate and kept up to date.

I think that this system will work and will enhance the Wessex League, fixtures and appointments which will leave me in a better position to concentrate my efforts on one system rather than try to keep both systems up to date.

TECHNICAL SECRETARY REPORT

No report submitted due to resignation.

OFFICIALS SECRETARY REPORT

No report submitted due to resignation.