

# Huntingdonshire Girls Cricket Steering Group

Meeting Notes 8 December 2011

Present: Kevin Clement [KC], Mark Durham [MDu] Nicky McCready [NM], Annika McDonald [AM], Graham Sainsbury [GS], Shelley Steel [SS] and Heidi Walton [HW].

Apologies: Steve Brown [SB] and Mark Dowling [MDo]

## **CHANCE TO SHINE/SCHOOLS CRICKET**

KC informed there would now be 216 hours devoted to Primary Schools for girls only cricket, in addition to this there would also be 3 coaching session available on condition that the schools enter into a cricket tournament. There will now be 36 hours of coaching devoted to Secondary schools for preparing Under 13 sides for the Lady Taverners indoor competition. The project managers for the region were Sophie Jeal for the south and Sue Ager for the North. KC also informed that Huntingdonshire had the highest percentage of schools competition in the girls competition in the London and the South East region. KC announced that the Kwik Cricket Competition would now be held in Peterborough rather than St Ives for 2012. KC announced that there would be another school competition in the form of a National Chance to Shine day possibly to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. There would also be 36 hours coaching to be split between the participating schools. It was agreed that the Orton Schools provided the strongest links and would benefit the most from the coaching and competition it was agreed that HW would liase with Matt Carson at Winyates school and put him in contact with GS to arrange along with St John's and Orton Park.

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The development plan was reviewed and discussed with some minor changes being made however it was strongly emphasized that more of the group needed to be forth-coming with comments in order for the plan to be finalised. It is hoped that the plan will be finalised by the next meeting once these comments have been received.

## **FOUR COUNTIES WOMENS LEAGUE**

NM advised that 3 more teams were entering the league this year, Bury St Edmunds, Bedford and Hemel making a total of 8 teams. There is an AGM in two weeks time and all clubs are expected to attend. NM also advised that Hampton CC were hoping to compete in the Northants Midlands League for the 2012 season as the EAPL would not be running.

## **CLUB COMPETITION**

KC advised that it was likely to be 6 teams in competition rather than 7 for the Under 11 teams, although Nassington was still a possibility. The Under 11 format would be 8 a-side pairs softball. There will be an Under 15 competition with possibly Burghley Park coming into the picture. It was agreed that Under 13 friendly matches could be arranged on an ad hoc basis.

## **COUNTY TEAMS**

NM reported that the women's county trial held in Peterborough was successful. GS was in attendance and 12 women came half adults, half girls however when it came to the trial in Cambridge only 9 from Peterborough turned up as well as 2 from the current team and 2 from Ramsey. The third trial had now been postponed until January. GS reported that the first Girls specialist batting session was a disaster as only 1 girl turned up. There was a misunderstanding but that had now been resolved and attendance was gradually increasing and the following sessions at Kimbolton and Sawtry had gone well with Steve Brown, Lee Smith and himself in attendance. It was also reported that 1 or 2 parents were having financial trouble with the cost of the sessions and that was also a factor in the poor attendance. It was reported that Mark Yeeles had taken over the role of developing girls cricket at Nassington Cricket Club and as a result 3 girls had been invited to one of the Girls County under 13 sessions with a view to progressing further if considered appropriate. KC announced HCB would be entering an under 13 girls team in a tournament at

Malvern College in August. The tournament would be played over 4 days and was considered a development tournament and therefore would consist of teams from smaller counties. Any teams from the larger counties would be their second teams and therefore it would be a good challenge for the HCB team. The cost of the trip would be announced in due course, as the cost of coaching and transport would need to be factored in. Lastly it was announced that Lee Smith would be coaching the Girls under 13 team and there would be a separate appointment for the Girls under 11 Coach nearer the time.

### **COACHING**

KC reported that despite attempts there had been no further communication with Jenny Lambert, Cambridgeshire CDM, and that if the women's Level One coaching course was to happen it would now be in 2013. NM said she would be happy to run a course and would speak to Jenny. GS reported that the girls coaching had been successful so far, he said that the girls found concentrating on one skill at a time more enjoyable and it was noted that two of the girls had used what they learnt in the session at a following game for their club.

### **WIDER CRICKET NETWORK**

KC reported that he was looking at four possible sites to run informal cricket tournaments in 2012. Burghley Park, Godmanchester, Eaton Socon and one other, Orton Park possibly, in Peterborough were possibilities with Ramsey already involved. The tournaments would be aimed at 13 + age groups and would take part during the season. NM said Vivacity would be willing to push if it was targeted at adults and KC agreed it would be helpful to have but alongside the project. It was reported that Huntingdon District Council were looking to run a scheme for 6 weeks between Mid April and May to target girls and women aged 13 and above into sport with a view for them to be feed into a club environment or a regular softball game. It was also reported that Ramsey were looking to turn their 'Turbo 10' competition into a franchise. It was agreed that HCB would enter a girls team in to the Lady Taverners summer competition and the team entered would be the winning team from the under 15 club competition as an incentive, however this would require someone to organise.

The next meeting will be at Wennington on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February starting at 6.30pm.