

DCHA AGM 26/1/26 Secretary's Report

The Committee had not met formally since 10/2/25 but had kept in touch regularly to discuss items following the SGM and for attention over the season.

Main Points:

- The successful Cup/Vase Competition was organised and held in September.
- Concern was expressed regarding poor club/school nominations for Player Pathway which seemed to polarise around private schools. It was felt that participation should widen but that the clubs must play a part in this. Some PP players feel that they don't need a club - there is a need to stress that they should join a club.
- Balance approx. £14k will be down to approx. £3k after Player Pathway costs. At present there are 10 Representative Teams, 197 juniors, an increase of 27 cf 150 2 yrs ago. Costs are increasing. Forecast: either an increase in numbers or Affiliation Fees. County should prepare for a discussion of issues at next AGM.

Other Items addressed/Forums attended:

EH Transgender Policy update.

EH Membership Fees info meeting to County Chairs - to Mike Trubshaw.

1. DY had attended and had circulated slides from discussion. EH not generating enough income and system is outdated. Very little sponsorship available cf with other sports. Proposing a change in Club Affiliation reducing costs to teams and passing this to players - would register via GMS. Likely cost £16 aged 12+ and £10 u12s. EH suggested that majority of clubs contacted are accepting of changes.
2. Future courses would be provided free and EH Player Insurance would be a saving for clubs.
3. Noted that clubs predominantly comprising youngsters would be poorer than those with all paying adults.
4. There were no plans to change County Affiliation fees to EH but Player Pathway insurance, currently a County cost, might in future be covered by EH player insurance.

MT: No real alternative to proposal.

5. Noted that free Introduction to Safeguarding, Level 1 Umpiring, Coaching courses and own individual insurance were all selling points.

NEMED application info (EH Director) circulated to Committee for EH AGM nomination.

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