Lacrosse Victoria Junior Sub-Committee

Meeting Held: 2 February 2011

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Item	Action/Resolution
Previous Business (additional discussion)	
1. Goggles – little discussion as this was to be discussed at the women's forum	Raise issue at the women's forum
2. Finals for under 13 girls - It was generally agreed by the group that kids enjoy playing so why not have additional games in the form of finals. Some people suggested that if it's about playing additional games extend the current season without finals this way ALL U13 girls play more games. Most voted and agreed to recommend to the match committee that U13 girls have finals.	Forward to match committee
3. Bonus points - Healthy debate on the junior rule as you would expect. A valid point raised by Footscray was that the rule is in effect watered down because whilst it is a boys rule the U12 teams are supplemented by girls. In many cases as much as 50% of a team.	At this stage there is no change to the bonus point rule
4. Feedback from Surrey Park – an overview of the program was provided to the committee as well as an explanation of the arrangement between LV and SPLC of how they would be able to gain the bonus points. The end result was unfortunately SPLC did not meet the criteria and they did not receive any bonus points.	
5. Junior recruitment plan – several suggestions and issues were raised ranging from should LV have a blueprint for clubs to implement through to some feeling some clubs felt their programs have been disparate and not as successful as they might have expected. The group agreed however that clubs should feel open to working with each other in either developing program or even simply providing ideas on the successful aspects of their programs. Tim Fry is currently working on some information to provide the clubs which was discussed at the previous meeting. • *Should we engage in developing a plan? All agreed this would be worthwhile; however, it would be time consuming.* • *Such a plan could present recruitment methods, develop key targets for the sport and focus resources at clubs that are struggling with recruitment.* • *Would need to set clear parameters for the plan*	Tim to follow up next board meeting.
Other Items 6. VICLAX U11 program discussion – It was agreed that the program has merit and it should be pursued. It was agreed that U11 girls was the appropriate age group to target the program with an assessment of its success was required at the end of the season to measure and determine if an how to expand it (i.e. different age group? Boys? Etc.). The main discussion was in relation to the logistics of the program and were it would be hosted each week. Is it to be hosted by the club hosting the women's round or are the ground resource requirements too much)? This program is to replace the first 8 weeks of the regular season, with the regular season beginning at the conclusion of the 8 weeks. In regard to LV providing any costs it was agreed that the participating clubs should fund the program but LV could assist with some marketing costs in the form of polo tops and caps.	Consideration by the match committee about whether to hold it at the hosting women's round each week or not.

7. U12 Establishment Round Parent Introduction (Level 0) training for parents – This was raised at the referee forum last year aimed at providing an inclusive environment for new parents as well as to provide an understanding of the game. It is also intended to encourage parents to get involved in officiating the game to alleviate clubs resource needs. Duncan McKenzie offered to take be responsible for running the program liaising with host establishment host round clubs to provide a training program for the parents which will qualify them as a level 0 referee.	Duncan to liaise with ALRA and clubs
8. Even age discussion – Most representatives at the meeting felt that the junior men's age groups should revert back to odd age groups. There were varying arguments for the change however the primary issue was clubs are losing too many players in year 12 which is having an impact on U18 numbers. Consideration if the rule to be changed: • Junior rule – at which age group this would now apply to? • Which season to make the change – there are currently second year U18 kids who are expecting to play juniors this season! • Implementing new age group rules • Clubs current recruiting programs It was discussed that this issue be raised at the men's section of the clubs conference on Sat 19th Feb.	John to report back to LV for a decision
9. Next meeting – 2nd March, 2011	