

## **REPORT TO HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE APRIL 2017 BY BEVERLEY COOPER**

### **JUNIORS:**

**1)** Three trial open junior sessions were run at The Hub, Bay House School, Gosport. I used the distribution list provided by Mark Simmons which included all the satellite clubs as well as other contacts I was aware of (20 in all) to send out details, invitations and reminders for their junior players.

Details of the sessions:

Session 1 - 28th January 2017 1500 - 1900

7 juniors attended (3 South Hants, 2 New Forest, 1 Wessex, 1 Brookfield School)

Session 2 - 25th February 2017 1500 - 1900

5 juniors attended (3 South Hants, 1 Wessex, 1 Bay House School)

Session 3 - 25th March 2017 1500 - 1900

13 juniors attended (6 South Hants, 3 Wessex, 4 Bay House School)

Although numbers were low the feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive with 5 players attending at least 2 sessions. The parents we met were also enthusiastic about the sessions.

Feedback from club coaches indicated issues with clashes of dates for some players - SEVA training and team commitments being the main reasons.

Feedback from staff at 3 schools indicated that their students would not travel out of their own areas or that the distance was too great (Farnborough).

Four coaches shared the coaching workload, Dave Gunter, Paul Rodgers, Kathy Green and Me.

Juniors were charged £5 per session with a total of £120 collected in subs over the 3 sessions. The overall cost to the Association for the 3 sessions was £300.

No further sessions have been booked and I suggest that the subject of junior development is a matter for further committee consideration.

**2)** I have been in contact with Cat Machado regarding the Hampshire and IOW school games. Cat advised me that she is once again organising volleyball at the games this year on behalf of the New Forest Club. The games take place in Aldershot on Friday 30th June. I have asked her to keep me informed regarding her progress and to advise me if there is anything I or we can do to support her. Her first step is to contact the schools that entered last year which she plans to do this week.

**3)** I understand that Wessex and the New Forest have managed to organise some friendly sessions between their junior girls squads. I see this as a positive for both clubs as they can provide some appropriate competition at a suitable level in terms of supporting the progress of their players.

**4)** Both the New Forest and Wessex were able to use the HVA Grand Prix as a way to develop their junior girl players further still and there was clear evidence of their players improving in terms of skills and game play over the four Grand Prix rounds.

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