



South West Pod Minutes September 14th 2015

Carmarthen Leisure Centre

- 1) *Apologies* :- Anita Atkinson, Rae Ellis, Anne Ellis
- 2) *Present*:- Matt freeman, Chris Atkinson, Kate Williams, Kiera Griffiths, Megan Henry, Rhian Moremon, Jo Davies, Rachel Sanders.
- 3) *Action Points* – Updated on links developing with Swansea University Students and department.
- 4) *Media and Marketing Workshop* –to be rearranged for next meeting but information shared.
 - *Social media use effective for Gowerton in Back2Hockey – 17 attended web site for club linked to facebook and twitter (Good practice story to share with POD)*
- 5) *Hockey Agent* –
 - *Swansea City Club approached to facilitate outcomes agreement whereby they deliver specific outcomes for Hockey Wales. This will be finalised shortly and POD will be informed in due course. Community coaches will deliver in the NPT area to increase opportunities and growth of the game.*
- 6) *Umpiring assessment for the POD* – ran with 6 umpires qualified from Gowerton and Carmarthen Hockey Clubs respectively. Is this a POD priority moving forward or are we covered umpires wise collectively.
- 7) *Sharing good practice* –
 - *Looked at sharing development plans within clubs in the Pod as this will enable clubs to sustain and identify areas for development for the coming seasons. Effectively making them sustainable. Carmarthen and Dinefwr happy to share development plans POD wise.*
 - *Open Club weekend success for Carmarthen linked to a mixed 5 a side competition. 7 teams played and new members have attended training from playing in the competition. Looking to repeat next Easter and pre season 2016-2017.*
 - *Links developed with Carmarthen Wanderers Cricket club. Boys targeted for development.*
 - *Opportunity to observe Swansea Spartans Coaches – POD to use this to their advantage. Training Thursday evenings 7-8.30pm King George University Playing Fields*
- 8) *Hockey Wales Awards* – 24th October at the Vale of Glamorgan. Plenty of nominations from the POD and the following have been shortlisted on the evening:-
 - *Young Coach of the Year – Emily Williams Teigrod Tywi HC*
 - *Volunteer of the Year – Margaret Jones Teigrod Tywi HC*

- *Player of the Year – Joanne Westwood Swansea City Ladies*
- *Club of the Year Tier 1 – Carmarthen HC*

Congratulations and good luck to all nominations on the 24th October.

9) Hockey YA update –

- *Applications in for several clubs in the area.*
- *Gold training to take place on 21st October at Cardiff City Stadium*
- *Silver Training Tuesday 27th October at Carmarthen LC for the South West and West POD.*
- *Mentor Training scheduled for Wednesday 28th October 6pm-9pm at Carmarthen LC tbc*

10) AOB:-

- *Results of international matches not shared effectively on social media within HW*
- *Web site in general difficult to navigate and information never up to date.*
- *Junior League – can this be split into a South West /South East Structure. (Carms/Pembs/Ceredigion)*
- *Neath Astro – what is planned improvements/developments*
- *Indoor west competition at St Clears LC*
- *Date of next meeting 13th January 7pm-9pm at Llanelli Leisure Centre*