



Jersey Touch Association - AGM Minutes

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| Meeting Date | 4th November 2019 |
| Time | 19.00 – 19:45 |
| Place | The Pavilion – Jersey Rugby Club |
| Attendees | Bruce Halliwell, Chris Veal, Geoff Knott, Lauren Lowe, Nicole Goddard , Kevin Hart Adam Le Selleur, David Lemasney, Harry Mitchell, Vusa Mtzuni, Emily Hart, Helen Richardson, Laura Turpin, Lucy Hart, Ruth Brooks, Taye Boakye, Arnou Helmholt-Kneisel, Christian Busel, Damien Maltwood, Elanco Kanagasabapathy, Mark Peters, Paul Wilkinson, Simon Le Moignan, Steve Vautier, Stuart & Charlie Dixon-Smith |
| Apologies | Jeremy Johnson, Ashley Morris, Nick Kearns, Joel Dudley |

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| 1. | Attendees & Apologies |
| | Attendees and apologies were disclosed and have been documented above. |
| 2. | Minutes of previous AGM 2018 |
| | Previous minutes were taken as read as per circulation. No outstanding points or matters for discussion were raised. The minutes were approved. |
| 3. | Chairman's report - Bruce Halliwell |
| | <p>WORLD CUP Although Jersey did not send any teams to the World Cup due to financial reasons, we did have a couple of representatives in Malaysia. Christian Busel was selected for the Great Britain Mens Over 50 team following a lot of hard work, dedication & incurring significant financial cost. Well done Christian. We also had a referee in Malaysia, Nick Richardson – who helped with the referees at the inter insulars & has also agreed to be one of our referees at the 2020 Euros</p> <p>EUROPEAN COMPETITIONS With the World Cup occupying the Touch calendar at the start of the year, EFT planned a number of European events from August onwards. The inaugural European Club Championships took place in August & we were invited to send one team to Maidenhead. There was a Mens & Ladies Permit tournament planned in Spain at the end of October which we were looking to send teams to, unfortunately the event details were released by far too late which resulted in high costs & little time to raise funds/sponsorship. We had little option but to withdraw our interest, which Guernsey also had to do.</p> <p>The European Senior Cup was held in Lisbon in October & the Mens Over 40 squad were determined to put their hard work in training to test in a tournament. The players performed incredibly well beating England, Switzerland & Portugal on Day 1 & only lost to Ireland by one try. On Day 2 the final pool game was lost 5-2 against Wales, the best team in the tournament. This left Jersey as 3rd in the league & with a semi-final against Ireland. Unfortunately despite us leading 3-2 in the second half, Ireland came back to score the winning try in the last minute leaving the lads gutted. The other teams were very impressed with the development of our M40 team.</p> <p>INTER INSULAR The Inter Insulars were in Jersey this year & from a media perspective it was a great success, thanks to Nicole & Kevin for obtaining good coverage in the JEP, Channel 103FM & nearly Channel TV too. Thanks to Steve Lund/Jersey Sports Shots for the excellent photos Sponsorship was obtained from ATF Fuels, LibertyBus & BHC for the event which enabled us to have Café des Sports provide the catering</p> <p>LEAGUE The move to change the Leagues back to Monday nights was a success as was the decision to play the league on reduced size pitches next to each other. The Beaumont Home Centre Summer League was well organised & run by Nicole Goddard & Laura Turpin. We had 14 teams & a good competitive leagues. Crestbridge were winners of League A & BDO winners of League B</p> |

The Super League was then run based on individual player entries with 5 teams & approximately 70 players. Once again there were some very competitive matches & the Mens O40 team were the winners.

REFEREES

Congratulations to Richard Sutton on achieving his Referee level 2

It is essential that we have more qualified referees, lots of players have been on the level 1 theory training course but not completed the practical side to become qualified.

FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL TOUCH WORKSHOP – PARIS OCT 19

I recently attended the FIT Workshop in Paris along with representatives from 20 other nations along with the majority of the FIT Board. There were very open & honest discussions with FIT open to suggestions & change. It was very worthwhile attending & is likely to be held annually. We can discuss the topics that were covered after the AGM

COMMITTEE

Thanks to the other Committee members for all their work during the year

Chris Veal, Lauren Lowe, Geoff Nott, Kevin Hart, Nicole Goddard/Laura Turpin

4. Coaching Report – Chris Veal

This season was Jersey Touch's first attempt at making Touch an all year-round sport and I feel we have been close to making it successful. The season started with Touch 4 All which went better than expected. At times we had between 20 and 30 players on good days and numbers as low as 6-8 on bad days. We knew it would be tough to make Touch an all-year round sport but unless we start trying we'll never make it successful. Due to the numbers of players regularly turning up to Touch we were able to have really successful sessions working on ball skills, driving and other technical elements for the newer players.

After 3 months of training sessions we held trials for the Mixed squad going to Maidenhead for the European Club Champs. We had a bigger squad than normal before the selection of the final team with the aim of developing more players to be of a standard that could represent the island comfortably. We had 7 boys from the under 18's squad join the team, a lot of regular faces returned for another season and a few new faces to Touch as well.

All these training sessions then lead into the Summer League, Super League and the Inter Insulars.

European Club Champs – With no major International competition for Jersey Touch this year we entered a side as The Leopards. The competition was a two-day event with day one as a seeding day and day two based on how you finished day one.

We had a tough pool facing teams of predominantly national players from the home nations. We played a Scottish side made up predominantly of their Mixed Open side who won the Euros and medalled at the World Cup, England Men's 30s players and Touch Berlin who were made up of French and German internationals. It was a tough first day, we lost all five games but played better than the results showed. After a few beers and a McDonalds on the way home (yes the food was that bad at the event) day two was a different story. We played five and won five to win the plate division. There were some stand out performances all weekend but one of the more notable performance of the weekend went to Dylan Stocks. This shows how well we have managed to integrate the younger players into the Mixed Open side.

Inter Insular – Another successful day for Jersey Touch. We brought home the overall trophy after winning the Woman's and Mixed games. The Men's 40s and the under 18's also won their games winning trophies as well.

The under 18s started the ball rolling with a 13-6 win over Guernsey. It was nice to see the 7 teenagers who have spent all season training with the adults step up and take charge and really drive the under 18's forward. I'm sure it was nice to get such a good win after last year's defeat.

The Woman were up next and put up another dominant display winning 11-6. Our ladies team was a strong side with a lot of Touch experience in it but were bolstered by Lauren Halliwell who played u18's and two new ladies to Touch (Saki and Taye). Great win ladies.

The Men's game was third and it was a tough day at the office. They lost 12-6 but had a very slow start, built into the game and actually won the second half score wise. It was a tough day as this is Guernsey's number 1 team and main focus whilst Jersey had a pretty new, inexperienced and young side that was

put together this year. I am hoping to keep this team together and develop it further for this year.

The Men's 40 had a game against a Senior Men from Guernsey. Whilst Guernsey had youth on their side I had a good feeling for this game having played the M40s 4 or 5 times this year who always put up a good challenge to the Mixed team. Jersey won the game 10-3 and that is testament to the coaching and attitude to training by Nick Guy, Arnou and Dave and the willingness to learn from the guys.

The final game saw the Mixed win 8-4 in a tight and scrappy affair. Guernsey really pressured us at the start of both halves and we showed good resilience to come through that tough period and then start to dominate. For once I wasn't sin binned, that award went to Nick Kearns but again that came of the back of some silly errors by us that lead to more Guernsey pressure. Game management was something I had preached all year but it is something we will be working on again for 2020.

Support – I want to thank everyone on the committee for their help and support for the year. Without them my job would have been much harder. Also, thank you to the other coaches as well. Richard, Christian, Kevin, Dave and Arnou, without your help with your respective teams everything the JTA has achieved wouldn't have happened

5. Treasurer's Report - Bruce Halliwell

Following the loss of £10k that was incurred in the year to 30th September 2018, it was essential that the JTA returned to a break even position this year. I am pleased to advise that this was achieved with a profit of £209 being recorded.

Membership fee income increased to £2,680 from £1,800 last year

| Membership income | | £ |
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| Mens | 15 | 600 |
| Women | 19 | 760 |
| Mens Over 40 | 23 | 920 |
| U18 | 16 | 320 |
| Full Time Education (FTE) | 4 | 80 |
| | 77 | 2,680 |

Membership fees are now due for 2019/2020 - Cost £42 (£21 for Under 18/FTE)

The main expenditure excluding tournaments is pitch hire which again amounted to £4k

Sponsorship was obtained from 4 different companies & totalled £5.8k
Thanks to Beaumont Home Centre, Dandara, LibertyBus, ATF Fuels

JTA entered teams in 2 tournaments which were funded by a combination of players contributions & sponsorship.

The Summer League recorded a profit of £3k & the Super League a profit of £0.5k
2 new kits were purchased & retained for future use (Leopards - Mixed & Under 18 – Mixed)
Steeden Bespoke Jersey Touch balls were purchased, 30 at £15 each

There will be significant financial challenges in 2019/20 with the European Championships in Nottingham & the inter insulars being held in Guernsey. It will be essential that additional sponsorship is obtained & that the players under take fund raising.

With regards to the Balance sheet:
The bank balance at the year end was £13k (excluding funds received on account from M40)

6. Amendment to constitution & Election of Officers

The proposal to amend the Constitution with the creation of an additional Committee position of Marketing & Media Officer was unanimously approved

All Committee positions had only one candidate who had been proposed & seconded, as a result elections were not required & all were appointed to their positions

Chair – Christian Busel – Proposed Kevin Hart, Seconded Anthony Davey
Secretary – Laura Turpin – Proposed Chris Veal, Seconded Lauren Lowe
Treasurer - Bruce Halliwell - Proposed by Kevin Hart, Seconded by Nicole Goddard

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| | <p>Director of Referees - Geoff Nott - Proposed by Lauren Lowe, Seconded by Chris Veal Director of Coaching - Chris Veal - Proposed by Bruce Halliwell, Seconded by Kevin Hart League Co-ordinator - Nicole Goddard - Proposed by Chris Veal Seconded by Bruce Halliwell Players Representative - Lauren Lowe- Proposed by Nicole Goddard Seconded by Chris Veal Development Officer - Kevin Hart - Proposed by Bruce Halliwell, Seconded by Lauren Lowe Marketing & Media Officer – Jeremy Johnson – Proposed by Bruce Halliwell, Seconded Kevin Hart</p> |
| 7. | Any other business |
| | <p>The issue of sponsorship was discussed. David Lemasney asked the new role Marketing & Media Officer also included sponsorship, it was confirmed the job description included the requirement to investigate and identify potential sponsorship & promotional opportunities for the JTA. Laura Turpin commented that it should be considered whether sponsorship should have a specialist position on the committee, this would be considered in the future but at present it was likely that a sub committee would be set up to look at obtaining sponsorship</p> |