Development Officer Report

2018-2019 season

# Coaching

## Actions

Last season I conducted a survey to identify the most pressing development concerns of the club membership. Overall this was identified as training.

The actions I undertook involved:

* Spreading the load of training across several coaches rather than just one club coach.
* Identifying talented players to run workshops (master class) on specific skills.
* Setting up communication channels to help keep this now much larger group of people informed.

One workshop was organised and was success but the effort required to organise with individuals who were excellent players, but not experienced coaches was quite considerable. Instead I decided to focus my attention of golden thread style hockey games rather than skill based workshops.

A number of club players have stepped up and have been instrumental in maintaining consistent coaching cover throughout the season with only one exception in October when traini9ng had to be cancelled.

Coaches communicate using a WhatsApp group which is a low tech, low cost, low effort solution which is a win in my book.

## Problems encountered

Organising coaches has been proved complicated due to other busy work commitments and family events.

Training for coaches has been limited, in part due to concerns around finance. But also due to the time people have available.

# Future

I will be conducting another survey shortly to gauge the general feeling of club members regards the direction of the club.