

# Minutes of the meeting of the CTE

Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 18.30 Yverdon

## 1) Welcome :

## 2) Presences :

### 22 members

Ian Morris (Zug), Gianni DiMartino (ACGR), Brice Thamazian (Morges), Pascal Landwerlin (CdF,3lacs, Seeland), Arno Fries (ERL), Jeanlouis Larigaldie (CdA), Tristan Bernard, (EIG), Cédric Borgeal (Hermance), Daniel Henry (CTE). Philippe Luthi (J&S), Lorenz Cloux (Fribourg), Laurent Churet (CERN), Maurizio Monticelli (Bern), Claudia Ricklin (Bern), Christophe Ollivier (La Cote), Claude Vahé (Riviera), Thierry Pidoux (AVR), Brice Thomassin (GPLO), Stephane Lepifre (Yverdon), Stephane Albertoni (Haute-Broye), Donnah Clarke (CTE), Luc Nardin (CTE)

### Excused

Sebastien Dupoux (DTN), Francois Molette (Winterthur), Laurent Marmeys (Avusy), Alexander Wan der Welde (Schaffhausen), Daniel Kobler (SG), Didier Bornet (RCHB).

## 3) Report of the President

### a) U6-U12 Tournaments

The CTE finds that 13 tournaments during the year is insufficient, the members do not agree. 13 is 2 per month. But when it is explained that in the 13 there are also mini tournaments and tournaments where there are fewer participants because of distance, it is agreed that we can still have many more activities, particularly smaller micro tournaments in the regions.

There are members who express that they do additional activities, (gatherings and small tournaments between clubs, un-announced). The CTE asks that all become transparent and they announce these activities so that they can be counted in the statistics and that we can see where and how and if things are working in the different regions. Everyone agrees with this proposal and will make the effort to do better with the communication of the activities they offer.

The CTE find that for the most part the tournaments are getting better organized and that the clubs are becoming more adherent of the specifications / sizes of the grounds and the zones of security. ith the exceptions of the tournaments in Basle and Wurenlos which do not conform.

The members proposed that the tournament organizers should send a diagram of the layout of the pitches and their dimensions, and if they do not meet the required standards, the clubs have the right to refuse their participation.

The CTE mentions that respect for organizers is always a problem. On entries to tournaments (1 case where there were 50 entries, but only 19 on the day of the tournament). Unacceptable. Clubs and leaders need to get better at being accurate with their entries and notifying the organisers of the tournaments well in advance if their numbers change so dramatically. (1 or 2 is ok and understandable, over 5 must be informed as this affects the team construction and the infrastructure requirements, including food and gifts where they are applied.

**All members present are in agreement on principle.**

### b) U14 Tournaments

CTE is pleased with all the activities and operations of the past season. The U14s played much more than the preceding years. The children were happy. Clubs are satisfied and have seen how easy it is to organize U14 tournaments.

One or two members found it difficult to organize activities on the same day as first team. Brice Thomassin commented that, a U14 tournament in the morning or before a match of the seniors, ensures the clubs have an audience and help in place to man the refreshment bar and helps to create a club spirit. (As they did at Monthey).

Still concerns over North Switzerland, with not many activities seen.

Ian Morris promised that there will be activities and they will be more transparent in the future.

Ian also understood that they must find 1 person to coordinate activities in their area.

He requested the help of the CTE and DTN to intervene / discuss, if possible with the communes in their area to find a solution of lack of a ground. They have a benefactor willing to buy land and create a rugby and clubhouse. The CTE will discuss with the DTN on how we can help them.

c) **Philippe Lüthi** put his proposal for the tournaments U14 year 2017/18

• Objectives:

- I. Play our U14 youth throughout the year.
- II. Prepare the players in the U16 championship and its constraints.

• Observations:

- I. The U16 game format is a 15 x 15 championship on 2 x 30 'games.
- II. Our U14 players must learn to play at 15.
- III. Our U14 players must be able to apprehend this modus operandi of 30 'with a sum of playing time equal to 60'.

• Proposals:

- I. 1st part of season (September - November): Organization by the regions.
- II. Implementation of 6 regional meetings organized in triangular (3 teams) or quadrangular (4 teams) depending on the total size of the region. Regions that do not have sufficient numbers to form three teams set up rallies in the form of joint training with a match at the end of the session.
- III. For each meeting (triangular, quadrangular or gathering) the matches are played at 12 x 12 (first row + 2 standing flankers) in 2 x 2 'games (only one for training days).
- IV. Triangular format: AxB / AxC / BxC. Total of 3 matches of 30 '= 90'.
- V. Quadrangular format: AxB / CxD then Loser of the first match x Loser of the 2nd match / Winner of the first match x Winner of the 2nd match. Total of 4 matches of 30 '= 120'.
- VI. Training day format: joint training of 60 'and match of 2x15'. Total of 90 '.
- VII. Mid - season (December - February): Organization by the clubs.
- VIII. Preparing players for forwards testing
- IX. 2nd part of season (March - May): Organization by the regions then by the CTE.
- X. Before Easter, organize 2 regional gatherings to test the players, set up the static phases (melee, key, kickoff and return), organize the back lines (game at 15)
- XI. After the spring break, CTE organizes 4 interclub meetings in triangular (preference) or quadrangular format.
- XII. Matches take place at 15 x 15 (complete scrum according to World Rugby U19 rules) in 30 'match (see format above)
- XIII. End of season (June): Organization by CTE.

- XIV. Inter-regional selection matches. Semi-final and final with handing-over of title of inter-regional champion U14
- XV. The CTE sets two dates spaced a week apart. The semi-finals are either drawn or fixed according to the results of the previous year (1st x 3rd / 2nd x 4th).

The CTE thanks Philippe for these proposals

The CTE will take these proposals and will examine them with the DTN and will make a decision in relation to the requirements.

The decision will be sent before mid-July.

**d) Refereeing (Mr Larigaldie)**

- i. The Referees Committee (CdA) was not solicited during the year except for the 1/2 and finals.
- ii. We would like to be able to help you throughout the year.
- iii. The CdA tabled a motion for the AG of 24.06.17 regarding the regulation which stipulates that each team must present a referee, because until now nobody cares about this point.
- v. As far as possible, we will try to supply a tournament with a referee to support organisers and coaches and allow them to progress.
- vi. The LCAs trained this year will be the first to officiate, accompanied by referrals.
- vii. It is obvious that our numbers must increase because now it is difficult.
- viii. Concerning the "drifts" which are short on the edge of the tournaments, the referee will also have the task of taking penalties with regard to the offenders, whatever they are.

The CTE is pleased with the progress with youth refereeing, but there are members who are more reluctant or even against.

The CTE is convinced by this project and would like the support of the regions to follow the project. It was piloted in the AVR, where it worked very well and there are youngsters who have the pleasure to referee. We must not prevent them from doing so.

We do not force children to take up the whistle, but during triangular and quadrangular U14 FSR / CTE tournaments, clubs are obliged to provide youth for refereeing with a coach at their side who is loaded with security and scrum.

**e) Thanks**

The CTE thanked Mr Daniel Henry for all the years of work with the CTE and for his work on the CTE website. The CTE presented him with a gift of thanks. We wish him a wonderful retreat.

The CTE to welcome Mr Brice Thomassin from his return to the Commission.

**f) Report by Mr Nardin**

- I. No club or school in German-speaking Switzerland except Zug and Bern. Once again Switzerland is cut in 2
- II. Too many people talk about private business that should be done internally. Because it lacks a lot of people.
- III. Some people want to change everything without having an action plan. They say this to make themselves interesting without any long-term vision.
- IV. Some people only think about their school, and do not take the example of schools that work well.
- V. About the U14 a good job was done and on the initiative of Lüthi. It remains more than to finalize the project.

## g) Discussion

### Calendar

Members asked when is what we can release the schedule for next season, parents need to know well in advance to better plan

#### i. U14

1. It is the regions that organize, it is necessary the clubs send their affections to the DTR's as fast as possible (before 1st July) so that the DTR's can create the calendars. The provisional timetable must be published on July and for the 1st August the final timetable.

ii. The DTN and the CTE will set the schedule for the 2nd party of the season

#### iii. U6-U12

1. The CTE have already asked the clubs to send their applications to host the tournaments. At this point in time there are 6 tournaments planned.

10.09 Bern (National)

17.09 La Chaux de Fonds (National) (GREAT TOURNAMENT 25 years old)

24.09 Hermance (Regional)

01.10 Avusy (to check)

06.05.2018 Friborg (National)

Members asked if it was possible to make a date window for entries. To try to avoid the problems of inscriptions too early or double inscriptions.

Brice is going to look at it with Daniel Henry, but in principle yes.

We said if there are more tournaments (micro tournaments) this problem will be avoided as well.

- I. Refereeing courses for young people.
  - a. Current project, dates and work to be done with Philippe Marguin, CdA, Rachel Boyland and Arnold Freis.
  - b. Compulsory Refereeing Course for Educators (Arnold)
- II. Arnold Fries offers:
  - a. Like the refereeing at tournaments, is always as problematic!! Each educator who coaches at the tournaments should take a basic (mandatory) course, possibly in 2 stages (stage 1: for 6-8-10 years old categories / stage 2. for 12-14 years).
  - b. iv. With issuance of an authorization to arbitrate on the tournaments, like a license - No authorization, no refereeing!! Some educators have a great ignorance of the rules of the category and this can be a source of great exasperation on the part of educators.

As a referee and member of the Referees commission, he volunteers to organize and deliver these courses.

The CTE agrees that there is a problem, but that educators trained to officiate the U6-U12 tournaments will be difficult, and that we already have a lot of difficulty having the educators to referee. However, in principle the idea is good and we will have to explore ways to improve refereeing by educators.

Arnold also mentioned the concerns he has with the forms of filling out "Swiss Olympic Anti-Doping" for the very young, U6 / 8 even U10 and he wants to see a program and anti-doping course from the U16. The CTE does not really see a problem, it's a signed form, but Donnah said that she will address the topic with the DTN, as there are quite a few educators who support Arnold on this point.

## **h) Miscellaneous**

### **i) Servette**

It was asked by some Geneva clubs that the CTE takes a decision on the integration of La Servette in the U14 competitions.

We have nothing against the proposal if it brings one more team into the U14 ACGR tournaments. BUT, and a BIG point on this. If the Servette cannot participate because of double dates (they play in France the same weekend) there are no changes of dates on our side so that they can play. They must be invited, announce, and apply for clearance on their side to the Lyonnais committee. No flexibility on these points.

After that it is up to you to the ACGR to discuss, vote and make a decision.

## **II. women**

Stephane Abertoni would like us to be more aware how we talk about girls in front of girls and not let boys and educators denigrate the girls. Words, even a in joke can hurt girls during difficult times especially for the teenagers.