



Development Report 2010-11

2010-11 has been a challenge for development as the Board were unable to appoint a Development Officer due to budget constraints. However, we rose to the challenge and a number of really exciting things have happened over the year.

Schools Membership

In the 2010-11 season, we had 49 primary schools and 11 secondary schools as members of Lacrosse Scotland – a total of 60, compared to last season's final schools membership figure of 44. Unlike previous seasons, it was decided to send information about membership to every school in Scotland – this was a huge undertaking, but it was felt necessary to get our sport on the radar of the schools. Following this mass circulation of information we received contact from a number of new schools all over the country – even as far as Shetland!

Fife Lacrosse Association

The Fife Lacrosse Association (a collaboration of Lacrosse Scotland, St Andrew's University Lacrosse Clubs and the Fife Active Schools team) made a successful application to Awards for All (£10000) and provided equipment, taster sessions and coach education for 26 primary schools and 3 secondary schools in East Fife. Following on from this, we are also able to run some community based pop lacrosse club.

National Pop Lacrosse Tournament Programme

This year 59 teams from across Scotland participated in 5 Regional Tournaments to qualify for the National Tournament which will take place in Edinburgh on Sunday 22 May. This year's programme was supported by Kinnarps (a furniture company looking to make links with schools) and enabled us to successfully apply for a Sportsmatch grant. This financial support was crucial to ensuring that the tournament programme did not run at a loss for the first time in a long time and we hope to continue our relationship with Kinnarps next season.

Coach Education

A number of Pop Lacrosse Leader courses have been held across the country. Four Level 1 courses have taken place with one to go and a Level 2 to follow in June. We are also hosting a Skills Workshop at the end of June to enhance the Coach Education programme. At this point I would like to say thank you to Alex Carnegie-Brown who has delivered the majority of our coach education programme this year and we'll be sorry to see her go back to England next season.

Development Days

Our annual school development days for U14 and U15 pupils were hosted by Fettes and delivered by Linda Hall. Both days were well attended and hailed a great success. It was fantastic to see Lockerbie Academy joining in as a new school to the world of lacrosse and we hope that more will be involved next year.

Dumfries & Galloway High Schools Programme

Dumfries & Galloway has always played a massive part in the development of lacrosse in Scotland following the Lockerbie tragedy. We are delighted that this season as well as the efforts of Rosemary Dickie in the

primary schools, we have been able to set up a programme in the secondary schools which will run during the summer term. Sessions will be led by Louise Livingstone and Fiona Diggle.

Summer Camps

For the first time, Lacrosse Scotland is going to running camps in Edinburgh and Glasgow during the summer for boys and girls of all abilities. We hope that these will provide an opportunity for beginners, intermediate and experienced school players to develop and enhance their skills in an intense lacrosse environment. The recruitment process for coaches is currently underway.

Thank You

We received some lovely thank you letters from Cummertrees Primary School and Glasgow City Lacrosse Club for our support this year. I would personally like to thank Louise Livingstone for all her work and support this year – without her effort we would not have achieved half of what we have. I would like to extend thanks to Linda Hall, Caroline Bascombe, Emily Bryson and Carolyn Boyd-Hughes. Development is a huge undertaking and as a volunteer based away from the main hub of lacrosse activity in Scotland it makes things even harder so their support has been very much appreciated this year.

Next Year

Next year in Development we are hoping to improve upon the anticipated success of our summer camps; introduce a nation-wide programme of field lacrosse clubs and events for secondary aged boys and girls; develop sustainable links between senior clubs, schools and the new 'youth' programme; sustain and consolidate the current levels of pop lacrosse. I would like to wish Louise Livingstone the best of luck as she takes on the role of Development Chair.

Thank you to everyone for their support over the last 18 months in this role.

Rebecca Lovie
Development Chair