

Coaching Report

I have found that my title of Director of Coaching has many jobs some of which I enjoy doing and are what I took the job on for, and some that kick you in the teeth and stop you doing the bits you like - its these that make the job a chore. During this past year some of my time has been taken up researching into the Criminal Record Bureau's Disclosure system. Initially we, the BOA, had intended to become a registered body of the CRB even allowing a budget of £300 to cover the fees, but after months of discussion with the CRB it was realised that the BOA fall short of certain major requirements such as: **The BOA does not have a registered office where records can be stored safely.** This has had a knock on effect on everything I have been working towards. The Coaching course that I had intended for February was to include disclosure as part of each attendee's qualifications as it is considered good practice for everybody in a teaching or supervisory environment to have been 'disclosed'. I intend for this course to still go ahead towards the end of this year.

In October I asked the committee for a budget to set up a Coaching website - my ultimate aim being to establish a website that covers every aspect of our sport from kit to safety, medical forms to puck skills, all on 'pages' that will allow fuss-free downloading or print-outs that are not peppered with un-related pop-ups and adverts. With it being professional and thorough it is hoped that it would become a benchmark for every other country thereby putting the BOA back on the map. With the all the talk of a new BOA website I decided to wait and see if the Coaching site could be incorporated within the domain of the BOA new one, thereby saving money by only paying for webhosting/registration once. Recent developments indicate that this is not possible so I will now go back to my intention of a separate coaching website.

Octopush News being 're- born' has been a great help to me as it is an excellent way for me to advise members of important information. With Mitch's desire to get ON out in quick succession, information is literally hot off the press. Keep your eyes open for Coaching Updates.

To the future, in my third year of Director of Coaching I am intending to finish off the aims that I set out some 3 years ago. The website can now go ahead, the coaching manual is at a stage were I need to get it up on a website to see what I have forgotten and a coaching course is in the pipeline, just needing a date, a venue and willing guinea pigs.

It is all there, just the time to finish it off is needed and that is why I would like to continue with the post for the next year.