

**SEMLA**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 6th June 2011**

**Present:**

Trevor Rogers President & Reading	Peter Barrett SofE Manager & Croydon
Ray Wood Youth Chair	Rob Collinge Centurions
Peter Mundy Centurions	Peter Compton EVP & Spencer
John Maynard EVP & Purley	Amit Biswas Walcountian Blues

**Conference Call**

Steve Groves Welwyn	Vince Grimes MPC, Uni Liaison
Will Finlayson Uni Liaison	Miles Whittle Treasurer
Peter Rawsthorne Reading	Phil Garside Reading
Nik Roberts RDO	Mick Chennell Secretary & Croydon

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cambridge University	Jon Cooper Fixture Secretary
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**2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting**

Noted Minutes accepted.

**3. Matters arising**

Noted no matters arising

**4. President's Report** (Distributed earlier)

Noted Report, which included

That this season has seen the most exciting twists and turns in league positions, the most competitive and unpredictable games and the biggest increase in general standards.

Congratulations to all of the Divisional Champions but especially to Walcountian Blues who achieved a remarkable double by winning the Premier Division and retaining the Senior Flags.

A season which included more new clubs all of whom have survived and grown.

The success of the County Championship which lays the foundations for a new, more inclusive, structure for representative games within the South and also at the British Nationals.

The Centurion's Club continued their fantastic support of SEMLA by organising and running another and very successful Sixes Tournament in April.

Acknowledgement of the thanks that we all owe to the referees who turn out each week, without whom we have no sport.

**5. Treasurer's Report** (Distributed earlier.)

Noted Report which included

This is the first year that the accounts cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> April until 31<sup>st</sup> March which brings them more into line with the lacrosse season and more up to date.

There was a small loss of £149.72.

Apart from refereeing, major expenditure this year was on equipment for the Flags Finals in the form of £100 for a portable PA system and £353.50 for two Bownets purchased from the World Championships.

The change to the cheque signing arrangements to a single signatory.

Report accepted Proposed Peter Compton Seconded Peter Mundy carried Unanimous

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**6. Officer's Reports**

**Fixture Secretary** (Distributed earlier.)

Noted report, which included

The winners of all the competitions

Promotion / Relegation will be two up two down in East and West divisions

The numbers of teams in the East divisions for next season would be discussed after the AGM.

**Junior Development Chair** (Distributed with these minutes)

Noted Report which included

Bath, Spencer, Reading, Blues, Welwyn, Portsmouth have established youth sections: and several other clubs have junior activity but would not be able to field a team. In terms of playing strength Spencer would be our strongest club, having won both the Reebok Cup and Brussels tournament. Welwyn and Blues were runners up in the National U16 and having come 2nd and 3rd respectively in Brussels.

Reading have been successful in establishing the game in a least two schools in Berkshire.

Two National Academy sessions were held during the season, both well attended. Four boys from the South have been invited into the next stage leading up to the u19 squad selection for the World's in 2012.

**Disciplinary Committee Chair** (Distributed earlier)

Noted Report which included

During the 2010/2011 season the committee considered two disciplinary matters and four complaints.

The Executive Committee has decided that all 15 year olds who have dispensation to play senior lacrosse will be treated the same as seniors should they come before the Disciplinary & Complaints Committee.

A proposed new procedure for handling complaints has been drawn up and is for approval at this Annual General Meeting.

**7. Election of Officers**

The following officers were elected unanimously

a) <b>President</b>	Trevor Rogers
b) <b>Executive Vice President</b>	Peter Compton
	John Maynard
c) <b>Honorary Secretary</b>	Mick Chennell
d) <b>Honorary Treasurer</b>	Miles Whittle
e) <b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Jon Cooper
f) <b>Referees Secretary</b>	Steve Jarvis
g) <b>Junior Development Chair</b>	Ray Wood
h) <b>South Manager</b>	Peter Barrett
i) <b>Disciplinary Committee Chair</b>	John Maynard
j) <b>MPC Liaison</b>	Vince Grimes
	Giles Cuddy
k) <b>University Liaison</b>	Vince Grimes
	Will Finlayson

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**8. Any Other Business**

- a) Oxford University Lacrosse Club was unanimously accepted back into the SEMLA League.  
b) Also accepted unanimously into the SEMLA League are

**New Clubs**

- Norwich Lacrosse Club
- Chichester Crusaders Lacrosse Club
- Oxford University Lacrosse Club
- Bournemouth University Lacrosse Club

**New Team**

- Reading 3

- c) Proposals to add or change the SEMLA Constitution or Bye Laws relating to:-

- The election of the President and Executive Vice Presidents **was accepted:- unanimous**
- The new Byelaw regarding the SEMLA dispensation for unlimited numbers in squads in all divisions **was accepted:- unanimous**
- The proposed changes to the SEMLA Complaints Procedure **was accepted:- majority**

**9. Close**

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

**END**

*The next SEMLA GMC meeting will be held on Monday 5th September 2011.*