

SEMLA
Special General Meeting Minutes
Monday 3rd March 2008

Present via audio-conference:

Barbara Rogers (Hon. Secretary)	Trevor Rogers (Reading & President)
Ian Ballantine (South)	Ray Wood (Royal Holloway)
Nick Roberts (RDO & Bath)	Peter Mundy (Centurions)
Dave Maycock (Reading)	Rob Collinge (Walcourtian Blues)
Andy Morgan (Cardiff Harlequins)	Amit Biswas (Walcourtian Blues)

Apologies for absence

Paul Milner (Reading & Universities)	Mike Barrett (Purley)
Chris Jones (Cambridge University)	Jon Cooper (Southampton Univ & Fixtures)
Andrew Dillon (Cheltenham)	Peter Compton (VP & Spencer)
Peter Barrett (Croydon)	

1. Proposed amendment to Semla Byelaws as previously circulated

Proposed Amendment to SEMLA Byelaw A 8(i)

It is proposed that the Byelaw should be amended to read as follows, **new text highlighted in bold**

At the end of the League season, the tenth placed club in the Premier Division shall be demoted to whichever of the regional leagues it so chooses. It shall be given a place in the top division of the respective league. The tenth placed club's place in the Premiership shall be taken for the following season by the winner of a 'Play-off' game between the winners of the top division of the East and West regional leagues.

If the loser of the East vs West play-off game so chooses they have the right to a play-off game against the ninth placed team of the Premiership the winner of which will take the place in the Premiership.

In the event that the Champions of either of the Regional Leagues does not wish to compete in the Play-off game to replace the tenth placed Club in the Premier League, then the right to compete for the place shall pass to the second placed team in the respective Regional League if that Club so chooses.

If the Champion Club or Clubs decide not to compete in the Play-off game then they must inform the Fixture & Competitions Secretary of their decision no later than the Monday following their last League game of the season.

In the event that the Champion Clubs and the second placed Clubs decide that they do not wish to compete in the Play-off game then the tenth placed Club in the Premier Division shall remain eligible for the Premier Division.

Voting was recorded as 14 votes against the amendment and 22 votes for. Under the rules for voting the proposal failed.