

# Minutes of the SEMLA GCM 9 January 2012

## **Present:**

Trevor Rogers (TR) President & Reading Wildcats  
Peter Mundy (PM) Centurions & Croydon  
John Maynard (JM) EVP & Disciplinary Chair  
Miles Whittle (MW) Treasurer  
Ray Wood (RW) South Youth Development  
Sam Spurrell (SS) SE RDO  
Will Finlayson (WF) University Liaison Officer  
Steve Groves (SG) Welwyn  
Tom Hamey (TH) Bristol  
John Mills (JM2) Hitchin  
Richard Mason (RM) Buckhurst Hill  
Nick Spacey (NS) Norwich  
Rhodri Stanford (RS) Cardiff Harlequins  
Ian Ballantine (IB) Epsom  
Jon Cooper (JC) Fixtures Secretary  
Mick Chennell (MC) SEMLA Secretary & Croydon

## **1. Apologies for Absence:**

Amit Biswas (AB) Walcutian Blues  
Nik Roberts (NR) RDO

## **2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting:**

Agreed with one amendment, (NR) was present.

## **3. Matters arising not included in the Agenda:**

Noted that the Belgian National Team would tour the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> March/1<sup>st</sup> April 2012, and anticipated playing both days. (County Tournament on the Saturday and TBD on the Sunday). (RW) and (TR) making arrangements.

## **4. Treasurer's Report:** (Distributed earlier)

Noted Report.

## **5. Secretary's Report:**

Included in Agenda items.

## **6. Youth Development Committee's Report:**

Noted the Competition being held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March would be at Oxford or Reading.

## **7. University Liaison Report.** (SW Unis Distributed earlier)

Noted Report.

Noted the requirement to get an extra 2000 new students engaged in lacrosse at Universities.

Noted the high loss of University players leaving University but not joining a City club.

Noted there was a three year plan to create a University/Club link.

Agreed that a list of clubs should be sent to each University.

Agreed that any club that wishing to publicise itself to the Universities could send their information to (WF) [semmla.universities.liaison@southlacrosse.org.uk](mailto:semmla.universities.liaison@southlacrosse.org.uk) or (SS) [s.spurrell@englishlacrosse.co.uk](mailto:s.spurrell@englishlacrosse.co.uk) for distribution.

Noted the need for clubs to be involved in the University Tournaments so that University players could then feed into City Clubs.

Noted Welwyn's offer to assist with the University of Hertfordshire.

Noted that BUCS had six teams playing a University League, one home and away match ending in March.

## **8. South Manager Report.**

Noted No report.

Noted the Proposal from Epsom L.C. regarding SEMLA representation at the BNCs.

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Agreed that SEMLA representation at the BNCs. would continue with two teams, the South Team and the South Development Team.

Noted the South of England Team Manager has had to resign due to pressure of work.

Agreed( TR) advertise to all clubs, the ELA Website and LAX Forum for a South of England Team Manager. Applications returned to the SEMLA Secretary by 20<sup>th</sup> January with interviews by telephone held during w/c January 23 and a decision announced following the SEMLA GCM on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Secretary's note: The notification has been sent to all SEMLA Clubs.*

The Meeting thanked Peter Barrett for all his hard work as SofE Assistant Manager and Manager over the past five years and wished him in good luck in his new business venture.

## **9. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report.**

Noted Nil to Report

## **10. Referee Secretary Report.**

Noted No Report.

Noted Simon Peach has been selected to Referee at the European Championship in Amsterdam (19th June-1st July 2012).

Noted that it would take a further ten years to have neutral referees for the Premiership matches.

Noted that the onus was on clubs to notify the Referees Secretary of their compliance with the Byelaw Section: Referees, Para 4d by 31st October.

Noted if a referee received abuse from a player/club then he could report it to the Discipline Committee, similarly if was thought that a referee needed coaching then this could be reported.

Noted that the Level 1 refereeing course was deemed expensive at £50 and suggested that if it were cheaper then it could lead to more referees. (WF) to progress.

Noted there was no leeway in the Coaching Course price of £70 as it was a recognised qualification.

## **11. ELA MPC Meeting 24 January 2012**

Noted (TR) would attend unless there were any other offers.

## **12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Earlier)**

Noted Report.

Noted three clubs had players in the England squad training weekends. This affected three matches on 18<sup>th</sup> February. The involved clubs should try to rearrange their match, but if there is no mutual date then the original fixture will prevail.

## **13. RDO Report.**

Noted Report.

Noted (NR) was in the USA conducting LDO interviews. (SS) was visiting schools and clubs in Hertfordshire and Essex. Chelmsford has made a promising start. There was the possibility of starting lacrosse in Buckinghamshire. This would need equipment. (SS) to liaise with (PM) Centurions.

## **14. Any Other Business**

Noted Purley were holding an Open Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January with a view to attracting players to start a second team.

Noted the information for this year's County Festival would be issued soon.

*Secretary's note: this information has been distributed to all SEMLA Clubs.*

## **15. Date and Time of Next Meeting. 7pm Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>**

March 5<sup>th</sup>      April 2<sup>nd</sup>      May 14<sup>th</sup>      June 11<sup>th</sup> AGM

**END**