

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 9th March 2015

Present:

Trevor Rogers	(TR)	President & Reading
John Maynard	(JM)	EVP, Disciplinary Chair & Purley
Peter Mundy	(PM)	Croydon
Jon Cooper	(JC)	Fixtures Secretary
Simon Peach	(SP)	South Referees Committee Chairman
Ray Wood	(RW)	Youth Chair
Miles Whittle	(MW)	Treasurer & Bath
Henning Schmidt	(HS)	Hillcroft
Mick Chennell	(MC)	Secretary & Croydon

1. Apologies for Absence.

Tracy Woodall (Pythons), Jacqui Hicks (Foxes), Peter Compton EVP & Spencer, Dominic Hewitt Oxford

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes accepted.

Noted there would be no more money from the MPC this season.

3. Matters arising not included in the Agenda.

None

4. President's Report

Noted TR & JM had given feedback to Mark Coups regarding the Joint Playing Committee focus.

Noted Denis Tobin Chairman Hampstead had been asked to explain why Hampstead had conceded a number of games and yet were able to beat the top teams convincingly when they did play.

5. Treasurer's Report (Distributed Previously)

Agreed report.

Noted although currently just over £6000 in the accounts there will be expenses for the Flags, BNC and Referees in the near future.

Agreed MW confirm the ELA Membership fees for clubs

6. Secretary's Report.

Noted that the AGM venue would be at the office of Simon Peach on Monday 1st June 2015
Linstock Communications Limited

Ground Floor
9 Holyrood Street
London Bridge
London
SE1 2EL

7. Summer League (Distributed with these minutes)

Noted comprehensive report by HS. The Summer League had been scheduled to avoid all UK Festivities, was endorsed by SEMLA and at no cost to SEMLA.

Noted HS advised to obtain similar endorsement from the Ladies Lacrosse

Noted that the Summer League would complement not supersede the Winter League

Noted there was no intention to organise similar Summer Leagues on the Continent as other Countries already have ongoing Tournaments.

Noted that SEMLA Byelaws on minimum age and dispensations to participate still applied
HS was congratulated on his excellent work

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8. Youth Development Committee's Report.

RW reported verbally

SEMLA Academy: first session scheduled for March 15th on 3G pitches at Southfields Academy. Wandsworth. £10 registration in advance, £15 on the day, expecting upwards of 30 entrants, although none from TESIS. If the event is successful then it would be used as a platform for fund raising for the next event.

There would also be four “turn up and play” Game Days this year.

9. University Liaison Report.

Noted no current officer, no report.

10. South Manager Report.

Noted no report.

11. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report.

Noted a nil report.

12. Referee Secretary Report.

SP reported verbally

Noted there had been reasonable referee coverage on games and that it was improving.

Specific statistics would be available at the AGM

Noted Referees were being provided for the BUCs Final on Wednesday

Noted a plan was being drawn up to provide referees for the Flags Finals and Six-a-Sides,

Noted that the Blues Fest was not conducive to referee qualifying.

13. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed with these minutes)

Noted the County Tournament was postponed until further notice.

Noted the suggestion that West Division 2 go to a Tournament format for the next season. Details in the report.

Noted the suggestion that as the main problem seemed to be the sparsity of the clubs, thereby involving long distances to travel for games, then, SEMLA should concentrate effort to getting more clubs in the area.

Agreed TR to speak with NR

Noted the suggestion that, for all divisions, if a team turned up with 9 players or less then it would get 1 point, if it turned up with 10 players or more then it would receive 2 points, plus 1 point for a draw and 2 points for a win as now.

TR to draft a change to the Bylaws for discussion at the next meeting.

Noted the suggestion to consolidate Divisions East 1, 2, & 3 to produce more games for the teams that do want to play.

14. RDO Report.

Noted No report.

15. MPC Liaison Report.

Noted no officer, no report. Next MPC Meeting 17th March 2015

16. Any Other Business.

Noted the suggestion that any monies spent on the Summer League would be better spent on supporting the normal leagues.

Agreed TR ascertain the details for the discussion at the next meeting.

17. Date and Time of Next Meeting: 7pm, Monday 13th April 2015 via conference call

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