

# Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 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
Nik Roberts	(NR)	RDO
Mark Coups	(MC)	ELA CEO
Amit Biswas	(AB)	WalBlues
Dominic Hewitt	(DH)	Oxford
Peter Compton	(PC)	EVP & Spencer
Tom Fewson	(TF)	WalBlues
Mick Chennell	(MGC)	Secretary & Croydon

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

Tracy Woodall (Pythons), Jacqui Hicks (Foxes), Joe Burnett (Maidstone)

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

Minutes accepted.

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

None

## **4. Developments for the National Games Committee (MC Verbal)**

Noted that the MPC and WPC would cease to function in September with the creation of a National Games Committee (NGC) which would interface between the Regional Committees and the Board.

Noted that the NGC Draft Terms of Reference would be ready this week for distribution and discussion by all regions. The Terms of Purpose, the Remit and the Composition would be available later. It was expected that the Chairman's post would be rotated Men's / Ladies' in the different regions.

### **ELA Membership Database**

Noted that the ELA were in discussion with Participation UK, who run the FA database, regarding a new ELA database which should be implemented over the next season.

## **5. President's Report (Verbal)**

Noted formal congratulations were given by the President to the Division and Flag winners especially to Spencer who won the Premier division without losing a game and also won the Stockport Easter 8s.

Agreed unanimously the proposed changes to the Bye Law 8f

Four points shall be awarded to the winning team.

Three points shall be awarded to each team in the event of a drawn game.

Two points shall be awarded to the losing team **even if you travel with less than 10 players and/or borrow some.**

**Zero points for conceding a match**

**Minus one point for conceding a match with less than 24 hours notice**

This will be voted on at the AGM.

Noted the forthcoming conference call with PC, RW and the Yorkshire President Chris Dale, regarding no South players at the U19 Trials. This was mainly because it would have required South U19s to take time off from school to travel up in time. It was also stated that if a player missed the first day then they would be disqualified from the Trials.

## **6. Treasurer's Report (Distributed Previously)**

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Agreed report except for SEMLA having been charged by IBIS £500 for each pitch instead of the agreed £250 per pitch. MW to liaise with IBIS.

Noted, awaiting the costs for the Flags Referees.

Agreed SEMLA would purchase the South team shirts which would then be sold to the players.

Noted that the pitches for the South Trials would cost £200-£300.

Agreed thanks to Henning Schmidt and Hillcroft for providing the facilities.

## **7. Secretary's Report.**

Nil to report

## **8. Youth Development Committee's Report. (Verbal)**

Noted the SEMLA Junior Academy broke even. There were more than 30 participants, who enjoyed the day. The older players finished with a match which was also greatly enjoyed. It was anticipated to repeat the event before mid-June.

Noted that the Junior Flags would be held on Sunday 26 April at WalBlues ground.

## **9. University Liaison Report. (Verbal)**

Noted concern at the lack of games this season in East 3 which contained 4 University teams. It was expected the East League would be altered for the next season with possibly only 2 divisions depending on the number of teams entering.

## **10. South Manager Report. (Verbal)**

Noted thanks were given to Henning Schmidt, Rob Clark and Harrison Parr for running the South Trial.

Agreed unanimously to pay Harrison Parr costs up to £300.

Noted the next Trial would be on 26<sup>th</sup> April at Hillcroft's ground.

## **11. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report. (Distributed Previously)**

Noted thanks were given to AB for stepping in as Chairman for the one complaint. There were no disciplinary matters.

## **12. Referee Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)**

Noted the report.

Referee Funding Issues

1. Noted concern as to why SEMLA should contribute to a National Committee's work that has its own budget.  
Agreed SP would write to Peter Davidson Referees & Rules for a breakdown of the costs.
2. Agreed unanimously the 50% funding of the referees at the Summer League. It was also thought better use of the funds generated would be to pay for the referees rather than use part to pay for the South Trials. SP to contact Henning Schmidt and ask him to invoice MW for the funds and discuss simplification of funding for next season.
3. Agreed unanimously, to amend the Bye Law 3 regarding two qualified Referees undertaking a game both getting £30.00. This will be voted on at the AGM.

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

Noted 4 new teams expected for next season, Cambridge 2, Hillcroft 4, University of Wales and Milton Keynes.

Noted 17 teams had entered into the six-a-sides. TR to put the list of the teams on the SEMLA Facebook page.

Noted the responses regarding the proposal of West 2 going to Tournaments was split 3 to 4.

Agreed the small difference did not give a mandate either way.

## **14. RDO Report.**

Noted the LDO selection system for next season was being implemented as usual.

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**15. MPC Liaison Report.**

Covered in agenda item 4

**16. Any Other Business.**

None

**17. Date and Time of Next Meeting:** 7pm, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 via conference call

**END**