

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 5th October 2015

Present:

Trevor Rogers	(TR)	President & Reading
John Maynard	(JM)	EVP, Disciplinary Chair & Purley
Peter Mundy	(PM)	Croydon & Centurions
Tracy Woodall	(TW)	Pythons
Jon Cooper	(JC)	Fixture Secretary
Dominic Hewitt	(DH)	University Liaison Officer
Peter Rawsthorne	(PR)	NLC Representative
Mick Chennell	(MC)	Secretary & Croydon

1. Apologies for Absence.

Robert Gooch Milton Keynes, Simon Peach South Referees Committee Chairman, Miles Whittle (MW) Treasurer & Bath, Harry Collins Hillcroft, Ray Wood Youth Chair, Peter Compton EVP, Spencer, Jacqui Hicks Foxes. Nik Roberts (NR) RDO

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Noted the correction that Robert Gooch was Milton Keynes vice Spencer.

Noted the query on the nett profit on the sixes of only £160. TR to liaise with MW

Noted the SEMLA Website had been updated.

3. Matters arising not included in the Agenda

Noted that all Clubs, Universities, Schools and Colleges can be members of SEMLA and have the usual voting rights.

4. President's Report

Nil to report.

5. Treasurer's Report

Noted the only transactions on the account since the last meeting were £21 of donations received every 1st October.

Noted that during the month of October all clubs will receive their SEMLA Fees invoice

6. Secretary's Report.

Nil to Report.

7. Youth Development Committee's Report.

Noted the Academy session scheduled for 11 Oct has been cancelled due to lack of adequate coaching provision.

Noted the concern that no planning had taken place for the next Academy session due on 29th November 2015, mainly due to lack of coaches available.

Agreed to TR to approach Harrison Blu Boca the ex Purley LDO and Ray Nash to see if they would be willing to run a session. Also Peter Compton to see if he knows of any coaches available to approach

Noted that Martin Cragg, ELA u17 talent pathway director has confirmed that he will be attending academy sessions

Noted the ISB visit on 7th/8th November. On the 8th November they would play two games at the Academy Sports Centre, Reading between 11 and 3. One game would be against Reading School the other against the South Select.

8. University Liaison Report.

Noted that relevant e-mail addresses were being identified for the Universities so that questionnaires such as "Why do the Universities only play University matches and not join the SEMLA League and What could be done to get the Universities to play in SEMLA?" etc.

Agreed that David Coldwell ELA University Manager should be approached for the University contact information.

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9. South Manager Report.

Nil to report.

10. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report.

Nil to report

11. Referee Secretary Report.

Noted the new rules had been discussed and accepted and that a presentation pack had been sent to all referees about the new rules.

Noted the need for a SEMLA Referee Development Officer and that this may fall under the auspices of the NLC.

Noted the query of whether Northern Referee Assessors would be available to run a SEMLA Referee training session.

Noted that for the North, all Premier Teams must have goals with flat ground pipes, with the other divisions changing to the flat pipes as their current goals expire.

Agreed that for the current season 2015-2016 no SEMLA team will be penalised for having goals without flat ground pipes.

Noted that for 2016-2017 Premier teams must have goals with flat ground pipes.

2017-2018 East 1 and West 1 teams must have goals with flat ground pipes.

2018-2019 East 2 and West 2 teams must have goals with flat ground pipes

2019-2020 East 3 teams must have goals with flat ground pipes

Any new clubs must have goals with flat ground pipes.

12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted that Brighton, Hillcroft and Bristol face off times vary from the standard 2pm. Please check beforehand if playing these clubs.

Noted the West Flags Games will be two legs, home and away, just like the Champions league.

Agreed that if at the end of the 2 legs the result was a draw then the normal laws would prevail, i.e. If the scores are equal at the expiration of normal playing time, the winner of the game shall be determined by the application of the ELA Rules 31.1 and 31.2 which determine overtime periods and 'sudden death' procedure.

Noted that the Referee of the second leg game must already be aware of the first leg result

Noted the proposal to create a small, active group specifically to discuss options for West teams

Agreed that JC and DH to progress this proposal.

13. RDO Report.

Noted nil response from the UKVI with regard to Visas for non UK LDOs.

Noted that Fresher Fairs and Tournaments are being organised.

Noted the Bath 8s had been very successful.

Noted trying to organise more courses for Level 1 and 2 coaching.

14. NLC Liaison Report.

Noted the NLC work areas were in Finance, Schools, Clubs, Universities, Work Force, Communications, Competitions and Standards & Rules. PR would be responsible for "Work Force".

Noted the NLC had had a brief discussion on the refereeing situation and progress made.

Agreed the need for the NLC to rotate the post of Chairman so the aims of the NLC remain relevant to all regions and do not become polarised.

Noted the next NLC meeting would be in London in November and the following meeting in Warwick.

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15. Any Other Business.

There was no other business

16. Date and Time of Next Meetings: 7pm, Mondays

2nd November 2015

7th December 2015

4th January 2016

1st February 2016

7th March 2016

4th April 2016

9th May 2016

6th June 2016 AGM

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