

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 2nd November 2015

Present:

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| 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 |
| Simon Peach | (SP) | South Referees Committee Chairman, |
| Miles Whittle | (MW) | Treasurer & Bath |
| Nik Roberts | (NR) | RDO |
| Ray Wood | (RW) | Youth Chair |
| Mick Chennell | (MC) | Secretary & Croydon |

1. Apologies for Absence.

Robert Gooch Milton Keynes, Harry Collins Hillcroft, Jacqui Hicks Foxes.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes accepted.

3. Matters arising not included in the Agenda

Nil.

4. President's Report

Nil to report.

5. Treasurer's Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the explanation on the apparent nett profit on the sixes of only £160. Actual profit was closer to £600.

Noted the accounts included the list of donors.

6. Secretary's Report.

Noted four club transfers and one U16 Dispensation had been processed.

7. Youth Development Committee's Report.

Noted that there was a possible problem with child Welfare and Protection in that some clubs may be playing U18s in senior lacrosse without knowing the laws pertaining to U18s. The junior setup usually have child welfare and protection officers. RW to report following further investigation.

Noted the junior scene had been busy with the Holder Trophy being held at Spencer with Portsmouth Pythons taking all the honours. Congratulations to TW and Julia Bose their coach.

Noted the ISB visit this weekend 7/8 November with 22, 11-17 year olds. They will play Spencer on the Saturday and Reading School and the South Select Team (two games) on the Sunday at Reading.

Noted SP had been asked to organise the required referees.

Noted the costs for the ISB Sunday visit was £100 pitch hire including use of a room after 14:30, for after match food etc.

Noted the next Academy was scheduled for November 29th at Southfields. All boys in the South were invited to attend although to date only the Pythons had shown interest.

Noted Peter Compton (PC) was organising the coaches required for this Academy.

Noted that Martin Cragg, ELA U17 talent pathway director has confirmed that he will be attending.

Noted the choice of shirts would be finalised this week.

Noted TW has a list of e-mail addresses for the parents of boys who had attended previous academies and would use it to circulate details of the forthcoming academy.

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Agreed that PC, RW, TW would liaise regarding the finer details of the academy.

8. University Liaison Report.

Noted that a number of University teams in Wales were not playing in a SEMLA League possibly due to lack of knowledge, or the cost of travelling. DH to inform all the Universities of the SEMLA League.

Noted that DH was possibly seeking information that was already available on the BUCS database. It was suggested that DH contact Dave Caldwell for access to this database. NR offered to assist.

9. South Manager Report.

Nil report.

Noted NR requested to liaise with Rob Clark so even if he cannot attend personally, the meeting still receives a report.

10. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report.

Noted the complaint against Croydon A. A hearing had been scheduled.

11. Referee Secretary Report.

Noted that Henry Collinge was responsible for keeping the list of referees up to date.

Noted SP to attend the ELA Referees and Rules meeting in Didsbury.

Agreed unanimously that SEMLA support the mentoring of Southern referees at the Blues Fest with a grant of £600.

Noted that the system of referees personally selecting a game to referee works well.

Noted that home referees were asked to log on and show which games they referee.

Noted that non-referees can log on with a “view only” access.

12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the concern that teams were re-arranging October fixtures to 2016 thereby taking up spare Saturdays that may be needed due to bad weather.

Noted the appreciation for Dave Slaughter the SEMLA Webmaster for his ongoing work on the website noting each team's pitch quality (3G/ Astro/ etc.) and their start time.

Noted that a number of results were missing. All captains are requested to update as required.

13. RDO Report.

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

Noted that a Level 2 Coaching course was being organised at Buckhurst Hill.

Noted that Into Lacrosse was doing a survey on disability in the sport as it was not registered anywhere in lacrosse.

Noted trying to revive Northampton club.

Noted Buckingham may get a team in two years, but must not impact Milton Keynes.

Noted Writhlington School, in Radstock, had junior lacrosse.

Noted Taunton struggling as they are without a leader.

Noted RDO unable to confirm the rumour that Penarth had a junior section. If anyone has information or contact details please inform NR.

14. NLC Liaison Report.

Noted there had been one conference call. John Sharples was concerned at the lack of attendance of the Southern clubs in the Tournament in Manchester. Four Southern teams had been invited to participate this year and all had declined due to the expense.

Noted for next year financial support will be available for teams to attend.

Noted the discussion regarding support for the Premiership top two teams to attend possibly paying realistic expenses and possibly a reduction in subs the following year. Ongoing.

Noted the draft NLC document “Respect Our Game of Lacrosse”. PR requested relevant suggestions be sent to him before the next NLC meeting 22nd November.

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Noted the Schools representative on the NLC Committee was female. Would she be responsible for girls' schools only or for boys' schools as well? PR to confirm.

15. Any Other Business.

Noted that the USA were rumoured to be pressing for a ban on 3G rubber crumb pitches for health reasons. SP to investigate.

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

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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