

# Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 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
Harry Collins	(HC)	Hillcroft,
Miles Whittle	(MW)	Treasurer & Bath
Nik Roberts	(NR)	RDO
Steve Groves	(SG)	Welwyn
Mark Coups	(MC)	ELA CEO
Mick Chennell	(MGC)	Secretary & Croydon

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

Robert Gooch Milton Keynes, Simon Peach South Referees Committee Chairman, Ray Wood Youth Chair, Rob Clark South Team Manager.

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

Minutes accepted.

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

Noted Penarth do not have any juniors.

## **4. President's Report**

Nil to report.

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

Noted the report

Noted funding from the ELA had not yet been received. MW to apply.

## **6. Secretary's Report.**

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

## **7. Youth Development Committee's Report. (Distributed Previously)**

Noted the report.

Noted that Welwyn were running the Caldwell Cup for the 10<sup>th</sup> year running 8<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Invitations would be sent out after Christmas.

Noted Hillcroft were trying to start a junior team autumn 2016, nothing formal yet.

Noted the request by TW to Peter Compton and Martin Cragg, that following the recent Academy day, was anything being organised next in order to keep the momentum going.

Noted TW had distributed the feedback to the participants.

Agreed that Peter Compton and Ray Wood should approach Martin Cragg as some 4-5 participants had fulfilled his criteria.

Noted the cheques from the SEMLA Academy should be sent to MW.

Noted at the recent Game day Spencer v Pythons at u14, Pythons won and Reading v combined Spencer and Pythons at u17, Spencer and Pythons won.

## **8. University Liaison Report. (Distributed Previously)**

Noted the report.

Noted the possibility of Tournament game days for Midland and West BUCs teams.

Noted Universities, mainly in the West, would like more matches, but travel costs were the main difficulty.

Noted the suggestion that the West Universities could be included in the West 2 Tournaments.

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Noted that the Universities require more referees but when courses are organised they do not attend.

Agreed DH to approach the Universities to ascertain who would be willing to participate in Tournaments and liaise with JC to organise such, possibly in the Bristol area.

Noted that Helen Murray SW RDO was already organising ladies and possibly men's Tournaments and that it would be advisable to liaise first with her rather than create another Tournament.

## **9. South Manager Report. (Distributed Previously)**

Noted the report.

Agreed that RC provide a budget to TR for South training.

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

Noted the report.

Noted that Croydon A had been deducted two points.

Noted the confusion created during transfers that partly led to the situation with Croydon A. It was suggested that a central register of transfers and dispensations be kept by SEMLA, possibly published on the SEMLA Web.

Noted that the SEMLA Web also contained historic discipline records as far back as 2006.

Agreed SG check on the suitability of discipline records, U16 dispensation forms for legally appearing on the SEMLA website and report to TR

Noted the question of process for transferring a player from a University to a club.

Agreed that out of season the transfer form was not required but during the season it was, and in any case the transferee must not owe his previous club any money.

## **11. Referee Secretary Report.**

No report.

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

Noted the report.

Noted that Cheltenham Cougars were no longer honouring fixtures although they are trying to reform.

Noted that a West forum had been created to discuss options for West teams.

## **13. RDO Report.**

Noted no progress with the UKVI regarding to Visas for non UK LDOs although an update is expected Tuesday.

Noted that a South Coaching day was being organised in Portsmouth.

Noted the Universities would be in Regional Teams for February 2016.

Noted they were trying to form three satellite clubs namely Cobham, Epsom and Guildford based in the Guildford area. Guildford already has everything in place but needs a leader.

Noted trying to create satellite clubs in the Northampton area.

## **14. NLC Liaison Report. (NLC Agenda Distributed Previously)**

Noted, starting season 2016/2017, an external company will manage the ELA registration process. Each year, players would register directly with the ELA paying a £30 levy (juniors and students £15, seniors £10). Clubs' levy to the ELA would be reduced to possibly £50 per club for their membership to the ELA. Details to be sent to clubs in January 2016.

Noted the new system would ensure that every player is registered and insured which teams can check.

Noted the NLC would be responsible for any increase in the levy.

Noted the management company offers other fee based managed services such as collecting a club's subscriptions. This system is already in use for some ELA services.

Noted TR, MW, and PR to submit a budget to the ELA for the 2016/2017 season.

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Noted the draft NLC document “Respect Our Game of Lacrosse” distributed for the previous meeting had generated no comments. PR requested feedback from SEMLA members for the next NLC meeting in January 2016.

## **15. Any Other Business.**

None.

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

4<sup>th</sup> January 2016

1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

6<sup>th</sup> June 2016 AGM

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