

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 1st February 2016

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
Robert Gooch	(RG)	Milton Keynes,
Peter Rawsthorne	(PR)	NLC Representative
Harry Collins	(HC)	Hillcroft,
Nik Roberts	(NR)	RDO
Mick Chennell	(MC)	Secretary& Croydon

1. Apologies for Absence.

Simon Peach South Referees Committee Chairman, Peter Compton EVP& Spencer, Miles Whittle, Treasurer& Bath, Ray Wood Youth Chair, Jacqui Hicks Foxes.

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes accepted with one correction *Para 12 HC should read RG.*

3. Matters arising not included in the Agenda

Nil.

4. President's Report

Noted nil to report.

5. Treasurer's Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report accepted unanimously.

Noted eight clubs had not yet paid their subscriptions to SEMLA, although four had been in communication with the Treasurer.

Agreed NR to contact Warwick, Swansea and Canterbury, TW to contact Epsom.

6. Secretary's Report.

Noted the request from Stuart McGregor Dallas Captain Walcottian Blues for SEMLA to discuss the apparent lack of implementation of the new pitch markings

Agreed TR to draft a letter to all SEMLA Clubs confirming pitch sizes need to conform where possible and in particular the crease size, the gate size and the distance from the goal to the back line. (See attached diagram)

Agreed that next season any complaints on pitch markings will be investigated and, if appropriate, penalties awarded.

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

Noted plenty of things going on with juniors. Next match day. Sunday 7th Feb.

Noted the 10th Coldwell Cup competition will be played for on May 8th at the Sele School Hertford. It will be open to boys and girls with a variety of age groups for both. As well as looking for teams to enter, the organisers would really appreciate support running the tournament as it's grown so big it is hard for the club to handle alone so any volunteers who can help (referees is a big one) please contact Welwyn Club. Details will be posted on Welwyn club's Facebook page and website as soon as possible

Noted the Youth Committee had decided the Eric Jones Trophy would be played for by schools. Assistance may be requested from SEMLA to help run the tournament.

Noted a Junior Match day was being organised but the details had not been confirmed

Agreed TW to speak with RW.

Noted that although TW had registered Pythons' interest in the ISB competition some time ago she had just been informed that entries were now closed and she had been unsuccessful.

Agreed TR approach the ISB.

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Noted that the ELA had agreed to SEMLA having its own Safeguarding Officer (SO) and re-stated that each senior team playing any u18 players would need its own SO.

Noted also that there were forms for the parents of any u18 player to sign regarding travel etc. Also each SO would have to take a course, possibly on line, price as yet unknown.

Agreed PR confirm all the requirements with the ELA and inform RW

8. University Liaison Report.

Noted no report.

9. South Manager Report. (E-Mail distributed previously.)

Noted South Trials will be held on Sunday 28th Feb, Sunday 13th March and Training on Sunday 10th April, all at Hillcroft's 3G pitch. Full details are on the "South of England Men's Lacrosse squad" Facebook Page.

10. Disciplinary and Complaints Panel Report.

Noted nil report

11. Referee Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report.

Noted the intention to get as many Level 1 referees to upgrade to Level 2. Each course costs £50

Agreed SEMLA would subsidise some of the cost of the referee courses, by how much would be decided yearly.

Noted that the ELA had six (+one reserve) referees going to the European Championships, three from the North and three from the South. The reserve was also from the South.

12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report.

Noted the request that results are sent in each Saturday immediately evening after the game.

Noted that an inducement to send the results in on time was being considered. NR to put comment on the SEMLA Facebook page.

13. Proposals to reduce risk of teams failing to fulfil SEMLA fixtures (Distributed Previously)

Proposal 1 RG to combine both forms.

Proposal 2 Overtaken by events in the NLC.

Proposal 3 RG to rewrite for discussion at the next GCM and possible vote at the AGM.

Proposal 4 RG & NR to rewrite this proposal.

Noted the author PM had agreed to waive copyright so that his book titled "A Guide to the Development of Lacrosse" could be put on the SEMLA website and Facebook page

14. RDO Report.

Noted that there would be a Roadshow on Tuesday for Program and School Managers at Cobham School and Dolphin School to explain the progress on the UKVI and that the ELA would in future be recruiting British coaches.

Noted that Cheltenham were progressing slowly possibly playing a game on 27 February against Bath.

Noted that clubs at Salisbury and Winchester were growing, and that Northampton was a possibility.

Noted also that Birmingham and Exeter do not travel to away matches.

15. NLC Liaison Report.

Noted the NLC Meeting 26th January.

Noted that in the meeting the Men's Competitive Review proposals were not accepted and were under review.

Noted that SEMLA's budget submission was the most comprehensive and impressive. The amount SEMLA would receive from the ELA was not known yet but was possibly £8000.

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Noted that individual player registration would be implemented from September 2016 with adults paying £30 per 12 months when they registered, with Juniors and Students paying less, amount unknown at the moment. A membership card would be issued allowing visibility for clubs, referees and opposing captains to confirm a player was registered with the ELA. Re-registration would be required on the year anniversary date of when a player first registered. Noted that the ELA can will provide a facility to collect subscriptions from clubs' individual members giving the monies back to the club when requested.

Noted that SEMLA could also still charge clubs a membership fee as they do now.

Noted PR requested that all feedback on the draft Disciplinary Process be sent to him before 7th March 2016.

16. Any Other Business.

Noted the information regarding the Bath 8's

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

7th March 2016

4th April 2016

9th May 2016

6th June 2016 AGM

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