

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 7th March 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
Peter Rawsthorne	(PR)	NLC Representative
Nik Roberts	(NR)	RDO
Simon Peach	(SP)	South Referees Committee Chairman,
Peter Compton	(PC)	EVP& Spencer,
Miles Whittle,	(MW)	Treasurer& Bath,
Ray Wood	(RW)	Youth Chair
Kevin Coster	(KC)	East Grinstead
Dennis Tobin	(DT)	Hampstead
Alex Adler	(AA)	Hampstead
Steve Groves	(SG)	Welwyn
Mick Chennell	(MC)	Secretary& Croydon

1. Apologies for Absence.

Milton Keynes,

2. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting.

Minutes accepted

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 five clubs had not yet paid their subscriptions to SEMLA.

Noted that payments to SEMLA Flag referees were still outstanding, and that it was possible EGLC had paid them directly. SP to pursue.

6. Secretary's Report.

Agreed by a majority vote (13:1) to grant £400 to Welwyn Lacrosse Club towards the cost of running this year's Coldwell Cup.

Noted this grant is for once only and did not set a precedent.

Noted various suggestions to Welwyn on how to reduce costs/raise funds.

Agreed Welwyn Lacrosse Club to provide feedback from this year's event to decide on any further course of action.

7. Youth Development Committee's Report.

Noted at the Academy held 6 March the numbers of attendees had dwindled, possibly due to Mother's Day. There were nineteen boys from Portsmouth, Spencer and Foxes, but little support from other clubs. It was felt that the quality of coaching was good and the time was well spent

Noted that there was meant to be a Talent Pathway to the England Team. It was started with a roadshow by ELA Jane Powell National Talent Development Manager in 2014, has been running for two years but while the Women's Pathway is set up and working there is nothing for the men.

Noted SEMLA's disappointment with Jane Powell's lack of approach to SEMLA.

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Noted that Martin Cragg, ELA U17 Talent Pathway Director has attended one of the Academy sessions but there was no feedback to the attendees from him.

Noted the U17 game against Wales scheduled for 13 March has been cancelled as Wales cannot get a team.

The Junior Flags scheduled for 20 March has been cancelled as it's the Easter weekend.

Noted time at Hillcroft has been booked on the days of the Summer League.

Noted that £210 collected at the Academy by TC will be sent to the Treasurer.

8. University Liaison Report.

Noted that Dom Hewitt University Liaison Officer was having difficulty in getting responses to his questionnaire from the Universities.

9. South Manager Report.

Noted that funding was required for T-shirts, kit etc., for the South Team.

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

Noted the report.

Agreed DT to speak with JM after the meeting.

Noted that EGLC had had a Committee meeting and recognised that their players' behaviour was not acceptable to other players and referees.

11. Referee Secretary Report.

SP apologised for missing a number of meetings.

Noted that there had been reasonable referee coverage at games.

Noted there is a database with approximately 120 names of level 1 & 2 referees of which 80-85 were contactable. Their details were being confirmed.

Noted that assessment would take place at the Flags Finals and during the Summer League, with mentoring taking place at the Blues Fest.

Noted that NEMLA was struggling with the number of referees.

Noted the Plymouth City v Southampton match was not refereed to the best of standards. SP to review.

12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report.

Noted that the Flags Finals were scheduled to start at 1100, 1300, 1500, respectively.

Agreed due to the distances travelled that the Minor and Intermediate start times could be swapped. PC to confirm.

Noted the suggestion to open up the Senior Flags to all clubs who wish to enter.

Agreed RW to provide a proposal for discussion at the next GCM.

Noted the suggestion for the West 1 & 2 divisions run as a ladder next season.

Agreed JC to provide a proposal for discussion at the next GCM

13. Summer League (Henning Schmidt)

Henning Schmidt not in attendance.

14. RDO Report

Noted that the ELA registration will start in April 2016

Noted that attempts were being made to develop the LDOs roles onto RDO roles, but were not getting much response from the Universities.

Noted still no response from the UKVI so the ELA were increasing English coaches.

15. NLC Liaison Report. (Minutes Distributed Previously)

Noted the NLC Meeting Minutes.

Noted the Agenda for the next meeting included

- Men's Competitive Review
- EL Membership- Participant UK
- Tournaments & Events

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- Officiating

Noted the suggestion that the meeting agenda include lacrosse publicity in National newspapers etc.

16. Any Other Business.

Noted that RW had been speaking with the brewery Shepherd Neame with a view to them sponsoring Lacrosse in return for clubs agreeing to sell Shepherd Neame beer. It was requested that clubs forward their club bar contact information to RW.

Two sponsorship situations were suggested namely the Summer League and the SEMLA Leagues.

RW to provide a draft paper for discussion at the next GCM.

Noted that Under Armour Mouth Guards, popular in the USA were interested in affiliated deals. This would involve clubs putting an advertisement for Under Armour Mouth Guards on their own websites and buying these mouth guards at discount with a bonus to SEMLA.

Noted the request for a set of numbered reversible bibs for the juniors to use.

Agreed TW to provide cost figures for the next GCM

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

4th April 2016

9th May 2016

6th June 2016 AGM

Simon Peach has kindly agreed to host the AGM. Details to follow.

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