

Minutes of the SEMLA GCM Monday 4th April 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
Simon Peach	(SP)	South Referees Committee Chairman
Miles Whittle,	(MW)	Treasurer& Bath
Henning Schmidt	(HS)	Hillcroft
Mick Chennell	(MC)	Secretary& Croydon

1. Apologies for Absence.

Peter Rawsthorne NLC Representative, Nik Roberts RDO, Peter Compton EVP& Spencer, Ray Wood Youth Chair, 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

Noted nil to report.

5. Treasurer's Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report.

Noted three clubs had not yet paid their subscriptions to SEMLA.

6. Secretary's Report.

Agreed not to use the new conference call recording facility.

7. Youth Development Committee's Report.

Noted the boys section of the ASL Tournament scheduled for 30 April had been cancelled. A Junior Flags would be held instead, details to be announced.

Noted there were no details on the schools trophy (Eric Jones) competition yet

Noted the Summer Programme would be discussed at next week's Youth Meeting.

8. University Liaison Report.

Noted that the University of Surrey (Surrey Stags) was applying to join SEMLA next season.

9. South Manager Report.

Noted that kit (40 shirts and shorts) would be purchased for the South of England first and second teams costing approximately £1000.

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

Noted the report.

11. Referee Secretary Report.

Noted that for each Flags Final there would be a crew of four referees, with assessors present for the Minor and Senior Flags.

Noted that the E-W play offs also had referees assigned.

Noted that hopefully assessors would be present at the Summer League for up and coming referees. They will also be mentoring referees at the Blues Fest.

Noted that there was a need for referee courses to be sorted out especially the cost at £50

Noted that Hampstead would like a referee's course at the USA school.

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12. Fixture Secretary Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report.

Noted Spencer 2s captain has agreed to an 11am start for the Intermediate Flags Final

Noted the proposal for teams which haven't fulfilled any or only a very small proportion of fixtures this season drop out of the league and if they want to re-join for next season they have to submit an application to the AGM as with any other new teams. This would allow the AGM to assess whether these teams are viable or not.

This means the following will not be included in next season's league:

Cardiff Harlequins A (played 3 fixtures – one in October, one in November, one in December);

Hitchin A (played no fixtures this season and turned down the offer in December to move into East Three by swapping with Milton Keynes);

Maidstone 2 (played 2 fixtures – one in October, one in March);

University of Chichester (played 3 fixtures – two in October, one in January).

Noted RW proposal to open up the Senior Flags to all clubs who wish to enter. **(Distributed Previously)**

Agreed JC to add detail to the proposal for next GCM

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

This proposal is for each team in West division One to play home and away fixtures with each team in West One.

Similarly, each team in West division Two will play home and away fixtures with each team in West Two.

The ladder aspect is that each team in West One will play each team in West Two once, and the West Two team will be at home for these games.

Based on this structure and the current number of teams this means there will be 16 league matches for each team; 10 league games within the division and 6 games between divisions.

13. Summer League (Henning Schmidt)

Noted the Summer League was being run for the third year and that there would be six game days with ladies teams, junior teams and four men's teams,. The format for deciding the teams would be the same as previous years, with players registering individually. The fee would be £10 or less.

Noted that 60 had registered already, looking for 120-150, but having experienced "no shows" previously a deposit was required.

Noted that some of the players were ex-university members who had not registered with a club but wanted to continue playing lacrosse.

Noted juniors would play between 1100 and 1300, with those eligible under ELA Laws able to play in the senior matches if they wanted with no additional match fee.

Noted that profit from the Summer League would help support the South of England team two days of trials and training.

Noted there would be a mini tournament on the first weekend of July with six games.

Noted that the ELF website was offering lacrosse balls at 170 euros for 120 balls.

Noted congratulations were given to HS for his work on the Summer League Programme.

14. RDO Report

Noted no report

15. NLC Liaison Report. (Distributed Previously)

Noted the report

Noted the suggestion that specialist media be invited to attend the Centurions Dinner at the House of Lords. PM to discuss with the Centurions.

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16. Any Other Business.

Noted the request for entries to the Six a Side competition to be sent in as soon as possible.

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

9th May 2016

6th June 2016 AGM

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

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