

## Minutes – SEMLA General Committee Meeting

*7pm Monday 5 March 2018*

**In attendance:** Trevor Rogers (TR), John Maynard (JM), Peter Compton (PC), Ben Jessup (BJ), Miles Whittle (MW), Ray Wood (RW), Nik Roberts (NR), Peter Mundy (PM), Elliot May (EM), Julia Bose (JB), James Lucas (JL).

### **1) Apologies for Absence**

Apologies received from: David Brucie Morris (DBM), Simon Peach (SP), Pete Rawsthorne (PR), Bob Sharples (BS), Tom Paton (TP), James Gibson (JG).

### **2) Acceptance of minutes**

There were no objections to the January minutes, but the meeting heard that MW's birthday is in fact in Marc MW birthday in fact mid-March.

### **3) Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **4) President's Report**

TR informed the meeting that he would be stepping down at the SEMLA AGM in June, and will be nominating Rob Gooch (RG) of Milton Keynes LC to take up the role of SEMLA President for the 2018/19 season onwards.

### **5) Treasurer's Report**

MW verbally shared his [written report](#), highlighting that five clubs were still to pay their SEMLA fees for the 2017/18 season. He noted that a couple of the outstanding clubs had merged or folded, and so that he was focusing his efforts on collecting outstanding fees from Oxford University LC and Brighton LC.

### **6) Secretary's Report**

There was no report for the meeting.

### **7) Youth Development Committee's Report**

RW reported that there was a successful junior game day organized by Guildford LC at Royal Holloway, with approximately 70 boys playing. He recognised that a South East venue is difficult for clubs based in the South West, and so future venues will be one to manage.

Joe Nicholson continues to make progressive with the junior representative squad. RW has opened up dialogue with Ireland who are hosting the U19 World Championships in 2020, and there could be opportunities for match play there.

BJ queried the purchase of junior reversible vests as discussed at previous meetings and PC said he would action in the coming weeks.

### **8) University Liaison Report**

There was no report for the meeting, but TR reminded the meeting of the online discussions around university outreach which have been driven via the SEMLA Facebook group, before going on to remind the group that the BUCS Championships Finals would be taking place at the University of Nottingham on 21 March.

### **9) South Manager's Report**

There was no report for the meeting.

### **10) Disciplinary & Complaints Panel's Report**

There was no report for the meeting.

### **11) Referees Secretary's Report**

There was no formal report from SP, but BJ updated the meeting regarding English Lacrosse's work to develop an Officiating Advisory Group. NR has contacted SP to discuss appropriate representation from the South, with SP to action confirmation moving forwards.

MW mentioned the use of the BUCS 8s tournament as a referee assessment opportunity, with Helen Murray leading the delivery of the event from an EL staff perspective.

TR also reminded the meeting that there is a real need for all clubs to enforce the rules around all fixtures being officiated by qualified referees.

### **12) Fixture Secretary's Report**

BJ shared an overview of DBM's work around organising Flags Finals. *[Edit: Please note that it has since been confirmed that Flags Finals 2018 will be held at the John Madjeski Academy in Reading, the same venue as the 2017 Finals.]*

TR referenced that DBM had been having ongoing discussions with NR and RG to discuss a final league restructure document. TR reiterated that it is important for SEMLA to have a consensus document fairly urgently to allow good time for feedback and a final vote.

It was agreed that NR, RG and DBM would compile a summary document prior to the April meeting.

### **13) Development Officer Report**

There was no formal report for the meeting, but NR shared that Gabbi Simmonds is leaving English Lacrosse to move to Austria, with Amy Heppingstall taking over the South East Regional Development Officer position.

### **14) NLC Liaison Report**

With PR sending apologies, BJ highlighted a number of the key items within the [minutes of NLC's February meeting](#), most notably regional budgets for 2018/19, LDO recruitment and the creation of a University Liaison Officer programme. TR commended the creation of the ULO programme and NR shared progress to date, with 30 universities identified and recruited to the programme. More information will follow in due course.

### **15) Any Other Business**

BJ queried an action from the February meeting that a future GCM discuss how SEMLA might address the South's challenges around the number of volunteers across officiating, coaching and club and regional administration. The meeting agreed to add this to the agenda for April.

**Please note that the date and time of the next meeting is Monday 9 April at 7pm.**