

MINUTES – SEMLA Annual General Meeting 2018

7pm Monday 16 June 2018

In attendance: Trevor Rogers (TR), Peter Compton (PC), Miles Whittle (MW), David Brucie Morris (DBM), Ray Wood (RW), Simon Peach (SP), Peter Rawsthorne (PR), Nik Roberts (NR), Rob Clark (RC), Rob Gooch (RG), Peter Mundy (PM), Dennis Tobin (DT), Bob Sharples (BS), Chris Webborn (CW), Kyle McHugh (KM), Chris White (CW), Tommy Clohessy (TC), James Lucas (JL), Paul Milner (PM), Tom Paton (TP), Max Biddlestone (MB), Tom Chalken (TC), Louis Friedlander (LF), Lester Selmins (LS), Ben Drury (BD).

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from: Ben Jessup

2) Acceptance of minutes

There were no objections to the minutes from the May 2018 GCM, and they were passed by the meeting.

3) Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4) President's Report

TR opened by introducing the AGM, reiterating that the meeting is for clarification and formal voting of motions and that no substantive discussion is possible, only the addition of amendments.

TR then shared a verbal report (written version to follow) for the 2017/18 season.

5) Treasurer's Report

MW shared a verbal report (written version circulated with the agenda) for the 2017/18 season.

6) Officer's Report

DBM shared a verbal report (written version to follow) for the 2017/18 season.

SP then declared his report as the Chair of the Referees Committee, reporting that SEMLA now has more officials qualified at level 2 and can now cover major events (Flags, BUCS 8s etc) competently and consistently with local referees. He did however note that we need smoother transition between qualification levels with more support – there is concern that the quality of level 1 referees has severely decreased since the introduction of the online assessment. It was reiterated that SEMLA needs fresh ideas, more energy and new members to help drive activity.

RW then reported that we have more juniors with more senior clubs establishing junior programmes, though this is still unbalanced towards the South East. RW also thanked Joe Nicholson and Rob Ingham Clark for their support in developing and running the South U19 squad, but recognised that SEMLA has not been able to support teams from the West as much as would like. It was also noted that the South have very few and sometimes no juniors in English Lacrosse's talent pathway, with significant frustrations around the organisation of the pathway.

RC then shared his South Manager's report, opening with a summary of how the South squad won the Nick Kehoe International in May. RC also reminded the meeting that the squad has played Wales twice in June, with two very competitive matches the results, with Wales just coming out victors by a one-goal margin in both fixtures.

PR informed the meeting that NLC's Terms of Reference have now been revised, with the committee going through a recruitment process to fill the open Clubs and Universities roles and an Officiating Sub-Committee now in place. PR did however note that NLC is struggling to implement the Men's Competitive Review.

NR then shared his Development Officer report, touching on a number of actions across the 2017/18 season. He detailed how he has worked with RG and DBM on the league restructure, worked to get cheap STX kits up on sale and worked with Rob Collinge to get Bluesfest and Bath 8s accredited as officiating assessment tournaments.

7) Election of Officers

Officer elections saw the below individuals elected and re-elected as SEMLA's Officers:

a. President	<i>Rob Gooch</i>
b. Executive Vice-President	<i>Peter Compton</i>
c. Executive Vice-President	<i>Trevor Rogers</i>
d. Honorary Secretary	Now vacant
e. Honorary Treasurer	<i>Miles Whittle</i>
f. Fixtures Secretary	<i>David Brucie Morris</i>
g. Referees Secretary	Remains vacant
h. Chair of Referees Committee	<i>Simon Peach</i>
i. Chair of Youth Development Committee	<i>James Lucas</i>
j. Chair of Disciplinary Committee	Now vacant
k. Development Officer	<i>Nik Roberts</i>
l. South Manager	<i>Rob Clark</i>
m. National Lacrosse Committee Liaison	<i>Peter Rawsthorne</i>
n. University Liaison	<i>Chris Webborn</i>

8) Acceptance of new clubs & teams

DBM clarified that clubs admitted into SEMLA within this agenda item would be eligible to vote on agenda item 9, regarding the league restructure.

All clubs - Camden Capybaras, Canterbury City, Imperial College London, London Raptors, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Oxford City, Portsmouth Pythons, University of East Anglia - were accepted into SEMLA.

9) League Restructure proposal

DBM introduced the procedure that the sub-committee has followed up to this point. RG then confirmed the league restructure proposals set out. The subsidiary motion was approved first, passing unanimously, with the core motion then also passing, by 44 votes for the motion and 4 votes against.

10) Any Other Business

DBM reminded the meeting that an SGM will be needed to vote through necessary changes to the bye-laws, and also flagged that draft fixtures will be released for comment before these are finalised across the summer.

RG also advised that Southern Box Lacrosse would like to formally join SEMLA, with arrangements to be discussed offline.

Please note that the date and time of the next meeting is the Monday 3 September at 7pm.