

## SEMLA SGM Minutes 20/8/18

### Attendance

Rob Gooch – President and MK

Max Biddlestone - Cheltenham

David Brucie Morris – Fixtures Sec and Oxford City

Bob Sharples – Birmingham

Trevor Rodgers – E VP and Reading

Dennis Tobin – Hampstead

Thomas Chalklen – Cambridge

Peter Mundy

Ben Lewry – Guildford

Miles Whittle – Treasurer

Chris Webborn – Loughborough

Nik Roberts – Dev Officer and Bath

Peter Compton – E VP

George Stewart – Leicester Badgers

### Apologies

Benji Thompson – Spencer

Peter Rawsthorne

Hazel Wisbey

Ben Jessup – Hillcroft

James Lucas – Junior Sec

### Acceptance of AGM Minutes – 18/6/18

Accepted without corrections

### President's Report

- 1) Thanks for your patience
- 2) More to do – website and score submission
- 3) Encouragement for volunteers – Hon Sec

- 4) Please update club contacts with stand in Hon Sec Ben Jessup so he can book in the calls for the year and an auto mailout
- 5) Overview of EGM, officer voting, new teams and byelaws
- 6) Impracticality of Flags draw in each round
- 7) Fixing of the Individual Registration system

#### Election of Officers

- 1) Hazel Wisbey – Refs Sec – Rob Gooch nomination, Max Biddlestone seconded, no abstains, no votes against
- 2) Honorary Sec – no nominations

RG – Should we look further afield?

NR – Should we post on the facebook group?

DBM – I think it requires more activation than a random FB post to advertise the post as most interest in the SEMLA committee is shown by the attendance on the GCM calls, I doubt we would get an outsider

RG – How did the search for a national sec go?

NR – Head Office told me that it was “not a workable solution”

PM – It requires personal contacts, we should be able to find someone if we ask cleverly enough

(Action – revisit this at September GCM)

#### New club voting

- 1) Leicester Badgers

RG – Does anyone have any questions

NR – What colour do Leicester play in?

RG – Black and white

PM – Leicester used to be a club in 1940s before WW2 took most of their players

GS – We’re excited to join a far more competitive league

RG – What plans of growth do you have?

GS – We have a lot of alumni interest and friends of friends

RG – When you submitted your application there wasn’t a treasurer

GS – We have a provisional treasurer that I’ve asked and I expect him to say yes if he doesn’t go on placement

RG – Do you have bank details

GS – On Wednesday we will

PC – Do you have pitches?

GS – We are able to use the DeMontford ones, they have a clause saying that the pitches must also be of assistance to the local community.

Voting, no abstains, no votes against, UNANIMOUS

2) University of Birmingham

RG – Would anyone like to answer any questions as I don't think they have anyone representing them on the call?

TC – They have great pitches and are a strong team

NR – How does this impact the Birmingham LC?

BS – They haven't been attending our training for a few years so it doesn't impact us at all really

DBM – I feel timing wise the two clubs are moving in opposite directions and that we should try to support Birmingham LC as a separate non-student entity, it's a city of 1 million people, more areas of Birmingham should be playing despite the competition from hockey and football.

PM – It's amazing we're having so many applications into SEMLA

NR – If we get the ball rolling in Birmingham we're laughing

CW – There's a lot of leakage of players from Birmingham to play in NEMLA

Voting, no abstains, no votes against, UNANIMOUS

### Fee voting

PC – Is there a reason for charging the fee?

RG – The local league fee is for the assurance of commitment to SEMLA, £20 hopefully isn't seen as an excessive amount. In total the fees are to grow the funds in SEMLA for future planning depending on how ELA grant funding goes, we need the money for bigger and better events, and 4 man crews on more SEMLA run games with mentoring.

NR – It also goes on facility hire and the South team

PC – My only concern was this information passed on to clubs before the AGM?

NR – Yes, in May

NR – The feedback from the Bath AGM was why is it the same amount per team entering each league?

DBM – Feedback from Oxford City meetings was why is there an entry fee for a team that want to enter both leagues?

NR – We have a history of abolishing regional fees, however now that clubs have no registration fee to the ELA and we have IR, we have no direct revenue source at the moment

MW – We have a lot of potential here and so I don't want to dissuade clubs from entering 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> teams due to the extra burden. The budget is stable for now.

PM – If the budget is satisfactory lets leave it

TR – Procedurally the SGM is not for a discussion, we can't chop and change things, it's the time for voting only, and if we don't like it and it needs further consideration then we can vote it down.

NR – Can we change the flags to £25 as it's incorrect and vote on that

TR – As it is a typo then yes

Voting, no abstains, 20 votes against, NOT PASSED

DBM – Flags will stay at £25 for 2018-19 and no other league fees?

TR – Yes, unless in September we decide to hold another SGM in October

#### Byelaw voting

RG – Introduces the byelaws, explains the removal of the terminology and addition of new terminology in regards to league structure.

TR – We should vote on the byelaws by block vote

RG – Anyone opposed to doing this?

PC – What about the live draw?

DBM – That's A.10.C

TR – We should remove this from the block vote, the draw has been done, the same material effect occurs.

PC – It doesn't need to be in the byelaws

TR – It's a terrific invention by Brucie though

DBM – Can we have an explanation about the neutral flags venue please?

RG – Explains the byelaw, we may need to tweak some of the deadlines.

DBM – Before there was no wording on this so captains had to feel in the dark over the issue, now it's official.

NR – We may need to revisit this if it isn't working.

Voting without A.10.C, no abstains, unanimous.

#### Any other matters of business

RG – The September call will feature the proposal for a referee's sub-committee

DBM – The September will also feature procedure for IR checks, and it will also feature the format for the 2019-20 season.

MB – There should be a league review before then

DBM – That is scheduled for the December GCM, I need to get the provisional league fixture dates to NLC by the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

RG – Thanks everyone for joining the call, speak in a fortnight.