



SEMLA General Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 1st October 2018, 7 PM



Attendees

Rob Gooch (President & Milton Keynes)

Peter Bowyer (Buckhurst Hill)

Kyle McHugh (Bristol)

Brian Kilby (Welwyn)

Benedict Rhydian Robinson (Hon Sec)

Amy Heppingstall (EL)

Miles Whittle (Hon. Treasurer)

Nik Roberts (EL Dev Officer)

Chris White (Nuneaton)

Trevor Rogers (VP & Reading)

Rob Nichols (Disciplinary Committee)

Brucie (Fix. Sec.)

Peter Compton (VP & Spencer)

Apologies

Ben Thompson (Spencer)

Hazel Wisbey (Referee's Secretary)

Rob Clark (South Team)



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1	<p>Acceptance of Minutes</p> <p>Accepted with a small amendment re Rainbow Rex's entry into Bath 8s – Committee amended previous minutes to note their endorsement of the teams entry into the competition.</p>	
2	<p>Matters Arising Not Included in Agenda</p> <p>None</p>	
3	<p>President Report</p> <p>No report</p>	
4	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Report attached.</p> <p>Scottish Widows account is closed. All funding in the Natwest account.</p> <p>Webhosting costs have been paid.</p> <p>Invoices to be sent out to club this month.</p> <p>Paper work to go back to Rob Gooch for signatures.</p> <p>No news from national committee budget for the year.</p>	
5	<p>Secretary Report</p> <p>No report</p>	
6	<p>Youth Dev Report</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>No Apologies.</p> <p>PC - Trying to encourage a preseason meeting for interest in juniors.</p> <p>Fixtures published last year for this season.</p>	



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	<p>First scheduled event is holder trophy on 4th October. PC to update invitations.</p> <p>TR – Please can Holder Cup invites go out. PC intention is 01/10/18</p>	
7	<p>Uni Liaison Report</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>NR - Uni officers. In situ. Waiting for fresher's fair recruitment data.</p> <p>KM - Increase in signups to last year. 787 signups including mens/womens/mixed. Big numbers are up. Depends on transformation into actual numbers. Issues with provision of enough equipment for the numbers of beginners.</p> <p>BR/TR/RG/ BM - Discussion on how to translate numbers into permanent members. Committee agreed that it can't be the sole responsibility of SEMLA and it is not practical to supply equipment. BM noted that a key link to retainment of numbers if playing time.</p> <p>RG - SE Women have acquired funding for marketing etc. Does anyone know anything about this?</p> <p>SE women took grant money and money from clubs. AMY – SE women haven't charged clubs last year or this year. Grants pursued.</p> <p>RG/AH – RG asked how SE Women acquired funding for marketing. AH elaborated that multiple sources of funding has been applied for. RG asked for information to be shared with mens teams. This is to be done through ULO.</p>	
8	<p>Southern Box Report and manager</p> <p>No reports</p>	
9	<p>Disciplinary Report</p> <p>No issues raised.</p> <p>Rob Nichols getting up to speed with processes.</p>	
10	<p>Refs Report</p> <p>Report received.</p>	



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	<p>RG – Key is to get ref committee going to boost ref numbers and quality across SEMLA.</p>	
11	<p>Fixtures Report</p> <p>Recap - 17 out of 21 results. MOMs and Refs sent in. Flags- 3 out of 6, 2 rearranged, 1 conceded. Only 1 walkover this weekend. All team sheets received for registration checks. All checked out on registration. Currently fewer numbers signed up, expecting sign ups to increase. Will target low numbered teams.</p> <p>2018/19 fixtures need to go into national calendar by November. How this affects regional/local structures. If Flags is to work as is, games will need to start in September. Discussion needed re size of lower league.</p> <p>RG - Feedback received e.g. Flags R1 opening fixtures, is it appropriate?</p> <p>Feedback - Feasibility of UNIs to play earlier fixtures. Possible issue. E.g Bristol/Bath/Cambridge struggled with numbers relating to UNIs. If we don't want earlier starts/different size of leagues.</p>	
12	<p>Development Officer Report</p> <p>Bath leant Semla sticks.</p> <p>Pythons - Mini goals for pop lacrosse tournament.</p> <p>Clubs need to be made aware that they can apply for grants.</p>	
13	<p>NLC Liaison Report</p> <p>Bruce</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. individual registration -NLC to give enforcements rights to regions. Bruce has responsibility for south. Random fixtures and two whole club checks in December and March.2. Refs advisory group - Assessment dates provided. Bluesfest key for level 1/2s.3. Essential budgets agreed in timeline proposed. If not finance committee will not be able to scrutinise. Deadline 30th November.4. New national calendar.5. EL looking to get additional sources of funding.6. Discussion on national club championship eligibility.7. Refs fees.	



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	<p>8. Would any committee members like to go onto volunteer and club development working groups?</p> <p>9. Discussion over new men's rules – Big impacts to length of games, losing 20 minutes. Feedback needed.</p> <p>10. MIND link up.</p>	
14	<p>AOB</p> <p>NR- EL has set up service level agreement with premier sport. Delivers to primary schools.</p> <p>RG – Potential International Game</p> <p>RG raised the potential of hosting an international game vs Israel. Mark Coups wants to know what SEMLA would like to do.</p> <p>Not confirmed, but likely touring over may bank holiday next year. Zero cost to SEMLA. Date will be given to us, either Thursday evening or Monday Bank holiday.</p> <p>Discussion took place amongst committee members that covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to make the most of the opportunity for SEMLA.• Where and when could SEMLA host the game?• Security of the game – Committee agreed the need to speak to other sports and see how they have hosted events like this? The met police need to be contracted regarding the event.• How do we attract the Jewish community?	
	Date of next meeting 05/11/18	
	CLOSE	