



SEMLA General Committee Meeting

Minutes

Monday 5th November 2018, 7 PM



Attendees

Rob Gooch (President & Milton Keynes)

Peter Bowyer (Buckhurst Hill)

Benedict Rhydian Robinson (Hon Sec)

Miles Whittle (Hon. Treasurer)

Nik Roberts (EL Dev Officer)

Chris White (Nuneaton)

Trevor Rogers (VP & Reading)

Rob Nichols (Disciplinary Committee)

Brucie (Fix. Sec.)

Kristie Harris (Guildford Gators)

Ben Thompson (Spencer)

Denis Tobin (Hampstead)

James Lucas (Juniors)

Tom Harris (Cheltenham)

Peter Munday (Club?)

Apologies

Hazel Wisbey (Referee's Secretary)

Rob Clark (South Team)

Peter Compton (VP & Spencer)

Brian Kilby (Welwyn)



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1	Acceptance of Minutes Minutes accepted.	
2	Matters Arising Not Included in Agenda None.	
3	President Report Bruce drafted by-law changes for Ref fees agreed by NLC. SGM needed to vote in by-laws	
4	Treasurer Report Report received. £14k in accounts. £5k from EL. Communication with NLC is appalling. Another £4k expected later in the year. Semla fees to go out November.	
5	Secretary Report None.	
6	Youth Dev Report No report. Discussion regarding the date of the Holder Trophy.	
7	Uni Liaison Report Report received. Discussion regarding Issue with officials for Wednesday games. Chris White enquired what the role of University Liaison Officer. Rob Gooch confirmed it is to be a link from universities to clubs.	



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	<p>Rough Diamond EL programme - £100 fee. Aimed at promising uni players u-21. 30 registered interest, final confirmed numbers unknown. First session 9/11/18</p> <p>Discussion was had regarding the purpose of the programme and the high entry cost. Potential for SEMLA players who are eligible to apply for funding for the entry fee.</p>	
8	<p>Southern Box Report and manager</p> <p>No report.</p> <p>RG to discuss with RC how Rough Diamond affects South teams.</p> <p>Sunday 6th Jan entry in SEMLA calendar for `Winter Box Fest`.</p> <p>2 events have been planned in Lutterworth, both of which have been cancelled due to lack of interest.</p>	
9	<p>Disciplinary Report</p> <p>Report received.</p> <p>Player from EG expelled. The match official recommended a fast track hearing which resulted in a one match ban that was served the following week.</p>	
10	<p>Refs Report</p> <p>Report received but missed off circulation list.</p> <p>New Rules</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding proposed new rules. General consensus was that most rules were fine as they are. Details below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Game Duration – No change needed.• Overtime – Impractical and almost impossible to implement for clubs who book pitches.• Restart – No change needed.• Offside – Clarification of current wording.• Gloved hand on/across centre line – Clarification of current wording.• Inadvertent flag/whistle – Clarification of current wording.	



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11	<p>Fixtures Report</p> <p>Report received.</p> <p>Canterbury city 2's have withdrawn from the league</p> <p>RG asked if any clubs were struggling and a discussion took place regarding whether clubs new how to get help through regional development officers etc.</p> <p>White Paper</p> <p>2019 Situation</p> <p>Teams unhappy with early start and late finish. Two solutions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 21st sept begin. Local leagues have 4 teams max, regional can be up to 7.2. 28th sept. More flexibility within system. All local leagues remain the same size. <p>Discussion re options and size of leagues.</p> <p>RG clubs need to go away and discuss proposals for feedback.</p>	
12	<p>Development Officer Report</p> <p>No one on call. Not discussed.</p>	
13	<p>NLC Liaison Report</p> <p>Agreed to wait till AGM to change by-laws.</p>	
14	<p>AOB</p> <p>SEMLA dev fund on website. Needs to be changed/taken down. Need to make it easier to signpost clubs to funding. Miles to work with nik for rewording dev fund page.</p> <p>Uni Refs – How do we address ref shortages for uni games? Struggles appear to be around higher level games. Pilot scheme in north for younger refs to ref younger ages groups. Further in-depth discussion needed.</p> <p>AOB #1 - SEMLA Events Coordinator</p> <p>To facilitate a bigger and better Flags Finals at Aldershot at the end of this season, plus a probable England international vs Israel in May, I have identified a need to find a volunteer to act in the role</p>	



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	<p>of SEMLA Events Coordinator.</p> <p>I am pleased to announce that Antony Thornton from the Reading club has volunteered in this role. His email address is antony_thornton1@hotmail.com.</p> <p>I will be introducing Ant to Abi Merrel, the England Lacrosse events coordinator, in due course to work with me on plans for the England vs Israel international to be hosted in the South East / London. Abi is also the EL contact for arrangements for Aldershot hosting this year's Flags Finals.</p> <p>Ant will be needing the support from all SEMLA committee members over the coming months. For example; finance (Miles), referees (Simon and Hazel), events experience (Nik and others),</p> <p>I will be forming a small events sub-committee to work together to share tasks and info, plus meet via conf-call on a periodic basis. If you want to be directly involved then let me know. Subject to where events take place we will also be looking for someone local to that area to pick up tasks which require direct contact with a venue. For example, someone who lives near Aldershot and someone who lives near where the England game will be hosted. I'll be asking the wider SEMLA community for help there.</p> <p>AOB #2 - Eng vs Isr</p> <p>Abi Merrel has confirmed to me that England Lacrosse acknowledge and will manage security arrangements related to the planned Eng vs Israel game in May. They will draw on experiences from when the Israel women's team competed in Guildford and Edinburgh. For example, Israel bring over their own security team and EL will notify the local police and emergency services.</p> <p>The next steps for SEMLA are to provide EL will approx cost information for possible hosting venues in London/SE. I have received information from Denis for hosting at the Westway. I am awaiting information from Ben Jessop for hosting at the Hillcroft ground. Please let me know if there are any other venues that may be suitable assuming spectator numbers less than 100. I can then share information EL are seeking, which is all the obvious stuff like changing rooms, access, parking, pitch hire, hospitality, permission to erect EL branding, etc.</p>	
	Date of next meeting 03/12/18 – 7PM	



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