South of England Mens Lacrosse Association Complaints and Disciplinary Committee

18th May 2017

Richard Gorr Secretary Hillcroft Lacrosse Club

This confirms the result of the Disciplinary Hearing, held on the 17th May, in which Mathew O'Leary was charged with bringing the game into disrepute, by using abusive language and threatening behaviour towards the match referee, Hazel Wisbey.

This committee is determined to eradicate such behaviour towards our referees and Mathew is, therefore, banned for six matches of the 2017- 2018 season. The ban commences with the first game of the season and applies to League and Flag matches. Cancelled and postponed matches do not count towards the ban.

In considering the length of the ban, the committee took into account the fact that Mathew apologised to Hazel at the hearing and Hillcroft's efforts at reforming Mathew. However, should Mathew further offends during the forthcoming season, the committee will consider lengthening the ban.

Hillcroft have the right to appeal. For guidance please refer to the SEMLA bye laws.

John Maynard,

Complaints and Disciplinary Committee.