

**EPA Management Committee Meeting  
Held at 1-2 Hatfields, London SE1 9PG  
16<sup>th</sup> January 2016 commencing at 9.30**



**Attendees**

Martin Eggleton (ME)  
Ken Buchan (KB)  
Cary Bush (CB)  
Alan Forse (AF)  
Alan Roden (AR)

Martin Hughes (MH)  
David Baxter (DB)  
Ray Keemer-Richardsr (RK)

Action

- 1.1 Apologies for absence Bob Parker, Colin Roper
- 1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 14th November were accepted as a true record and ready for publication.

1.3 **Action Points**

**11.9 Insurance**

Is renewed. Fresh documents to go on the website need to be checked.

ME

**11.9 Redacted**

**12.4 Finance Report**

Admin reports now going automatically to MC members but MH questioned the dates therein. CB reported that the player contribution for Thailand had been questioned. The committee confirmed that the policy was not for review and remains at £250 Europe, £500 RoW. Payment terms 30 days but custom and practice is to accept a payment plan in that time.

ME

CB

2015 Accounts are being finalised for audit so MC members need to file any expenses asap.

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**12.6 Playing Review and Calendar Over 50s CEP**

A good review had been held and result will be fed into Playing Commission deliberations.

Venues on the calendar to be chosen by MH and ME

Clarification on Over 50s CEP nationality rules – If hold an EPA licence then Nationality is irrelevant. If not EPA licence then must have British passport. As this is different from FIPJP rules the CEP may review.

MH

ME

**12.8 Umpires Course**

Now set for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Notice has gone to Regions and Clubs and is in the EPA Calendar

**12.9 Junior Equipment**

Noted that now stocked by Pen-y-coed. MH will follow up with J Lewis

MH

#### 1.4 **Disciplinary Process**

Negative feedback on fines in the Sanctions Table was discussed but in the end it was agreed to retain them as an option. It was agreed that the procedure should be available on the web before the AGM as background to the constitutional changes we will be making to remove detail from the Constitution.

CB

#### 1.5 **Membership Report IMG Renewal**

Getting all the updates finalised has been a struggle. Currently Regional membership secretaries can enter subs but the on line portal is still closed pending final corrections.

An alternate system. We have a reasonable quote for bespoke system and a survey of off the shelf systems is continuing.

#### 1.6 **Playing**

##### **Playing The way Forward paper Home Nations**

Agreed the qualifier be at Nottingham. Options for Juniors was discussed but agreed that only option now is to encourage Junior teams to enter and compete for a place.

##### **Titles Weekend**

Agreed to change to separate Ladies and Men's Doubles will provide data for future selections and will help reduce length of playing day on Sunday.

Agreed to consider using seeded pools and various methods were discussed. Rewards will be cash not medals CB and ME to create formula based on last year to determine funds available for prizes.

CB  
ME

##### **Champion of Champion Shooting**

Would be desirable to showcase at Hayling but Friday evening is really the only slot. Need to consider possible format and time table further.

##### **Club Competition**

In view of the domestic element agreed to allow clubs to enter more than one team.

##### **Inter-Regionals**

Various innovations have been proposed but it was decided to keep the tournament the same because there will be some flood-lit lanes which removes the pressure on Saturday evening finish.

##### **International Selection.**

Continue with Juniors and add in Espoirs and Ladies.

Men, no change this year, teams of 4 in same format to qualify for the Euros.

Same reward system as previously, i.e. Qualify for Euros or bursary.  
Ladies – looking at keeping the 3 qualifier dates but holding singles, then a doubles and finishing with a triples event so no need for teams of 4, with cash prizes.

We will look to set up official rankings tables.

There is still work to be done around the people supporting the squads in terms of Roles and Responsibilities, Outcomes and Processes.

### **Other Non EPA Events**

Principally The Londonaise, Harrow and Meadow competitions we want to be supportive. Need to get clarity on who will be involved this year. MH

### **Indoor Venues**

Options were discussed. Conventional boulodrome suitable for comps to low cost practice places that wouldn't have ongoing overheads. A new factor is that there are now funding specialists that it may be worth talking to. MH

The Playing Commission were congratulated on progress. Next a playing programme and rationale will be drafted and published to clubs. MH

## **1.7 Coaching Report**

Circulated before the meeting. Noted  
KB asked why Organising a competition was in the proposed County Coach Course? CR

## **1.8 Structure Review**

DB presented a new suggestion for an Assembly to replace Congress and the Regional Officers Meeting. The aim was to simplify the earlier proposals and to take account of the need to move towards Good Governance principles. Despite a good discussion there was no agreement on where to go with this other than a feeling that we need to get more people involved. This could perhaps be achieved by having 'one body' apart from MC. (DB) Make it with broad interests that keep people involved (MH), Regions send 2 voting delegates but others welcome(ME) DB

## **1.9 Any Other Business**

### **AGM Preparation**

Confirm vacancies (DB) Solicit people to improve diversity?  
Propose restrict postal vote to President and VP. DB  
Consider alternate form of AGM such as interview format rather than reading a report?

Detailed changes to Constitution re Discipline changes and P.V.s need drafting AF/  
KB

**1.10 Date of next MC meeting, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Hatfields** DB