

**EPA Management Committee Meeting
Held at 1-2 Hatfields, London SE1 9PG
16th April 2016 commencing at 9.30**



Action

Attendees

Martin Eggleton (ME)
Ken Buchan (KB)
Ray Keemer-Richardsr (RK)
David Mason (DM)
Colin Roper (CR)

Martin Hughes (MH)
Cary Bush (CB)
Alan Forse (AF)
Alan Roden (AR)
A Eggleton (notes taker)

- 4.1 Apologies for absence David Baxter (DB), Bob Parker,
4.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 20th February were accepted as a true record and ready for publication.

4.3 **Action Points**

- 2.3 Junior Equipment still ongoing MH
2.3 Membership system – Apparent source of receipt cannot be changed
2.4 Circles Agreed to purchase in bulk and for EPA to subsidise the cost to regions which will be at rate of £2.50/circle. Seek orders from regions. Then ME will place order.
2.8 Over 70s Insurance The reported restriction is in a section of the policy which doesn't apply. There are no age restrictions on any of our cover. AF has completed a review of the "Insurance explained" document and confirmed tat it is still current. This will be made clear in the document together with a re-assurance on the age. DB
2.8 EPA Merchandise It was agreed that there is a demand. Proposal needed of items to source. ME/
DB/
RK

4.4 **Finance Report**

CB referred the meeting to the monthly reports circulated to members. Nothing else to note. Members congratulated CB on the AGM accounts presentation and explanations given.

4.5 **Playing**

Home Nations. Entries are slow for the qualifier. It is not known if the cost of going to Scotland is a factor. We may need to consider extra subsidy for Scotland and Jersey. ME undertook to start an email discussion when costs were known. Agreed that entry to the HNQ for juniors would be free. HoD will be ME, manager will have to wait until we know qualifiers. ME

Titles Weekend. Entries so far are light. Need to republish hotels list. (DB). A flyer will be produced. (MH) DB
MH

The format will be leagues (seeded) and knockout (first round losers to a plate) with 5 games guaranteed. It would be nice to expand the social aspect but it is difficult to expect people to stay when staying at a distance. We are committed to Exeter for another year but it was agreed to consult IoW tours ME
regarding options for 2018. MH reported that feedback on seeding is

generally positive, ME proposed a seeding group of ME/MH/DB. The prizes on offer have still not been determined .

MH/
ME

National Qualifiers. Men: traditional format winner qualifies for Euros in 2017. Ladies: Selection process still in draft (MH). The Ghent event is challenging for selection and may need a special sub-committee. AF called for the criteria to be set. MH confirmed that the prizes for Men's triples, veterans and Ladies ranking are the Bursary model. Options are Hedbo in May, Zeist in June and possibly Corsica in July. Also looking at Juniors and ladies in Luxembourg. Would like to see Ladies attend with team manager as preparation for Slovakia (European Championships) in September.

Eurocup Final review/EPA Cup final
EPA Cup final date needs to be set.

KB

After a discussion it was agreed to look at groups of 4 as early s possible. Such groups would be by round robin. Hold finals on same day but into April so EPA cup semifinal can be fitted in first. Still to canvass views of participating clubs. The group will be resolved by, matches>games>points diff>head to head in order of ranking.

KB

Eurocup Meadow Complaint. Was discussed. It was agreed that there were too many teams for the number of lanes available that had lighting. This will not be the case next time.

Juniors. MH reported that 7 of the squad places were filled after the first qualifier. The Pen-y-Coed supported Junior Award scheme will be restarted.

4.6 **Matters arising from AGM 2016**

Assembly. Agreed to hold on October 15th. Agreed that the venue should be in London. Aim to publish Agenda in July.

DB

Co-option for vacancies was discussed but no proposals made.

Appointment of Disciplinary Officer. Ken Buchan was proposed and agreed.

Fees – On the horizon are; Life member subscription; charitable status CASC; an EPA associated trust for bequests.

CB

4.7 **The 5 Action Streams Coaching, Youth Development, International Performance, Communication, Organisational growth.**

Communication and coaching were discussed.

It was felt that online communications were making progress but we need more help from the membership. MH to draft a job specification

MH

Coaching, Club coaches total 40 across 12 regions, 7 new applications. There are three new members to the coaching commission covering Sussex, IoW & Kernow, Northern. Details of the advanced club coach are now on the web. The next meeting of the CC is 14th May. There has been a request from the WPA for assistance developing their coaching structure.

4.8 **Any Other Business**

Junior and Vulnerable Persons Policy

Review by AF completed with minor changes. Need to provide a templated incident form and central point of contact. Agreed for AF to undertake online course and to be the point of contact.

AF/
DM

Disciplinary Case Review

The MC were requested to review the case of D Soriano who was under a 3 year ban (imposed a little over 2 years ago) and have agreed unanimously to suspend the ban with immediate effect. He is now able to apply for renewal of membership and take part in our events.

Wallingford Honorarium.

Need confirmation from DB [£100]

DB

4.9 **Date of next MC meeting**, May 14th by teleconference.

DB