

**EPA Management Committee Meeting  
Held at Hatfield, London  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2016 commencing at 9.30**



**Attendees**

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

Martin Hughes (MH)  
David Baxter (DB)  
Alan Forse (AF)  
Alan Roden (AR)  
Cary Bush (CB)

Action

- 6.1 Apologies for absence Bob Parker  
6.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 14th May were accepted as a true record.

6.3 **Action Points**

- 4.3 Junior Equipment – ongoing  
4.3 Circles have nearly all gone! Clarify that they are mandated for EPA events and strongly recommended for club and regional. DB  
4.3 EPA Merchandise definition is still ongoing ME  
4.8 J & VP ongoing, agreed target of July meeting for Safeguarding Policy to support named contact on web site which will be Alan Forse. DM

DB reported that the response from regions to nominate to the Disciplinary panel was slow. Agreed to re-iterate importance and clarify that it is a list akin to the Jury service list. DB

5.5 Clarification of eligibility rules has been obtained – the CEP is different from the FIPJP. The former do not have the Nationality constraints of the latter.

6.4 **Playing**

**Titles Weekend.** Went well with favourable weather. Total entries less than the previous year but the players not returning were mostly for reasons other than the format change, however need to keep this in mind when planning next year. The subsidiary competition structure of two knock out streams in the pm worked very well. We were able to get some good indicators for the Ghent selection.

**First Qualifiers day.** No issues to report. The Ladies ranking table is taking shape and has been published. Now looking to finalise the selection panel. We may need to provide feedback to players that are new into the list. It is an important tool for identifying new players for consideration e.g. for espoirs squad days. MH

**Junior Selection** the second day is 18<sup>th</sup> June and following that the team for Monaco will be chosen. There are plans to prepare for that by attending a training camp in Slovakia. We also have plans to send 6 to Frasnes in Belgium. The excellent work of the coaching team was recognised and is much appreciated.

**Espoirs.** Paul Lancaster has agreed to work with Simon Bird in developing and selecting the teams.[Teams for Torrelevaga, Spain (30.9.16 to 2.10.16)will be.  
Men : Simon Bird (Coach), Jack Blows, Ross Jones, Sam Blakey, Monty Quaia.  
Ladies: Paul Lancaster(coach), Sammy Thatcher, Kaylee Thatcher, Emma Longstaff,

Christina Norris

**Preparation for Championships** Ladies European in Slovakia in September. Have appointed Rowland Jones as team manger and will be attending the Kayl International in Luxembourg in July. Mens World Championships in December in Madagascar with preparation in an International event in Corsica.

**Veterans Qualifier** 19<sup>th</sup> June in Nottingham, 7 entries so format will be round robin, David Mason to control. DM

**National Qualifier 2** on 3<sup>rd</sup> of July has been moved to Rayne Swan. DB to update calendar, MH to organise. DB/  
MH

**Inter Regional Championships** Wales have been invited and will attend. Kernow will not have any teams so with odd numbers in all three categories it was agreed to have a full Combined squad. Therefore the total number of participating teams will be 202. Re the Challenge squad – it was agreed that if Devon cannot fulfil then ask Kernow if they want to send two teams. New score boards, double sided in aluminium to be sourced. It is possible that Mill Rytte will still have restrictions *Redacted*, ME to enquire. CB  
ME

**Eurocup 2016** The draw for the following day's EPA Cup was made. For the following year KB asked for some one to work with him with a view to taking over, AR expressed an interest. KB/  
AR

## 6.5 **Finance Report**

The regular reports are sent out to members, there were no questions.

New Membership system. It was agreed to proceed with an in house development on the basis of the quotation received from Alan Cregeen in the sum of £2250. Expected payment schedule is half at start and remainder on completion. DB, ME and RK to meet with Alan Cregeen to finalise. ME/  
DB/  
RK

CB reported on his research into charitable status for clubs. It is now clear that without this some forms of income are taxable and that we should also be looking at ways to limit the liability of officers and committees. Because there are a number of options available it was agreed that we should hold a session at the next Assembly Meeting to inform and help regions decide what is best for them. It was agreed that expenses be paid centrally to encourage attendance. It was stressed that such additional liability protection doesn't absolve us from the importance of doing ones risk assessments. CB/  
DB

CB felt that the EPA (as NGB) should register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and that he would look into the documentation required. It would not require an EGM but could be covered at the next AGM. CB

Membership now stands at 2666 which is 17 short of the previous years final total.

## 6.6 **Communications Strategy**

MH Presented a paper. Which stimulated a lively discussion. The following action points were agreed.

Circulate the document to get MC members for their detailed comments. DB

- Develop job specs for the major requirements. MH  
 Look to have some website behind a membership portal.  
 Post items in EPA News so that it also shows on the web site.
- 6.7 **Umpire's Report**
- In the absence of the National Umpire ME reported that the recent exam had been taken by 12 but only 4 had passed in the Club section and none in the county section. Concern was expressed at the apparent disconnect between the preparation and the exam and how this is not helping us get the umpires we need. It was agreed that ME write formally to the Umpires Commission making clear our requirement and requesting a plan. ME
- CR also requested the provision of Rules Awareness courses for new coaches. This should be specifically requested. CR
- 6.8 **Coaching Report**
- CR reported from the Coaching Commission which was attended by 12 members representing both Coaching and YDO for 8 regions, with five sending apologies. There are now 42 coaches that have been through the new Club Coach course. The recommendation that the wording of `regional coach` is replaced with that of `regional co-ordinator` to overcome any misinterpretation of the role as regional coach is not now a qualification was agreed.  
 Kit: A new jacket has been sourced cost will be split 50/50 with the coach.
- A new web site for coaches was being explored by the CC.
- 6.9 **Olympic Bid**
- Documents from the FIPJP on the work of the Federation of Boules Sport had been circulated. We are asked to contribute to the effort. It was agreed to explore the following avenues; contact IOC member, talk to Bocce governing body, talk to Sport England and the Sport and Recreation Alliance. DB/ME
- 6.10 **Sport England**
- Our relationship with Sport England and their proposed project to get the inactive to be active was discussed. Agreed that we need to press Sport England for a regular contact person and to find out more about the inactivity project. ME/DB
- 6.11 **Disciplinary Report**
- KB had circulated the results of his initial investigation into allegation of inappropriate conduct. *Redacted*  
 Club and Region to be notified of suspension after the member. KB  
 Undertake further investigation. KB
- 6.12 **Date of next MC meeting**, July 16<sup>th</sup> by teleconference. DB