



**EPA Management Committee Meeting
at Hatfields on 3rd September 2016
commencing at 9.30 a.m**

Attendees

Martin Eggleton (ME)
Ken Buchan (KB)
Martin Hughes,(MH)

Cary Bush (CB)
David Baxter (DB)
Colin Roper (CR)

Action

9.1 Apologies for absence Alan Forse (AF), David Mason (DM), Bob Parker, Ray Keemer-Richards (RK) Alan Roden (AR)

9.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 16th July were accepted as a true record.

9.3 **Action Points**

7.3 EPA Merchandise and circles

20 ties have been sent for embroidery. Circles still selling well! Confirmed EPA will only supply by the dozen £30, clubs wanting fewer should work through their region.

7.3 J&VP Draft document on Safeguarding.

It was agreed that the Policy Statement should be separated from the detailed Procedures. Input and comment on the impact of procedures must come from the Commissions - Coaching, Playing, Umpiring. DM/
AF

7.3 Olympic Bid

Currently trying to ascertain if World Bowls is part of the bid. DB has written to C Azema but so far no response. Agreed to write to CEP President for help in clarification before approaching IOC members. The next host city will be announced in September 2017 and it could be Paris. DB

7.3 Sport England

No response to our emails, President will call. ME

9.4 **Finance**

Main difficulty is reconciling competition entries with prize value and there are still some prizes outstanding. Maybe better to have fixed prize rather than percentage of income. We have multiple people booking trips but this has created a need for better coordination. Can we identify one or two roles that could be carried out by members not on the MC? ME/
MH
DB/
ME

Charitable Status

CB presented on the options available to clubs and the NGB. Two significant benefits are ability to take advantage of gift aid and reduction of tax liability. Agreed to ask consultant to present at The Assembly on October 15th and to give direction for Regions as well as Clubs. CB

For the NGB it was agreed that CB put the papers together for move to Charitable

Trust with or without incorporation in time for March 2017 AGM. CB

New Membership system. Work is under way with a January 2017 target date.

9.5 **Playing**

Home Nations. England were top with 80 wins. The inclusion of Jersey was a very successful innovation. Probable that England would host in 2017 and then Jersey in 2018. It was agreed that the England Squad were too strong and that we should look at promoting something with near European neighbours that would take the top 4 or 5 EPA teams out of the Home Nations and provide them with a more challenging event. MH to draft a proposal that could be put to the other countries. MH

Over 50s Doubles 16 teams was not a good entry compared to 28 the previous year. Too many other events on. Is this a failure of protocol or indication that the event should be earlier in the year? ME

Eurocup 2016 Semi-Final Metz Our team from Baldock played with credit but their first match was the key encounter with the Danish Club and after losing that they were unlikely to get to the finals.

Women's Squad is complete, 14 members based on ranking points plus two wild card places going to Claire White and Lisa Edmundsen-Jackson. It was noted that there are two Juniors in the list. The next steps are; Choose selectors 3?, 2 squad days to divide to an A and B squad. One day this season, one early next year hopefully indoors (Is Dunkerque possible? KB to enquire). Take the A squad (2 teams of 4) to Ladies competition in Europe. Run through into next years qualifying cycle. It was agreed that there was a need for some one to coordinate the squad activity and communications. But finding that person may be difficult. MH to stake soundings at Hayling for selectors and a coordinator. Look to announce the squad at Hayling. KB
MH
ME

Current England Ladies had a good trip to Kayl, Luxembourg and are all set for the Europeans in Bratislava on 10th and 11th September.

European Singles Championships, Nimes. 4-6th November 2016. The following have been selected. Ladies Sarah Huntley (Winner of the Singles Title weekend and winner of the ladies Singles Ranking event).

Men, Dean Seville (Winner of the Singles Title weekend and member of the team that won the men's triples qualification).

World Championships, Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Ghent 13-16 April 2017. Agreed that we need more clarity on the event structure before making a selection.

Espoirs arrangements for the European Championships, Torrelavega, 30/9 to October 2 2016 are with Simon Bird and Paul Lancaster – no issues.

Men's World Championships Triples Antananarivo Madagascar, 1-4 December 2016. Team had a successful trip to Corsica for an international invitation event and have agreed Simon Bird as manager. There is now a website but we don't have any details yet so agreed to write to FIPJP. DB

Junior European Championships Monaco, 28-30th October 2016. Preparative work has progressed well and some issues over accommodation and supervision in Monaco have been resolved.

Veterans European Championships Triples, Monaco 18-20th October. Bob Gaywood making arrangements, no issues to report.

Champion of Champions Organisers were agreed as follows;
Over 50 Doubles 25th September at Waltham Abbey, M Hughes
Doubles Saturday 8th October at Oxshott, M Hughes
Triples, Sunday 9th October at Oxshott, M Eggleton.
DB to ask Regions for their teams.

Inter Regional Championships

Junior Shooting. We have been asked if all Juniors that want to can take part. This can be done by changing the programme to 4 games Saturday and 5 on Sunday and if SCPA provide the 3 shooting kits promised and all the junior managers work together to run it. Agreed, DB to inform all Junior managers.

DB

We will need volunteers for set up on Friday and take down on Monday. Agreed to appeal to regions.

DB

Playing Calendar 2017. Agreed that we need a first draft by the next meeting (15th October)

ME/
MH

Annual Playing Review, date set aside 17th December.

9.6 **Umpiring**

It was reported that there would be an Umpires Commission on 5th November. It was agreed that the MC are very concerned by the paucity of qualified umpires and the recent high failure rate in the exam. We expect the Commission to come up with a plan to proactively find, train and qualify, club, regional and national umpires.

9.7 **Coaching**

CR reported on the continued good progress of the work of the Commission. Club level. In the last quarter course were held in Thames Valley, Sussex and Northern regions and 9 new coaches passed which takes the total since commencement of the new scheme to 49. With past certified coaches we now have a total of 85.

Advance Course. CR is putting himself through the course as a test. The development of a Tactical Workshop is done and Rules Awareness Workshop is near completion. The new Coaching jacket is available, cost is £29 2/3rds being borne by the member.

9.8 **Disciplinary Report**

KB had circulated his latest report and a letter from the Head of the Disciplinary Panel. *Redacted*

KB

Communications Strategy

The comments on the strategy paper had been circulated. KB asked to add that there should be something about bottom up from members and the use of surveys. Several ideas were discussed including appointing a coordinator of content, job description required, website redesign, branding review. It was agreed that we should start with the website design and that would require some professional help. ME said he would explore with a contact to get a pointer to suitable designer. MH

9.10 Assembly Agenda

A number of suggestions had come in from regions and it was agreed to include some of the ideas. It was agreed to structure the meeting as follows.

1. 'State of nation' address by President 30 mins
 2. Charitable Status presentation 90 mins
- Break for refreshment
3. Communications review built around MH's paper and plans for website, encompassing Devon communications concerns and HoE idea for Organiser Handbook.
 - 4 Discussion on the Presidents Review to include Ladies Selection .

Agreed that the HoE – Boulodrome and Southern - Tiered Membership ideas not be on the agenda, secretary to write to those regions. Boulodrome paper to be circulated to MC members and discussed at next meeting. DB

Support for members to attend in the form of 2x advance economy rail fares per region to be paid centrally was agreed. DB

9.11 Any Other Business

Life Membership 2016. A proposal *redacted* was not recommended by the panel because of insufficient service to the association. Agreed not to support.

Club Small Grant Fund applications from Worthing £49 and Wallingford £172.94 were approved.

9.12 Date of next MC meeting, October 15th at Friends Meeting House. DB