



**EPA Management Committee Meeting
by teleconference on 19th November 2016
commencing at 9.30 a.m**

Attendees

David Baxter (DB) Cary Bush (CB)
Martin Hughes,(MH)
Alan Roden (AR) Ray Keemer-Richards

Action

- 11.1 Apologies for absence Ken Buchan (KB), Martin Eggleton (ME), Alan Forse (AF) , Colin Roper (CR)
- 11.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 15th October were accepted as a true record.
- 11.3 **Action Points**
- 7.3 Circles. CB and ME to meet this week CB/
7.3 J&VP Draft document on Safeguarding. ME
Defer to next meeting.
- 7.3 Olympic Bid and 7.3 Sport England DB and ME to discuss approach in new year
- 9.4 Discrete roles Several offers have been received.
International Teams agreed Richard Powell
Results Coordinators agreed Pete Barrett, DB to support.
- 9.9. Web Designer – Several Offers received, agreed to see if Ben Alexander would DB
lead and project manage. Arrange a discussion
- 9.10 The Boulodrome scope paper was discussed. Suggested that small should be a region focus and large a national focus but needs more detail. Agreed that ME/MH/DB meet in new year to develop.
- 11.4 **Finance**
- Charity Status. CB to meet with legal people to see if membership fee can be gift aided.
- Coventry Storage facility has nearly been cleared and will be closed when contract ends in December. MH
- Meeting with ME on Thursday to deal with outstanding issues on circles, expenses, players contributions and debtors. May be licence suspension will have to be invoked. MH offered to press the individuals concerned. MH/
CB
- Budget Process. CB to attend Playing Review meeting on 17 Dec to discuss budget for squads, trips and International Tri-way invitation. Needs a paper in advance, need to add Veterans to existing groups.
- 11.5 **Playing**
- European Singles Championships**, re-instated in Sweden was very well organised and run. Agreed to write in appreciation. DB/

- Both players qualified for the Championship but failed to get into the Quarter Final. Jack Blows did a good job supporting Sarah Huntley. MH
- Ladies Squad** events. A good contact has been made with PUK club in Holland but it has not been possible to arrange anything so far. MH
- Men's in 2017** It was noted that the Ladies process was not complete so difficult to claim it as a model. After a discussion on squads, engagement and three man teams it was agreed to hold a full session at the January F2F meeting. MH to circulate a note on the options beforehand. MH
- Home Nations**
It was reported that there was negative feedback from Scotland and Wales over the cost. It was agreed that the possibility of partial subsidy should be examined in the light of the £3000 that has been accrued to support the event. CB to discuss with ME on this and International Tri-way, similarly. We should also explain the benefits of running the event at Hayling as an all inclusive solution. CB/ME
- Eurocup 2016/17**
AR reported that he was still looking for umpires for Oxshott and Whitnash.
- Playing Calendar 2017.** Venue process was discussed. It was agreed that where venue size was important we would choose but for smaller events we should seek bids from clubs. MH to write up lane requirements, DB to send out request. MH/DB
- 11.6 **Umpiring**
It was reported that there would be an Umpires Commission on 26th November. It is expected that the meeting will address the issue of feedback to candidates who had failed the exam. RP
- 11.7 **Coaching**
CR report was circulated before the meeting. On the issue of DBS Verifiers it was agreed that the role is purely administrative and so they do not need DBS clearance themselves.
- 11.8 **Disciplinary Report**
The latest report from KB is that the ongoing disciplinary is set for December 10th.
A new disciplinary matter arising from conduct in Monaco has been referred to Ken but no report available at this time.
- 11.9 **Venue for AGM**
The current date is the last day of the Rugby 6 nations so it was agreed to move to March 25th to avoid this clash. Current approach is to Botany Bay PC. DB
- 11.10 **Membership** will end the year higher than last year. 1 club and 44 members have joined since October. We will be using IMG for the membership renewal.
- 11.11 **Date of next MC meeting**, December 19th 9.30 am by a teleconference DB