

EPA Management Committee Meeting
Held by teleconference
12th December 2015 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)
Colin Roper (CR)
Bob Parker (BP)

Action

- 12.1 Apologies for absence Ray Keemer-Richards
12.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 14th November were accepted as a true record and ready for publication.

12.3 **Action Points**

11.3 East Midlands

The division is going ahead

11.3 Obut

EM reported on his meeting. Obut want to grow their market but have a limited marketing budget. Some sponsorship opportunities are being discussed.

ME

11.3 DBS Policy

Had been circulated by AF. After a discussion it was agreed that the primary responsibility for maintaining currency lay with the member. Agreed to finalise and publish.

AF
DB

11.3 Structure Review

DB reported he had received comment from AF and John Roberts and would welcome some more before he writes up for January meeting.

DB

11.9 Insurance

We have a new quote from our broker who are using new Insurers. There will be a modest increase in premium. Are coaches covered at non-EPA venues? - Yes, but they should carry out a Risk Assessment on arrival.

ME

11.9 Redacted

ME

12.4 **Finance Report**

This is a quiet period. Players have raised an issue regarding their contribution v actual cost. Invoicing of course fees has been done, DBS still to be done.. Monthly updates for MC members should be coming by automated email from next month.

CB

12.5 **Membership Report**

IMG Renewal.

There has been no change regarding email address as key ID.

Membership Renewal 2016

Around 50 members have already renewed and their status in the system was queried. DB to discuss with RK. The privacy statement that members see during renewal relates to Australia and members felt it should be reworded. EM to provide text as it is the EPA who responsible to their members and IMG are responsible to the EPA.

EM

The process of transfers at renewal was queried. DB agreed to discuss with RK and to document if the process has been altered.

DB

RK

12.6 **Playing**

Junior Ladies Worlds Review

Manager's report on the Ladies is still awaited. Date has been set for the joint review meeting - December 19th.

Playing Commission

Report on the way forward was circulated on the eve of this meeting so it was agreed to defer discussion to January. In the meantime MH will gather responses from PC and MC members and encouraged members to write up their thoughts to MH by end of first week of January.

All

Playing Calendar

Charity Competition date has not been set but should be if it is to maximise support.

ME

Setting of venues and organisers needs to be addressed.

ME

MH

Over 50s CEP Nationality

A question on this has been received, agreed to clarify directly with M Pegg.

MH

12.7 **Coaching Report**

Now have 24 new coaches and the new shirts have been received and distributed. The next CC meeting is January. The last course held was in Devon, the next planned is for GW region. It was agreed that these activities should be publicised on the web. The Coaching pages also need updating in the light of recent progress.

CR

MH

CR

Advanced Course. Preparation going well. CR has identified three external courses that can cover Vulnerable Persons/First Aid/Equity for a total cost of £105. It was agreed that it would be for the individuals or Regions to fund in the first instance. There is also provision in the budget to support this if needed.

12.8 **Umpire's Report**

BP reported that there were 4 definite applicants for the Umpire's Course. (fee is £25) 6 is the preferred minimum but could go to 20. It was agreed that a date when Mike and John can run a course be found and put in the calendar which we will then publicise and promote.

BP

Rules Awareness Course. Can be run by Regional Umpires, the fee is £10. BP

Documentation and application form to be circulated to MC members. BP

For new members we have a basic document that can be used. BP to send to ME.

12.9 **Any Other Business**

Home Nations. - Scotland and Wales have agreed that it would be a good idea to include Jersey. Scotland need to look at the accommodation logistics for the 2016 event to see if it is feasible.

Worlds 2016 is officially still Tahiti but rumour still abounds.

Worlds 2017 Singles and Doubles in Ghent may be March 6-9th.

KB commented on an exchange he had seen on Facebook relating to Junior boule equipment for use in schools.

<https://www.facebook.com/jamie.lewis.3154284/posts/403672856497681>

MH agreed to approach Jamie Lewis to see if there is something we could learn and take up or support. MH

12.10 **Date of next MC meeting**, January 16th at Hatfields. DB