



**EPA Management Committee Meeting
at Hatfields on 14th January 2017
commencing at 9.30 a.m**

Attendees

David Baxter (DB)	Ken Buchan (KB)	
Cary Bush (CB)	Martin Eggleton (ME),	Alan Forse (AF)
Martin Hughes (MH)	Ray Keemer-Richards (RK)	David Mason(DM)
Alan Roden (AR)	Colin Roper (CR)	
Annette Eggleton (Notes)	Jim Marstin (Club renewals)	

Action

- 1.1 Apologies for absence Bob Parker(BP)
- 1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 17th December were accepted as a true record.
- 1.3 **Action Points**
 - 7.3 Circles. Should be complete except ME to look into GWR order. ME
 - 12.3 Discrete Roles. web design arranging meeting. DB
 - 12.10 Complaints Procedure not yet removed pending a replacement. Agreed to put one liner holding statement. DB
 - 12.4 Insurance Renewal Completed. Enhancements are increased Come and try to 5, guest membership of 1 month, club committee cover for running a club league that includes non EPA members. Details to be posted. CB/ME
 - 12.4 Home Nations Financing. Other nations have been told the price and arrangements, no response so far.
- 1.4 **Playing**
 - Playing Commission Review** ME
 - Took place on December 17th and included from the Youth squad, M Blyton and B Stote; from the Espoirs P Lancaster and S Bird,; Ladies team manager R Jones, C Roper for the Coaching Commission; Officers MH and CB. Current organisational strengths lies within the younger groups and there is now a need to complete the Ladies group and build for the Men and Veterans. CB
 - The vision** is for squads from which teams are selected. Squad based on player ranking, annual cycle competitions for ranking points gives squad, squad to teams and repeat following year. A technical support group that work with each team and liaise across the squads. Currently the resources to do this are too limited. How to move towards this vision was discussed. MH/
 - Points made; Complete the ladies cycle successfully (ME); make clear the selection is the goal(AR);Continue with delay, delay -no (AR); Qualify teams of 3, commission adds fourth.(KB); Question whether teams of 4 have done better than teams of 3?(DM); Should admit that Qualifying for the next year and teams of 4 have not given expected benefit(DB); MH should not be leading on Ladies, really needs a Woman (MH); Only fund Junior and Espoir group?(DM); Need the right CB

leadership for this to work(AF).

Plans for 2017

Ladies. Complete first cycle with squad weekend in April indoors in Dunkirk, replace MH as leader, select team for WC (3-9 December, China), repeat ranking cycle.

Men. Start first ranking cycle with qualifying comps similar to ladies, engage with players to refine detail and seek people to help, squad day towards year end. Support qualified team for men's Europeans 21-24 Sept, St Pierre les Elbeuf, France

MH

Junior and Espoirs continue as 2016 (Junior worlds, 3-9 December, China) (Espoirs european championships tbc). Agreed that this is a good time to evolve the Junior organisation.

Veterans Continue with qualifier for European Championships until we are able to repeat squad structure.

MH

Actions. MH to prepare communication.

Venues for 2017 playing programme were agreed.

Eurocup 2017/18 Agreed that the November round is not satisfactory and that the whole competition be brought forward by at least one month.

AR

World Championships Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Ghent, Belgium, April 14-16th will be S Huntley & S Thatcher ladies doubles, J Blows & D Seville mens doubles, Dean Seville and S Thatcher singles, J Blows and S Huntley mixed doubles.

MH reported that he had set up an EPA Twitter account.

1.5 **Disciplinary Matters**

Redacted

1.6 **Finance**

Charitable Status. May not be in a position to propose detail rule change at AGM. Maybe seek approval to explore?

Rulebooks. DB reported that he had two quotes for 10,000 books. Agreed to accept the quotation from Royale Printers who have supplied our membership cards.

DB

Draft Accounts for 2016 were presented.

Expense Approvals. It was agreed that Treasurer only approval needed for expense claims below £200.

CB

1.7 **Safeguarding**

The documents revised by AF and DM had been circulated. The need for local Safeguarding officers was discussed and it was agreed to look for Regional level. Need to write to Regions as part of roll out.

ME

Training and awareness remain an issue. It was agreed to make it a topic at the Assembly meeting.

DB

1.8 **Umpiring**

Minutes of the recent Umpires Commission were not yet available.

1.9 **Coaching**

Club coach training progressing well. New multi-region meetings are planned. It was agreed that there is a need to identify coaches that can progress so as to support the work of technical groups. CR reported that he was developing contacts with European coaches with a view to involving them in the future.

AGM

No planned resolutions from MC.

Can any catering arrangements be publicised ahead?

MC members period expiring are, ME, MH, DB, AR and KB

1.10 **Any other Business.**

DM reported that discussions with Warwick DC about possible bouldrome are continuing.

AR queried the availability of promotional video?

RK queried the need to maintain emergency contact information when we move to the new database.

CB reported that City of bath PC were pursuing promotional work via the Sport England over 55s initiative.

12.11 **Date of next MC meeting**, February 18th 9.30 am at Hatfields.

DB