



**EPA Management Committee Meeting
at Hatfields on 8th April 2017
commencing at 9.30 a.m**

Attendees

David Baxter (DB)	Ken Buchan (KB)
Cary Bush (CB)	Martin Eggleton (ME),
Martin Hughes (MH)	David Mason(DM)
Alan Roden (AR)	Colin Roper (CR)
Annette Eggleton (Notes)	Alan Forse (AF)

Action

- 4.1 Apologies for absence, Ray Keemer-Richards (RK), Jim Marstin (JM), Bob Parker(BP)
- 4.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 18th February were accepted as a true record.

4.3 Action Points

2.3 Complaints Procedure draft circulated, comments needed. All

2.3 Insurance Renewal Documents now on the website. CB has checked "Explained Doc" and it is still correct except for new provisions that need adding. CB

Clubs cover is limited, agreed to seek alternate quotes. CB

Coaches need to be covered when working ;outside EPA' CB

CB also felt it would be helpful if we could cover players travel insurance need. CB

Lease issue was less urgent but there is a need to know which clubs have leases such as those moving from pubs to Sports clubs. DB

2.4 Charitable Status Legal opinion received that suggests membership can qualify for gift aid but it needs to be separated from direct benefit items such as insurance. After a discussion it was agreed to send ideas for splitting the membership and insurance to Cary who would arrange to test them. All/C
B

2.5 AGM No direct actions arising. Communications issues were raised and insurance confusion caused by cross communication! Agreed that all insurance questions be funnelled to Cary so that there can be a single consistent voice. All/
CB

1.7 Safeguarding. Final step is the President's letter to Regions and SO listing on the web site. DB/
ME

2.8 Disciplinary Matters.

Redacted

4.4 Playing

World Championships, 1s, 2s, m2s. Party travels on Weds 12th April to Ghent. HoD, M Eggleton, Ross Jones and Jonathan Sewell team coaches. M Hughes and J Sewell drivers. Seeking practice time on Wednesday at a local club.

Eurocup 2016-17 Finals won by Baldock Town who have been notified to the CEP. Confirmed that there is £1500 support available. CB

EPA Cup was won by Beacon View PC, Southern region.

Eurocup 2017-18

Rule change for finals which will now include a singles round (6 matches). It was agreed that this part of the format to only be used at the semi-final and final

stages. Timetable for organisation is; letter out to clubs, copy to regions asap to enable a draw at the June MC Meeting (17th). AR

Festival of Pétanque 29/30th July

We now have the local authority Event Licence. International Junior even will involve Luxembourg, France and Slovakia.

Ladies Programme. The training W/E in Dunkerque with French coaches arranged for 22/23 April will have 13 of the 16 able to attend. Travel by Minibus, M Hughes to drive, C Roper from coaching commission to support.

Youth Squad

The multi venue 1st selection day was a success, now planning for day 2 on April 22nd at the Plough, Langford. It was confirmed that there is no fee for Juniors playing in National competitions. Group would benefit from video analysis. Financing options to be discussed. ME/
CB

Espoirs Squad

Have had a coaching day. Some concern over the number of female espoirs. Opportunities to play in Kayle and St Omer.

Men's Programme.

Looking to take up to 16 men (essentially top 16 from 2016) to Maaseik, Belgium. For a 1s, 2s, 3s weekend. It is the same weekend in August as the Home Nations so we are reducing the strength of our HN team. MH

Home Nations and HNQ.

Qualifier is May 7th, Nottingham help needed to organise, DM volunteered. Hayling venue is confirmed, SPA have made some bookings. Some help will be needed with preparation on the Friday. DM
Home Nations subcommittee, President, A Eggleton and R Powell.

Titles Weekend

ME reported that J Thatcher has it under control. The formats will be as last year. Next thing will be to seek bids for the 3 year cycle 2018-2020.

Men's Europeans Team Manager. Matt Eversden has been agreed.

Player Contributions

Are being paid.

Inter-regional at Hayling

ME confirmed that the Mill Rythe accommodation was now booked but that there was good availability at Park Dean. IoW Tours would manage the specific changes and requirements as they unfold.

First Qualifier at Gravesend 14th May.

Entries are coming in. Help will be needed to run this event. ME

Playing Commission

The way the Playing Commission is working was reviewed and discussed. There was a general acceptance that we need a group to look after the running of events and a group that are focussed on national performance. How these are structured and populated needs further discussion. There are people in the regions that are competent organisers. ME suggested that an Events group could provide a framework for competition organising skills and Step 1 would be to create the ME/
DB

structure. AE offered to write a structure outline for tasks.

4.5 **Boulodrome Options**

MH presented on an inflatable option, DM reported on his progress with a 2nd hand shell but was concerned about business rates liability which would make the running costs untenable. It was agreed that the capital cost could be raised but without an ongoing business plan there was no way forward.

4.6 **Branding Exercise**

MH reported the results of a branding exercise that an agency had done for him. How do we identify ourselves. There was a positive response for "Pétanque England" but an alternative logo was more difficult. Thoughts on objects, flag, stylised person are required.

All

4.7 **Year Ahead Planning**

Schedule of dates was agreed. An alternate London location to Hatfields will cost at least £200.

DB

Policy Objectives

1. Incorporation (with or without charitable status.
2. Implementation plan for Good Governance. Agreed that an action plan (constructive and largely complete) be brought to June MC Meeting

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Possible schools initiative around the IFS and national Council for School Sports? Circulate links.

DB

ME wants the June meeting to be strategic not operational. He needs priorities from all MC members. Any changes should be in draft form for the Assembly and then final form for AGM in March 2018.

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ME

4.8 **Finance**

Position is strong post AGM.

The Club SGF has only granted about a £1000 in its lifetime and proposed that we rethink the use. Perhaps as a loan fund for club infrastructure projects where clubs are having to move from pubs to clubs and leisure centres. Seek ideas from the review panel and others and discuss again in the light of the June Strategy meeting.

DB

Shooting Kit

There is considerable interest from ourselves and across regions for new kit. A quote has been received through contact in the Southern region for a one or two piece solution. It was agreed that a second quote was needed before a decision on any subsidy.

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Kent Marketing Initiative

A request from KPA for £2000 to support their marketing at Kent County Show was discussed. Members were sceptical as to the value of such efforts but would support a net increase in KPA members at £20 per head. (based on direct evidence or membership a year on.)

4.9 **Coaching**

103 Club coaches now in place with DBS clearance. Next Commission meeting is 6th May. Looking at separation of coaching from Youth development as Chiltern have done.

4.10 **Membership**

New system development had been stalled but now optimistic we may have the entries part available for this year.

4.11 **Any other Business.**

DC Pétanque have asked about a stand at the IR Championship. We are waiting a response from Pen-y-coed. ME

Need to publicise where J and VP go for assistance. DB

4.12 **Date of next MC meeting**, May 20th 9.30 am by Teleconference DB