

**EPA Management Committee Meeting
by teleconference on 22nd July 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)

Action

- 7.1 Apologies for absence, Alan Forse (AF), Ray Keemer-Richards, Bob Parker (BP), Jim Marstin,
- 7.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 17th June were accepted as a true record.

7.3 Action Points

6.5 Playing Structures. Initial feedback from 3 regions was discussed. It was agreed that the harking back to previous ways of working was disappointing and the meeting reaffirmed the commitment to getting away from a few people doing a lot to many people doing a little. With regard to the 6 suggestions from J Thatcher it was considered that the twice yearly meeting with regional officers is too expensive for a talking shop and that the ideas on calendar, venues, marketing, live streaming and involvement of players are similar to the thinking behind our proposals – secretary to advise.

DB

6.5 International Teams Coordinator. R Powell has declined to reconsider. Need to have the data he has assembled.

MH

6.5 Branding. It was agreed that the art work be requested and MH be empowered to offer a donation to a charity of their choice if necessary/appropriate. It was agreed that Hayling be a reveal not a go-live for all documentation. Agreed to purchase domain names needed at approx £8 per annum.

DB/
ME

Disciplinary HoE. The Disciplinary Officer reported that he has sufficient evidence to lay a charge of misconduct against *redacted*. Agreed that he proceed.

KB

The Secretary confirmed that all other actions were on the agenda or completed.

7.4 Incorporation

Consultation Document – no substantive changes but agreed to remove word postal so as to leave balloting method flexible and to phrase the questionnaire to seek views not imply a clause by clause vote. Agreed to review and issue early next week and agree by email by 28th July, so as to keep to the timetable for issue (5th August issue to members).

KB

Consultation Support. Agreed to plan 'road shows' but also be prepared to attend regional meetings.

Balloting method. Could be on line, there are multiple options available. May be in the end that to avoid challenge we will need to go postal whatever the cost.

DB

7.5 Promoting Pétanque to Women

A report produced by the group had been circulated. Agreed that it is an excellent piece of work. How to implement the recommendations was discussed. Agreed to ask if the group would continue and prototype some of the ideas that they had put forward. There is a need within our community to show how something works.

DB

Support we can provide - Women coaches, financial support, role models, other contributors. Agree to consider this report when looking at the website redesign. Open the possibility with them of someone attending MC to report progress with an option on secondment.

7.6 Finance

Insurance Renewal.- seems to be an ever increasing list of exclusions so losing confidence in current brokers, therefore approaching other brokers with a fresh mandate. Agreed we need players to be covered for 3rd party liability wherever they play. The club issues are more complex because of the variation in club circumstances. Other broker suggestions to CB

All

Data Protection. New regulations come into force by May 2018. Can explain potential exposure at next meeting.

CB

Regular reports are missing balance sheets. Last years HN 2016 fees were not paid, being corrected. The current HN fees have already been paid so that players can book Mill Rythe.

7.7 Playing

Vets Qualifier 18th June, Oxshott

10 teams entered. Winners were J-L Guiot, R Silvey, D Turner and S Turner. Need to remind teams of contributions and the new rules on alcohol testing. This the only event with a single day qualifier for one team which is not very robust. Need to consider in the light of move to selection elsewhere.

Doubles Qualifier 2nd July Worthing

39 Teams in total, Worthing was a good venue with a variety of surfaces, Tiny Neville organised, MH attended. Winners were Women S Huntley and E Longstaff Men S Prendergast and J Blows.

MH

Triples Qualifier 23rd July

16 Men and 10 Women teams entered. A Eggleton to organise, M Hughes to attend.

Festival of Pétanque 29/30th July

Everything is in hand, closing date will be the Wednesday before.

RK

Coaching Commission will have a stand. PA system would be helpful, agreed that it would be best to hire for this event.

Home Nations 12-13th August.

ME

Kit is being sourced, Adrian Thomas & Bob Parker will help ME and AE on the day, looking at gifts for exchange. S Huntley now going to Belgium so will be replaced in her team.

Maaseik, Belgium

Women's squad to Luxembourg has not been possible so have been able to add two Women's teams into the competition. Travel will be by mix of mini-bus and cars, total of 24. Players will contribute to cover the travel cost.

MH

The Espoirs A and B will go to St Omer on the HN weekend.

7.8 Membership

Updated list of clubs has been sent to members. New system prototype available.

7.9 Any other Business

Statement received from Friends House. Are we current?

7.10 Date of next MC meeting, September 9th 9.30 am at the London Mathematical Society, De Morgan house, 57-58 Russell Square, London WC1B 4HS

DB

Meeting closed at 12.15