



**EPA Management Committee Meeting  
London Mathematical Society  
De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square  
London WC1B 4HS  
on 18<sup>th</sup> November 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)	Jim Marstin (JM)
Colin Roper (CR)	Annette Eggleton (notes)	

**Action**

11.1 Apologies for absence, Kath Brooks (KB), Glenn Floyd (GF), Bob Parker(BP), Alan Roden (AR),

11.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> October were accepted as a true record.

11.3 **Action Points**

10.3 Mill Rythe alternates. Looking at Universities. One considering it and one declined as too expensive. Continuing to investigate. DM

10.3 Speed of Disciplinary process – carry forward KB/  
GWR have suspended a player from their competitions and worry about ME  
circumvention. Agreed that they would need to refer it to the DO if they want  
action at the National level. CB

10.5 Debtors Too many players are taking too long to pay their contribution to a  
trip. After a discussion it was agreed that a clear rule is required for 2018 that  
debts be settled, or payment plan commenced, within three months of invoice. CB/  
Also suggested that non responders be denied a licence when they renew and have ME  
to wait 3 months for a licence when they do settle. Rule to be drafted.

HoE Disciplinary This is now concluded, *redacted* has accepted a sanction and  
regions, leagues and clubs have been notified.

10.6 Assembly Meeting was poorly attended but there were useful contributions  
from several members on incorporation.

11.4 **Incorporation**

**Draft Ballot Paper** DB

To register Pétanque England as the company name we need 3<sup>rd</sup> party support to  
show Companies House that it is legitimate to have England in the name. This is  
being sought from Sport England and will also approach CEP and FIPJP. In view of  
this agreed to simplify the ballot question and not include the name or company  
registration.

**Plan and Process**

The Process document that had been circulated was agreed. It should be sent out  
as soon as possible to Regions, Leagues and Clubs. DB

The shortfall of Arbitrators could be a problem. Therefore it was resolved to Call an  
EGM for the sole purpose of electing Arbitrators. Possible venues are Hartley PC or  
London after the January MC meeting. ME/  
DB

A possible AGM venue was Beales Hotel, Hatfield which has a meeting room that  
DB

would accommodate 60 people for £200. Agreed unanimously that this would suffice.

#### **Consultation Response Document**

KB was congratulated on an excellent report. It was agreed that it should be issued as soon as possible but needs to be anonymised first. KB

**Articles of Association.** The circulated document was discussed and clarified. The principle objective was modified in the light of feedback received during the consultation. The revised Articles were agreed unanimously. DM/  
DB

**The Rules** had been circulated. The Commissions sections were expanded in line with feedback in the consultation and then were agreed unanimously.

#### **Key Changes Document**

After a discussion it was agreed that this should also go out with the ballot paper. There should also be a clear statement from ME that the MC are unanimously behind the proposals. KB/  
ME/  
DB

### 11.5 **Finance**

#### **Insurance Renewal**

Request for quotation is out to 3 companies. The request has included full coverage for committees, more open events as well as come and try. Plus cyber and data cover. CB/  
ME

#### **Data Protection.**

CB reported on attendance at GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations) course and the changes we need to ensure cyber security and privacy. Agreed to form a sub committee to assess and make recommendations. ME/CB/DB/RK

### 11.6 **Playing**

**Junior and Womens Worlds** in China November 2-10th. The committee recorded its thanks to Colin Roper, Martin Hughes and Scott Ashby for their stewardship of the Junior and Women's teams in China. In return MH commended the work of ME and AE in getting the visas arranged.

The highlight of the Women's performance was the win against Thailand (defending world champions) so it was disappointing to miss out on a top 8 spot, which now becomes our target. Only two European teams finished ahead of us so expectations are high for next years European Championships. The Chinese organisation was excellent. The only disappointing aspect was the lack of an indoor arena so that heavy rain disrupted one of the days.

The Juniors conducted themselves very well and were a credit to the Association. They missed out in the main but went on to win a bronze medal in the Nations Cup.

#### **FIPJP Congress highlights.**

Mens World Championships 2018 will be in Desbiens City, Quebec 13-16<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Iran and Nepal were admitted as new members.

The finances appear solid.

Anti doping procedures – expect request to be made for all NGBs to provide an update on their progress.

Malaysia elected to the FIPJP committee.

Next Junior and Womens Worlds will be in Cambodia in 2019.

Nationality rule remains unchanged (can apply for an exemption for one non national to be included).

### **Calendar 2018**

Draft has been issued. Now need to solicit venues. RK reported that the club renewal form has been amended to gather some venue information. One region had queried the loss of a Regional Day, Agreed to add August 19<sup>th</sup>. Could Eurocup be extended to more than 2 teams per club? Could be in the future review.

DB

### 11.7 **Membership**

In the process of revising forms for next year. New software may be used in parallel but working system for renewals will be IMG next year.

All regions have been asked to confirm precepts. TV AGM is not until January so agreed that no change could be made that late. DB to advise.

DB

### 11.8 **Inter Regionals**

ME reported on a meeting with IoW tours and declared a lunch. Action points; will look at state of car park top dressing; discontinue the day trips; Mill Rythe have planning permission and are looking at adding self catering caravans; Day pass is acceptable in principle now looking at cost and policing; There will be a regions only booking period from mid January for one month.

ME

### 11.9 **Any other Business**

Now 12 Regional safeguarding offices have been appointed, following up on remaining 4. Would like to see DBS process improved for people not able to meet with a verifier. Not sure if that would be legal need to check with provider.

AF/  
ME

Would MC consider paying for combined kit in the future? No.

### 11.10 **Date of next MC meeting**, December 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am by teleconference.

DB