

**EPA Management Committee Meeting  
at London Mathematical Society  
De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square  
London WC1B 4HS  
on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 commencing at 9.30 a.m**



**Attendees**

David Baxter (DB)	Kath Brooks (KB)	Ken Buchan (KB)	
Cary Bush (CB)	Martin Eggleton (ME),	Glenn Floyd (GF)	Alan Forse (AF)
Ray Keemer-Richards(RK)		David Mason (DM)	
Jim Marstin (JM)	Alan Roden (AR)	Colin Roper (CR)	Annette Eggleton (AE)

**Action**

- 1.1 Apologies for absence Martin Hughes (MH)
- 1.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> December were accepted as a correct record.
- 1.3 **Action Points**
  - 12.3 Mill Rythe alternates. Warwick University are a possible, agreed to site visit. DM
  - 12.3 Speed of Disciplinary process – review panel will involve other sports and look at regional level disciplinary with a few to providing framework. KB
  - 12.5 Debtors. Payments plans are all agreed but not all are started. Should we revert to money up front or help people get started on finding sponsorship GF agreed to act as advisor. Needs to go in playing rules that an agreed payment plan is in place. Contract of representation needs review. CR/C B/ME
  - Eurocup Group CD will be Oxshott on April 6/7, still seeking venue for groups A/B
  - 12.10 Perceptions around selection are what worries players not the criteria. Allegations of favouritism have been made. GF
  - Data protection rules, have an agenda but not a date. DB
- 1.4 **Incorporation**
  - Ballot Progress**
  - Papers were dispatched for delivery Monday 8<sup>th</sup> but only a few seem to have been delivered by Friday. DB
  - Sport England have responded to our recognition request for PE and they have been sent details on what we are doing.
  - EGM**
  - Arbitrator Nominations from DB
  - Les Stuart, proposed by D Baxter, M Eggleton, K Buchan
  - Francis Neville, proposed by Patricia Neville, Mary Sheppard, Michael Sheppard
  - Mike Pegg, proposed by Marie Pegg, Adrian Thomas, David Baxter DB
- 1.5 **Finance**
  - Insurance Renewal**
  - Presentation this afternoon, all committees are now covered. New cover is

accident and dental injury. Direct access to brokers. Q&A for the web site.

Agreed to produce a bullet point guide to the insurance for members.

### **Budget 2018**

Not ready. MC members must complete expense returns.

Claim for refund due to flight delay was successful. Agreed to refund to players in the ratio of contribution to actual cost.

### 1.6 **Playing**

Playing meeting is on 27<sup>th</sup> January

MH

Ranking events added to the draft calendar are Singles/shooting April 22<sup>nd</sup> possible and a doubles on June 16<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that ranking triples will be restricted to teams of 3.

HNQ was discussed and agreed that it will be teams of 3 or 4 but support will be a fixed sum per team.

The promotion of regional opens as a programme was discussed and agreed.

15<sup>th</sup> April Chiltern Open

5<sup>th</sup> May SC weekend of Pétanque ay Worthing

6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> May Northern region cannot do perhaps Mercia can.

26<sup>th</sup> May National Title Weekend at Gravesend.

9<sup>th</sup> June London Championships at Crystal Palace

10<sup>th</sup> June Supporting event by Kent Region.

DB

CoC Rules were discussed. Agreed to recommend timed games in the morning session.

Drug testing. After a discussion it was agreed to run a trial programme during 2018 using simple saliva test strips for alcohol. The main focus on learning and testing the procedures needed to run tests fairly and accurately.

Mill Rythe bed allocations. An analysis was reviewed. Theoretical maximum requirement is 857 but actual rooms available is 600. Allocate to regions in that ratio, agreed. Also to trial weekend admission for Southern and Sussex of £60 for the weekend.

### 1.7 **Membership**

#### **Renewal Process**

Membership and club renewal in swing. 801 licences already issued. 39 of 171 clubs. Club map site has recorded 4324 hits.

### 1.8 **Presidents Meeting**

Seek agreement on timed games and Ask for group to review rules for Club SGF

### 1.9 **Objectives 2018**

Coaching objectives are a club coach in every club, Expand the number of Advanced Club Coaches (currently 2), Start on the County Coach qualification.

Improve proposition we offer to regional level players.

Support Initiatives on attracting Women and young people. (Approaches to school and young person recruitment was discussed, Can the Hampshire experience be replicated?)

1.10 **Life Membership Criteria**

Discussed. Re-emphasise that National service is paramount. A national recognition for regional service was discussed and while some felt it to be desirable no action could be agreed in the absence of a detailed proposal. Anyone?

DB

1.11 **Any other Business**

GW Disciplinary. An appeal is being made by a member subject to the region's sanction. Agreed to initiate.

KB

13 Regional safeguarding officers in post. Outstanding London, Devon and TV are being chased. Training being followed up. It was suggested that the current training was too children oriented. Need to look at Vulnerable adults also.

AF

1.12 **Date of next MC meeting**, February 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am at London Mathematical Society

DB