

SPA Meeting Sunday 4th December 2011

The meeting was opened by Mick McGoldrick but was unable to chair the meeting due to still suffering from Shingles, meeting chaired by David Duncan

Apologies

Martin Fisher, Dennis Masterson

Present

M McGoldrick, L Colquhoun, D Duncan, A Maxwell, Y Ewing, J Reid, A Reynolds, G Smith, R Johnston, W McCartney, J McGurk, P Nolan, S Weeks, B Allan, P Smith, S Johnston, S MacQueen, R Johnstone, R Clark, K MacLeod, P Holtz, J Brownlie, A Mason, S Robertson, S Rae, D Buchan, B Mercer, M Cowan, D Turner, J Burns, A Cockburn, L Marshall, D Wilson, T McWhirter.

Minutes

Chairmans Report

No chairmans report

Treasurers report

Event statements passed by body of the hall.

Laura read out report on accounts and discussion took place, Laura to letter Helen with members recommendations.

Pat Holtz has agreed to audit the accounts on an annual basis.

Past Events

Individual Membership Event 4 was won by Pat Holtz, runner up Mark Boyle.

Scottish Doubles won by Alan Reynolds & Martin Jones, runners up were Pat Holtz & Danny Kinney

Individual Membership Event 5 was won by Niven Adams, runner up Phil Quinn

Individual Membership Event 6 was won by Mark Boyle, runner up Alec McDowell

Scottish Singles was won by Pat Holtz, runner up Pete Smith

Scottish Ladies Singles was won by Linda Gillies, runner up Kathy Paton

Super 15 B Event won by Clackmannan B, runner up Dunfermline

Super 15 A Event won by Central Ayrshire, runner up Livingston

Super 15 B Event won by Falkirk, runner up Paisley

U23 Scottish Singles won by David Farrell, runner up Liam Dunster

U18 Scottish Singles won by Jourdon Templeton, runner up Lee Creighton

U16 Scottish Singles won by Aaron McGuckin, runner up Kevin Polley

LD Scottish Singles won by Liam Walker, runner up Alan Reynolds jnr

Physical Disabilities will be organised by Yvonne for early 2012.

New manager of division is required and applications are welcomed.

Yvonne read out a report on the lack of discipline at the first B event and A event, this behaviour needs to be stamped out. Zero tolerance will be enforced from now on.

We need more refs to be non-playing at these superleague events.

Forthcoming Events

A caravan price increase was discussed at length since we don't generate the same level of profit we were generating a few years ago due to the price per caravan from the parks has increased while the fees the SPA charge the players has remained static. Will be carried over to the AGM so more detail can be produced to make a more informed decision.

European Championships in Bridlington will be as follows:-

Playing dates for adults are Tuesday 27th March till Saturday 31st March, U23 and U18s will have playing days of Wednesday 28th March till Saturday 31st March.

Specials A teams will be a team size of 5, and the Specials B teams will be a team size of 7.

There will be a wheelchair section event put on if there is enough interest.

All team managers will be required to take a laptop to carry out live scoring during the matches in Bridlington.

Malky Cowan brought up that no teams should be attending International events and Yvonne Ewing was convinced that at the next meeting of the SPA in September the body of the hall was happy with the outcome.

This led to another discussion and another vote took place.

1. Yvonne contacts Trevor Harte that Martin or Linda Kirwan won't be allowed to stand for re-election for Blackball International
2. The body of the hall happy to allow the SPA to send International Teams and happy with Yvonne's report at the September meeting

First round of voting, item 1 got 11 votes, item 2 got 5 votes. So item 2 dropped off the voting and item one goes up against the Status Quo, item 1 received 15 votes and status quo receives 3 votes. Item 1 carried.

Yvonne stated her objection to these proposals.

SPA Business

No discussion points

Correspondence

David Duncan stated he had two players contact him asking to have their suspension lifted as they were unaware they had entered a WR tournament and as such automatically suspended due to the choice policy. It was discussed briefly and it was stated that anyone wishing to have their suspension lifted need to do so in writing and this would be accepted.

Any Other Business

Pat Holtz, he is doing fund raising exhibitions for Marie Curie and CHAS. Contact Pat if you would like organise an exhibition in your venue. Pat also stated he is now available for International selection.

Pat wants allegations of cheating acted upon by the DDC, Pat needs to put this complaint in writing.

Pat made a complaint at the Scottish Singles that the promoter came up to him and swore at him during his match with Stuart Weeks. Pat needs to put this in writing as well.

Pete Smith:- Pete read out a letter on behalf of the league in regards to an incident that happened at the Super 15 A event. Yvonne announced the exec had met with both leagues involved and were happy with their actions.

John Reid:- John said two proposals he made at the AGM have still not been implemented, voting cards and who is able to vote. Each league has to inform the secretary who can vote as area rep and IM rep.

Kilsyth:- Protest about having to pay entry fee for the 5 man team. Body of the hall agreed that the fee must be paid.

Peter Nolan:- Two players previously debt suspended by his area have entered the IM's for 2012 thru other areas.

John Reid:- John asked for clarification to be set for who is allowed to be considered for the Blackball International committee.

Pat Holtz asked if the proposed SPA Presentation night is going to be re-arranged? Yvonne stated that it will be a stand alone event, hopefully in February.

Next meeting is on Sunday 8th January 2012 which is the AGM.