

## **SPA Meeting Sunday 4th March 2012**

**The meeting was opened by Mick McGoldrick.**

### **Apologies**

Stuart Weeks, John Brownlie, Bryan Allan and Angus Cockburn

### **Present**

Attendees to be added

### **Minutes**

Minutes past from December meeting proposed Pete Smith, seconded J McGurk

### **Chairmans Report**

No chairmans report

### **Treasurers report**

No Treasurers report

### **Past Events**

Individual Membership Event 1 was won by Jayson Shaw beating Keith Robertson in the final, Yvonne complimented the Red Triangle as a fantastic venue with plenty to do for the players.

### **Forthcoming Events**

Scottish Singles will be held in November, looking for first weekend so might need to look to change the date of that SPA meeting so it doesn't clash. Normandy Hotel has provisionally been booked. 128 Men, All Ladies and only the finals of all other divisions to take place.

5 Man team is 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October at Pettycur bay, all entries thru reps. Alan Reynolds stated that the TC would recommend to help do away with categories that the criteria for this event should be any 5 players from the same IM area can play together to make it a proper 5 Man Scottish Championships. Steeds proposed it remains categorised, Steeds proposal was carried.

There was then a discussion regarding the categories and it was proposed that the TC should have the right to move players into categories at their discretion rather than fulfil criteria, proposed Pete Smith, seconded S Campbell Snr, motion carried.

Laura proposed that decisions carried do not need to be in place for a year before being allowed to be changed. Motion carried.

Ross asked Mick if Senior Tour will be setup and Mick said he would put in place a Seniors Committee to oversee this series of events on behalf of the SPA.

Pete Smith asked why the Bridlington dates were brought forward as it now means that France and Catalonia are not attending.

Yvonne wanted it minuted that she has requested a copy of accounts for the European Championships in Carlow.

Yvonne also asked that if Martin Kirwan has not paid debt he owed for tables, that he is debt suspended from the EBA

#### **SPA Business**

The TC went thru their proposal for reconstruction of the Superleague which led to a long discussion which came to the conclusion that the TC need to sit with the TD and Promoter to make sure that proposals would be achievable.

DDC said they had two cases to deal with, one has been complete and one is still being investigated.

#### **Correspondence**

A letter was read out from Iain Gillies regards the Chieftain being charged more for holding an IM where other clubs are being charged less, plus the Chieftain also have to supply 2 twin rooms. It was decided that a reply will be sent saying the promoter will communicate with the Chieftain. Ross to include officials pay breakdown.

#### **Any Other Business**

It was brought up regards means testing to provide grants to players attending International events, the Exec had not met with each division to arrange policy for potential funding. Alan Reynolds proposed that the full exec meet to listen to the audio from the meeting where the original proposal was made.

Invoices for damages to two caravans from Super 15s B event. Yvonne will speak to Edinburgh and if they don't pay by Super 11 B event at Pettycur Bay, they will be debt suspended.

Alan Reynolds brought up he was disgusted at Big Dogs Diaries which were posted. The thread was removed once a complaint was received.

Pete Smith asked for a player to be debt suspended from the SPA as he owes Clackmannan money for entries. The player is automatically debt suspended.

There are two positions which require to be filled within the SPA:-

Webmaster – The Exec should target individuals to fill this position but if anyone wishes to submit their application please do so.

Treasurer – John Brownlie is writing the advert to be published on the website.

Referees -Exam costs £10 and if you pass you get Polo Shirt and ball marker, anyone wanting to sit exams to contact Yvonne, Renzie or John Reid.

*Next meeting is on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012.*