

SPA Meeting Sunday 1st May 2011

The meeting was opened by Paul Preston

Apologies

Kenny Donald (Monklands),

Present

Paul Preston, Yvonne Ewing, David Duncan, Alan Maxwell, Ross McInnes, Malky Cowan, John Reid, Robin Johnson, J McGurk, Harry Allan

Minutes

Last meeting minutes amendments: - Change Scottish Singles venue from Hotel to Hall in East Kilbride. Proposed John Reid – Seconded Robin Johnston

Matters Arising

Helen Sole tendered her resignation as SPA Treasurer and applications are invited for the role.

Ross McInnes confirmed that entry fees are not VAT liable so the SPA do not need to go down the road of registering for VAT at this point in time.

Chairmans Report

A few tasks are still outstanding, contact Wales to get information on their drugs policy and put together voting cards.

A letter was sent to the EBA to request an investigation into Martin and Linda Kirwan for their accusations regarding Davy Nicolson at the EBA Y&J Europeans in Rhyl 2010.

Mick McGoldrick passed on a message of congratulations to all Scotland teams for their tremendous achievements down at Bridlington last week for the EBA European Masters and LD's World Championships.

Treasurers report

Balance sheets were handed out and accepted by body of the hall

All divisions of the SPA need to submit proposals for grants every year

Reps forum to have thread created asking for the reps to propose ideas for funding in future

Past Events

Individual Membership Event 1 was won by Scott Gillespie who beat Alec McDowell in the final.

Super 11's at Craig Tara was won by Edinburgh A who beat Kilsyth A in the final.

Forthcoming Events

5 man team entries brought forward. 49 entries so far, entries will remain open and once 64 teams have been entered it will be closed so no qualifiers any more, all teams go direct to finals.

John Reid stated that categories need to be voted in at a meeting, this led to a long discussion which led to the conclusion that the TC have been appointed to create the categories so should be relied on to carry out this task to the best of their ability.

Alan Maxwell to supply SPA Secretary with a list of the Category listings and criteria for distribution with the minutes of May meeting.

SPA Business

None

Correspondence

Letter of resignation from Y&J Chairman, David Riggins. A replacement should be proposed by the Y&J committee and ratified by an SPA meeting.

David also asked for two players, Colin De Swarte and John Salmond to be debt suspended if they do not pay their outstanding monies by end of May. This was supported by the SPA.

John McGurk asked for Billy Reid, Kevin Allison and Barry Lynn to be debt suspended and this was upheld by the body of the hall.

DDPL requested debt suspension of Jonny Young and this was upheld.

It was intimated by the body of the hall after lengthy discussion that any debt suspensions should mean ALL affiliated leagues uphold this suspension therefore preventing any player who is debt suspended from playing any league pool in affiliated leagues. This has to be proposed at the next AGM.

Any Other Business

Malky Cowan, he entered a wrong name into IM, had approached the IM Sec to amend the name to the correct person but as this was refused he asked the body of the hall to allow it to be changed. A vote was taken and the result was For 1, Against 6

EBA Meeting, received the invoice for this years membership to the EBA which is £300. 1 exec from each country need to be proposed as the EBA rep. Development Officers post is open and looking for applicants. Martin Kirwan put forward a web based scoring system which can be used by any member nation, details of this will be sent to each member nation via email.

2011 EBA Europeans will be held in Tullow, Ireland in September. 2012 Europeans will be held in Bridlington around April with bids to be placed for the 2012 World Championships. Bids also being accepted to host the 2013 EBA Nations Cup. At each of these events the Mens and Ladies A will be 5 person teams, Mens B will be 11, Ladies B will be 7. A question has been lodged on the possibility of their being a Mens B3 being allowed to enter.

Dave Beckett has been tasked with investigating the letter of complaint from the SPA and will report back within a month on his findings.

Davy Nicolson would like to thank Paul Preston and the Exec for their support and backing, he confirmed that not one fact in the letter of complaint against him was true.

Paul Preston stated that the SPA got battered for not suspending Davy Nicolson and as such read out a sentence from David Riggins letter of resignation in which he recommends Davy be considered as Chairman of the Y&J again.

Super 15 teams need to be submitted at the July Meeting but no money needs to be paid. All fees and accommodation costs to be paid at September meeting.

Alan Maxwell proposed that a Cat C be reintroduced. The body of the hall agreed but only on the proviso that it was criteria based and not based on the TC or anyone else hand picking players. TC to create criteria.

Next meeting 3rd July. Entries required at this meeting, Scottish Singles £5, Scottish Doubles Entries £10, Super 15's Team names only.