

## **SPA Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**Attendees:-** M McGoldrick, J Brownlie, Y Ewing, A Maxwell, D Duncan, G Smith, S Weeks, S MacMillan, A Reynolds, N Gilchrist, G Thomson, M Cowan, L Marshall, R Johnstone, J Reid, G Haynes, C Sarrison.

### **Apologies:**

Chairman Mick McGoldrick opened the meeting

### **Minutes.**

Amendment to January minutes, Alan Maxwell had rescinded his resignations. Stuart Weeks proposed and Robin Johnston seconded

### **Chairmans Report**

No Chairmans report

### **Treasurers Report**

Pat Holtz has the accounts to audit, John Brownlie queried that Pat was waiting on the IM accounts to do a complete audit. Yvonne stated that these are nothing to do with the accounts and that Pat is only auditing the main accounts. John Brownlie to contact Paul McKendry once we have the update from Pat.

### **Past Events**

S11 Premier won by Monklands beating Dunfermline

S11 1<sup>st</sup> Division won by Cumbernauld beating Uddingston B

S11 2<sup>nd</sup> Division won by Central Ayrshire C beating Edinburgh C

Ladies event won by Yvonne Ewing beating Gill Hayes in final

IM2 was won by Mark Boyle beating Danny Kinnney in the final 8-4

5 Man Jackie Paterson event was won by Arbroath beating Monklands Raindrops in the final

Y&J Tour event won by David Farrell

LD's Tour event won by Paul Duncan

### **International Events**

Mens A, Seniors A, LDs B1, Mens B1, Y&J U23 B1, U18A, U18B all won their respective events, U23A were beaten in the final as were the Mens B2, Seniors B1, Ladies B, LDs A. Scott Ross won the Mens European Singles Title beating John Brownlie in the final 7-6. Stuart McCulloch won the U18 title which he adds to the Scottish and World titles, fantastic achievement for the young man. Liam Dunster was beaten in the final of the U23s. Ross McInnes won the Masters Singles title. Alan Reynolds beat Ryan Reid in the final of the LD singles.

## **Forthcoming events**

Y&J 12<sup>th</sup> May Red Triangle

LDs 18<sup>th</sup> May Hustlers

Grassroots 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> May Cue Here

Seniors committee to vote on entry fees for Scottish Seniors.

## **SPA Business**

Disclosure checks have been approved for Alan Maxwell, Gary Hamilton and Stuart Weeks

## **Correspondence**

Ryan Davie has written an appeal letter to come back and play in SPA events after playing WR, John Brownlie proposed and Alan Maxwell seconded. Passed.

Ayrshire asked for two players to be banned from SPA events, one for a debt suspension and one for behaviour, this was carried.

A discussion followed in regards to how the SPA handle cases like this in the future, whether the areas must have already went thru any appeals process for the player before coming to the SPA asking for them to support their ban, Gill Hayes was asked to put together a proposal to be presented at the next meeting for further discussion.

Kilsyth put forward a letter saying they have banned the three players involved in an altercation at Craig Tara and asked for the SPA to uphold their ban at SPA level, this was agreed for the Kilsyth players but the SPA will wait on the Disciplinary investigations findings before dealing with the third party.

A player currently debt suspended due to damage done in a hotel in Bridlington a couple of years ago has appealed, he will be asked to appear before the exec before the next SPA meeting to hear his appeal.

Letter was read out from Wattie Edmond for a refund of extra caravan money. Yvonne went thru the background of the money paid but that Motherwell are still due money to the SPA so a proposal by John Brownlie was that Motherwell get 28 days to repay debt or every player will be suspended from SPA event, seconded by Malky. Passed.

## **AOB**

Malky Cowan put forward his proposal to increase the IM finals to 256 players, proposal to be posted on the website for discussion.

Y&J submitted full accounts and asked for help with funding from the SPA, they have been tasked by putting forward a business case to receive a potential grant to help with International Managers.

Yvonne made a proposal to clarify the selection order of International teams, this will now be done in this order, Mens A, Seniors A, Masters A, U23A, U18A, Mens B1, Seniors B1, U23B, U18B, Mens B2, Seniors B2, etc

Yvonne brought up her proposal from last meeting regards the introduction of spotted whites, then proceeded to ask each area rep in attendance how their areas players had voted, Arbroath Yes, Dunfermline Yes, Monklands No, Edinburgh No. There were a few areas who had not polled their players and they were not included in this vote.

Alan Reynolds proposes to use spotted white for Super 15s, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, seconded by John Brownlie.

Mick McGoldrick proposes that it is introduced in January, seconded by John Reid

Yvonne proposes to use them for all events immediately, seconded by David Duncan.

First round of votes were Alan 2, Yvonne 8, Mick 4, so Alans proposal is eliminated. Next round of voting was Mick 5, Yvonne 9 so Yvonne's proposal was carried.

The fees for promoting events on the SPA website was brought up, Alan Maxwell stated that only one £5 fee has been received so far and that it is a big task collecting this money logistically, it was proposed and passed that if he undertakes this task he will receive 20% of all fees collected.

Yvonne stated that she has asked John Kerr to act as the SPA's official photographer at all SPA events, he would receive a fee per year and the SPA will get a percentage of any photo's he sells.

Alan Reynolds was asked about two players who were available for his Mens A team who had a public dispute, he reported that he had spoken to both and everything has been sorted between both of them.

Kevin Twaddle has been voted in by the Mens B2 players as the new manager.

EGM has been called for the next SPA meeting to discuss the IM Changes that Malky proposed.

Next meeting Scottish Singles money and names are due, Super 15 teams are due but no money for this is due at next meeting.

Next meeting is on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013.