

**SPA Meeting Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011**



**The meeting was opened by Ross McInnes**

**Apologies**

Paul Preston, Mick McGoldrick

Mick would like to thank the SPA for all their support in recent months and is looking forward to attending the SPA meeting again starting from the next meeting.

**Present**

Yvonne Ewing, Laura Colquhoun, David Duncan, Alan Maxwell, Chris Ferrier, John Reid, Ross McInnes, Alan Reynolds, Gordon Smith, Graham Dunbar, John McGurk, Ian Blaikie, Brian Allan, Pete Smith, Harry Allan, Mark Donnan, Allan Whyte, David Buchan, Con McGinley, Alan Houston, David Nicolson, Danny Turner, Thomas McWhirter, Alex Coffey, Andrew Mason.

**Minutes**

Meeting minutes from July meeting passed. Proposed Pete Smith, seconded by Scott Rae

**Chairmans Report**

No chairmans report

**Treasurers report**

There is no treasurers report. Laura Coulhoun is acting as interim Treasurer

**Past Events**

Individual Membership Event 3 was won by Mark Boyle who beat Danny Kinney in the final.

**Forthcoming Events**

Been lots of call offs for the Super 15's, Coatbridge and Falkirk have asked for a 2 week extension to see if they can get A teams together. Ross proposed, seconded by Alan Reynolds. Pete Smith proposed this should not be allowed and seconded by Yvonne Ewing. Vote was 8-4 in the favour of yes. Fees need to be paid by 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Livingston might be able to field a B team if there is an available space. Bannockburn have pulled out their B team.

5 man team fees to be paid by the end of September.

Rileys £10,000 amateur event – 6 Qualifiers in Rileys, 1 in Arbroath, 1 SEPF Aberdeen. Qualifiers will be held in Glasgow, Stirling, Bellshill, Dunfermline, Inverness and Edinburgh.

128 teams at the Scottish Doubles, Mixed doubles will not be held in Inverness.

Scottish Singles dress code is same as the IMs, polo shirt, dress trousers and shoes. Shirt and waistcoats can be worn if the players so wish.

International:- Europeans in Carlow, Southern Ireland are at end of September and the SPA will be represented by Ladies A, Ladies B, Seniors A.

Seniors Scottish Singles will be held on weekend 10/11<sup>th</sup> December, £10 entry.

### **SPA Business**

Constitution will be emailed out to all Reps to be ratified at the next SPA meeting.

Ross gave a report on the CCI meeting which was held in Gatwick Hilton which included all governing bodies along with business people and representatives from South Africa. Ross declared that within 2 years we will have 1 governing body. WPA declared that the WEPF could be dropped as the governing body and World Rules could fall beneath the WPA as another discipline.

Davy Nicolson told meeting that both David Riggins and Jackie McIntyre have resigned from their posts within the Y&J setup and he would like to be ratified as the new Chairman of the Y&J and Chris Ferrier and Derek Maley ratified as part of the Y&J setup. Yvonne proposed that the exec put someone in place to run the section until a decision be made. Proposed by Yvonne Ewing, seconded by Andrew Mason. Davy Nicolson proposed that decision be made now. Alan Reynolds seconded. Vote was 8-7 in favour of Exec put someone in place in meantime.

### **Correspondence**

ADPL would like to affiliate to the SPA for a trial period. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that this would need to be discussed at an EGM to make the decision. This will be scheduled by the exec.

EBA affiliation fee outstanding to the value of £300.

Alan Marshall still owes the EBA £5,000 from Bridlington.

Sponsorship money in future will be paid up front.

Dave Beckett report discussed, EBA decided that no member nation can hold them to ransom so they have informed the SPA if they want to take it further, ie report it to the police, then to go ahead. Davy Nicolson says he has no choice with his next course of action by going to his solicitor.

EBA would know by Thursday if Eurosport are attending the Europeans.

2012 Bridlington dates

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> April will be the £25 per person singles event.

2012 World Championships. Proposal to hold in Turkey on 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in November

2013 Nations Cup. Ross has tabled proposal for Isle of Man. LEC will be making a counter proposal.

Anyone wanting to be involved in any subcommittees within the EBA should contact Trevor Harte. EBA committee to contact Wales to see why they are not attending Europeans. Yvonne to submit questionnaire asking players their opinions of the EBA and what they want.

**Any Other Business**

SPA to ensure that a Web team is put in place as multiple complaints about Calendar etc

Craig Tara entry forms must be submitted as quickly as possible.

Next meeting will need to be rescheduled as the current date clashes with the Scottish Singles finals.