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NOTES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15th APRIL 2010

The following are the main points covered at the management committee meeting

1. Matters Arising

- The “KPA-ising” of the EPA children and vulnerable persons policy is ongoing, but requires further information from the EPA
- The container is ongoing, the first that was found was unsuitable but the search continues

2. Treasurer’s Report

For personal reasons the Treasurer was unable to present his report but accounts were presented.

3. Membership Report

- 594 members spread over 35 clubs including
- 11 juniors
- 2 life members

4. Junior Development and Junior Fund

Following the discussions between the Trustees of the Junior Fund, the draft wording was presented to the Committee. The only area of debate stemmed from concerns that only allowing overnight costs for 2 day events would exclude some players as 2 day events tend to only attract the “better” players whereas it was envisaged that the fund would be for all juniors.

A discussion ensued around this: paying out too much would diminish the fund too quickly which, as there had been no active fundraising for some time, there was potential to do this.

It was decided that “granted” would be changed to “considered” in the relevant paragraph to allow the Trustees to exercise their discretion but have some guidelines in which to operate.

The approved document would be posted on the web immediately.

5. Playing Matters

There had been no Playing Committee meeting between the previous and this Management meeting.

The inclement weather had prevented further work on the clock project.

The position was reviewed regarding the clash of dates with the Regional Qualifiers and the Euro Cup for Clubs final. Regret that we had reached this point was expressed, but that a no win situation had arisen.

It was reiterated that a sub-committees can be overruled as wider ramifications have to be taken into account: the needs of 600 members not 15. The Chairman also pointed out that the other major Playing Committee recommendations had been adopted and indeed the Management Committee’s appreciation of their hard work had been minuted in a previous meeting.

When questioned why we were not using an EPA’s Regional Date for the first qualifier, it was explained those dates are designed to be used for the Regional Singles, Doubles and Triples. As we have accepted the recommendation to go for 5 qualifiers there was little room in the calendar for manoeuvre. Had the rules not been published showing the dates it may have been possible to

change it back. Following the problems caused last year by changing dates, there was a reluctance to repeat that this year. At the time of setting the calendar the Euro final was shown as "a date in March".

It was agreed that teams unable to play in the first Qualifier due to playing in the Euro final would be seeded from 9 onwards for the 2nd qualifier to avoid this meeting the top teams in the first round.

Average points would only be awarded, if necessary, according to the current rules.

6. Any Other Business

- Players who have transferred to West Midlands were unable to play in Kent events until 1 year after they transferred from Kent, which was some time in October.
- David Baxter asked everyone to look at the Google Calendar link he had set up.
- The Chairman welcomed Peter Abbitt onto the committee.
- The Committee was advised that a new National Coach had been appointed (Brian Stote) and that he is planning to take a different approach to that of his predecessor.
- Gordon Angell had been to the Coaching Commission meeting and that there a couple of courses planned. It is hoped the Association will be able to take advantage of this.
- A potential new club had asked for some coaching and she would forward the details to the Coaching Coordinator for further action.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 27th May at Hartley County Club.