

Scottish Water Polo Committee Meeting 12th April 2018

Conference Call 18:00 – 19:50

Minutes (version 0_1 – draft)

Attendees

- Alan Anderson (AA) – Chair, Portobello
- Gael Drummond (GD) – Events Co-ordinator, Portobello
- Dave Scott (DS) – Marketing and Comms, Portobello
- Mike Forster (MF) – Domestic Co-ordinator, Warrender
- Ross Elder (RE) - Vice Chair, Life Member
- Andy Gray (AG) – Finance Manager, Stirling

Apologies

- Vivin Suchitra (VS) – Governance & Secretariat, Warrender
- Neal Rayner (NR) – Development Manager
- Jen Hardy (JH) – National Teams Manager, Portobello

Abbreviations Used

- SWP – Scottish Water Polo
- SWPC - Scottish Water Polo Committee
- SS - Scottish Swimming
- NSC - North Sea Cup

Notes & Actions

1. Welcome, and Update & Actions from previous minutes - AA

- 1.1. Minutes of March meeting were agreed.

2. Domestic Competition - MF

- 2.1. Mike Forster provided a spreadsheet summarising the SNL situation, extracted from our League Republic site. The spreadsheet was well received by the meeting.
 - 2.1.1. 2018 U16 Mixed League – on schedule to complete in H1 2018; looking to H2 where will split into boys and girls leagues. MF / DS to arrange communications to remind clubs
 - 2.1.2. 2018 U19 Boys League - no matches since last month, issues due to availability of central pools, conflicts with NAGS, exams, other events. Matches scheduled for Q2
 - 2.1.3. 2018 U19 Girls League – no games played since last month, a number of games scheduled for this coming weekend, still 10 games will be outstanding
 - 2.1.4. 2017-18 Men's League – few update since last month. MF to contact clubs directly to get update. League to be completed by end May.
 - 2.1.5. 2017-18 Women's League – 2 games remain involving Western, University of Edinburgh have won league, congratulations to them.
- 2.2. As per last month, problems arranging referees, the absence of a Technical Officials Co-ordinator is the source of the issue.
- 2.3. Medals & Presentation – GD has ordered medals and will check where they are with SS. DS asked for presentation to be photographed so can be promoted/advertised.

3. Disciplinary matters

- 3.1. RE advised there had been a number of disciplinary items in recent months, while not a positive sign, the raising of the issuing and the processing of them through Sanctions is a positive. RE advised he will be communicating to clubs and officials reminding them of the disciplinary process and statutory sanctions.
- 3.2. RE confirmed that offences which result in sanctions, the sanctions are served in that competition. There is issue as regards any offences occurring in the finals at Scottish Championships, which would not be served for another ~10 months. RE to provide guidance before finals day on 22nd April.

4. Player Welfare

- 4.1. RE advised that as a result of a request for clarification from Alan Scobie (Kirkintilloch & Kilsyth – K&K) as regards protocols and guidance for head injuries \ concussions discussions had taken place with SS Medical Advisor, Dr Carrie McCrea-Routray. A paper has been written and will be distributed to clubs & officials for guidance.

5. Scottish Cup – GD

- 5.1. GD gave verbal update, teams for 4 of the 6 finals are confirmed, with only 2 outstanding semi-finals to be played. The running order has been amended in consideration of the teams that will compete the finals, MF will update League Republic accordingly.

MF left the meeting

6. National Teams –

The meeting reviewed the reports prepared by JH “SWP Committee Meeting 20180412 - National Teams Report”, specific items of discussion

- 6.1. Girls structure – comments still welcome on the proposal “ Female National Programme- DRAFTv0.1NR”. There have been applications for U16 Coach position, closing date 20th April.
- 6.2. Boys squad - the meeting noted the resignation of Brian Campbell, and acknowledged the time, effort and contribution Brian has made over the years in developing the boys programme. The meeting noted the social media comments that arose as a result of the resignation. The committee confirmed the desire to maintain the programme as planned for Q2 while at the same time reviewing the future direction for the squads. Specifically the Saturday evening training, the meeting agreed to underwrite the booking of these sessions, pending full understanding of the finances of the boys squads. AG will speak with Andrew Richardson as regards the boys finances. A meeting with players and parents has been arranged for 28th April for the SWPC to present a way forward for this squad. It was noted the BWMF entry was a major concern; it was suggested that K&K would be entering a girls team and potential combined team for other events. It was agreed SWP would support payment of the deposit while further arrangements were being made.

7. Marketing – DS

- 7.1. DS presented “18041101. SWPC Meeting - MarComms Report” and summarised
- 7.1.1. Need for greater engagement with the clubs to support and promote news, and generate interest
- 7.1.2. Proposed consideration should be given to a WP microsite on SS website
- 7.1.3. SS recent focus has been on Commonwealth Games
- 7.1.4. Need for more prepared copy and news to publish, and also include video (talking heads?)
- 7.1.5. The Communications policy & Digital media policy has been circulated to the committee for review, need to identify an appropriate time to issue wider and look to implement
- 7.1.6. The meeting provided positive support for the brand look and feel provided for the Scottish Championships, DS asked for comment on other offerings

8. Finance – AG

- 8.1. AG delivered the report “ Finances - Committee Meeting 12 April 2018”
- 8.2. Specifically noted the submission of the annual request for funding to SS (Discipline Funding Application), including request for support for NSC 2019, and Officials Funding
- 8.3. Working with boys squad management to transition the responsibility of finances

9. Technical Officials –

- 9.1. Position is still vacant, no update.
- 9.2. RE proposed a meeting with Referees to provide support and to achieve greater consistency and common understanding of responsibilities and standards
- RE left the meeting

10. Development -

- 10.1. NR had provided a written report just prior to meeting, it was not discussed in consideration of time. Committee members advised to raise any questions directly with NR

11. GBR Update – AA

- 11.1. Advised there is a LEN Qualification tournament in Manchester for GBR U19 on 11-13 May
- 11.2. Request for notification on which Scottish players are in GBR squad, and to confirm how players can be considered. AA to address with England and Wales counterparts.
- 11.3. Caledonia boys U19 in finals of NAGs this weekend; U17 in plate competition
- 11.4. British Championships is in progress, Portobello are Scottish participant

12. AOB

12.1. Next Meeting

AA to offer dates for next meetings

Thursday 17th May

Thursday 14th June

Thursday 19th July

Summary of Open Actions

#	Action	Owner	Due	Update
1803-01	Men's League Update	MF	April '18	April - Work in Progress
1803-02	Clubs Table Officials Course – remind clubs	NR \ MF	April '18	April - NR to progress
1803-03	U16 Mixed split to boys & Girls – Remind clubs & seek competition co-ordinator	MF	April '18	April Work in Progress
1803-04	Prepare calendar for H2 2018 & 2019	TBA		April – JH has prepared calendar for national teams, need to include this into domestic (& Pool bookings including Michelle in this discussion)
1803-05	SWP Girls Squads proposal – JH to circulate for feedback	JH	April '18	April – Work in progress
1803-07	Feedback of marketing proposals from DS	All	April '18	April – still open
1804-01	Medals and Presentation – confirm SNL medals (GD) & arrange for presentation (MF) & promotion (DS)	GD\MF\DS	May '18	
1804-02	Scottish Cup Disciplinary Guidance to be issued	RE	Before 20/4	Information provided - closed

Summary of Close Actions

#	Action	Owner	Due	Update
1803-06	Advise SWP Boys Team Management as regards BWMF	AA	Asap	Done – closed