

Scottish Water Polo Committee Meeting 5th July 2018 Minutes
Conference Call 18:00 – 19:45
Version 0_2 – final

Attendees

- Alan Anderson (AA) – Chair, Portobello
- Gael Drummond (GD) – Events Co-ordinator, Portobello
- Ross Elder (RE) - Vice Chair, Life Member
- Andy Gray (AG) – Finance Manager, Stirling
- Vivin Suchitra (VS) – Governance & Secretariat, Warrender
- Neal Rayner (NR) – Development Manager
- Jen Hardy (JH) – National Teams Manager, Portobello

Apologies

- Mike Forster (MF) – Domestic Co-ordinator, Warrender
- Dave Scott (DS) – Marketing and Comms, 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 May meeting were agreed.

2 Commonwealth Tournament Update – AA/NR/AG

Malta have pulled out as host of the Commonwealth tournament and efforts to find another host nation are underway; England and Prague were considered but the plans fell through. SA were the latest nation to be suggested as host nation; There are about 5 teams in the mens and womens' team categories each that are interested. Due to cost and feasibility considerations given the short time frame to arrange all the details, it is unlikely that the tournament will go ahead.

Among the potential women's teams, there is a concern for the level of competition and so some of the teams are willing to join in only if there are suitable competitors.

The funds generated from donations for the Scottish players have not been withdrawn yet. Refunds will need to be made to goFundMe donors and the Lottery Fund if any.

ACTIONS

– AG to check if there is fee/charge to refund donors; SWPA will pay for these charges incurred, if any. Ian Melville should refund the Lottery fund; AA to update on this.

3 Development Plan – NR

- NR working with Sharon MacDonald on it; Will send it out when it is ready for review
- Academy review was done in the last week of June;
- Proposed assistant coaches should attend the reviews meeting
- Aberdeen restarting training on Sep 7 in club
- Development camp – U16 & U14 camp registration are now live from website
- Jen & NR worked on a doc for girls pathway; NR to send it out tomorrow

Girls Squads

- Caitlin McRobbie proposed as U16 coach; assisted by Nicola Tate
- Will coach girls teams in Millfield.
- Roddy, Caitlin & Giles to meet probably in August to develop girls side of team

Boys Squad

- U16 & U18 – There are challenges with finding coaches , JH to approach Holly Campbell to coach for U16 Inter Regions.
- AA proposed asking Steven Burgoyne to coach U14 boys; this was met with approval.
- Pool booked so training sessions can start in September

ACTION - AA to prepare general update regarding the squads and will circulate to all

4 Domestic Competition

- Invites sent out in July ; MF has not receive positive feedback on the U15 Development League
- Technical co-ordinators - volunteers needed. NR trying to manage this but needs a different person to do it

5 Scottish Cup 2019

- RCP are charging GBP 3500 for hosting this; Recommend we look towards hosting this in May when Tollcross is able to host it during the last 2 weekends.
- U16 \ U18 tournament – for the qualifying grounds it was proposed that these be held at a central venue at weekends, as there were issues playing mid-week matches

6 National Teams

- The countries in the EU Nations have not interested in attending an U21 tournament, so the EU Nations will not be holding an event;

ACTION - AA to discuss with JH options for tournament that the women's U21 team could attend

7 Finance Update

- Jen is currently signatory for the Boys squad account; need to identify additional signatories;
- Well under GBP15K budget for this year;

8 Technical Officials

- Technical officials needed; 2 disciplinary actions were needed in the first half of this year; One was an automatic sanction and the other has been through a hearing.
- Clubs have now received notifications of what automatic sanctions mean
- Referees should be educated to handle incidents

ACTION - NR to speak to referees district by district to make sure they understand all this.

9 - GBR Update

GBP Update - No updates at this time

10 SS Domestic Chairs Meeting

AA sent out notes and presentation out regarding this;

ACTION - All to read and send any comments back to AA

SS - Board trying to recruit new members;

Action - Please have a look and suggest/recommend any suitable members

AOB

1. AG spoke to Brian regarding setting up a combined Caledonia club for the boys. The interaction of this with national squad will need to be considered.
2. NR working on vision and mission statements; Have received some comments - some positive, some felt it was not clear enough and more work is needed

ACTION - Comments still welcome from all regarding both. NR