

SPA meeting 09/09/2018

Attendees:-

Malky Cowan, John Brownlie, David Duncan, Alan Maxwell, Suzy Smith, Michael Bastow, Dave McLaren, Alan Reynolds, Steven Allison, Danny Turner, Lee Marshall, Robin Johnston

Before meeting opened Malky explained that Alan Maxwell is taking over in the interim as Minutes Secretary as Gill had resigned. This position will be up for election at AGM.

Malky opens meeting at 11:20

First part is to pass the accounts which have been handed out to the reps in attendance.

Questions raised:-

Why has affiliation dropped so much, explanation was that the figure hasn't been able to be correlated properly, true figure is roughly £1800.

Why has sponsorship dropped so much, went from £2000 to zero. Ross wasn't in attendance to explain why.

Scottish Singles prizemoney was queried as there was actually £6890 but balance sheet lists £6500.

John Brownlie stated that accounts should be handed out at one meeting and members should be able to put forward questions in writing to be answered by the exec members who are able to answer them properly.

Drug testing line was queried as it's jumped up £2000 from previous year, Michael explained that this also included scoring app etc not just drug testing.

Alan Reynolds asked how much capital the SPA required to hold at the bank as currently we have £30k, a discussion followed that looking at last year we took in £145k and superleague events generated £10k profit but after various expenses the SPA only generated £505 for the year so it would be prudent to keep this level of reserve to protect the future of the SPA.

David Duncan has a list of international players who still owe polo shirt money, this needs to be actioned before the Superleague, IM and International events.

Accounts questions need to be submitted by end of October so the exec can get the full answers for the December meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting: July meeting Stephen Allison brought up 6.2 and when the £5 membership fee will be introduced, Michael replied that the exec have a meeting after today's meeting and that's part of that agenda to discuss.

It was confirmed that International selection policy is still in place until after the World Championships.

Alan Reynolds brought up item 9.3, Michael will have to speak with Ross to confirm.

Stephen Allison proposed meeting minutes, Alan Reynolds seconded them, Minutes are hereby passed.

Chairmans Report:-

Chairman has nothing to report

Treasurers report –

Balance sheet presented to the meeting

Events:-

LD tour – Liam Walker won Alan Reynolds runner up

Erlend Barlas – Central won Ayrshire runner up

Masters – Jim Stephen won Ross Mcinnes runner up

Seniors – Norrie Miller won Ross Mcinnes runner up

Ladies – Ashleigh O Neil won Gillian Hayes runner up

Doubles – Graeme Sillars/Niven Adams won Stephen Corcoran/Stephen Rafferty runner up

Mixed Doubles – Gemma Clyde/David Rooney won Jenny Lawson/Scott Roarty runner up

IM4 – Scott Gillepsie won Mark Boyle runner up

Future Events:-

Ronnie Ferrier 9 man – Cancelled

IM5 – 22-23 Sept

International

2018 World Championships November

2019 European Championships 30 April-5 May & 5 May-12 May

2019 Nations Cup A + B Bids received from Cyprus Pool 10-16 Nov, Malta 2-8 Nov, Irish Blackball 28 Oct-3 Nov. SPA need to vote for bid by end of September.

Names of those wishing to be considered for managers positions for 2019 to PM or email secretary

Proposals

Proposal to reduce league affiliation from £50 to £5 – Votes for 5, Votes for Status Quo 4 so proposal is carried

Alan Reynolds proposed a trial of one event with 256 on Saturday in two venues, 64 players at each of two venues played down to winner at each venue, then you do same on Sunday with the other 128 players so only 2 players need to appear for two days. Neither Ross or Yvonne in attendance to answer if this is happening

SPA Business – None

Correspondence –

AOCB

Stephen Allison proposes that the World Championship fund gets used entirely for the upcoming World Championships and is used for each Worlds as they happen, seconded by David Duncan

Proposal carried due to time constraint as next meeting falls after the actual event.

Stephen Allison has given Ross several dates in February and March for the upcoming awards ceremony next year. He also spoke about changes they want to make to the ceremony so the actual presentation part isn't rushed and have a compere who has knowledge of the players rather than just walking onto stage to collect a trophy.

Dave McLaren brought up regards Seniors and Masters events are going to be held on same weekends, where one will be on a Saturday and other on the Sunday, rep asked if the players could be polled as this could stop a lot of people attending as they work on a Saturday when they have supported the relevant tour for the past couple of years due to events being only on Sundays. Dave has been asked to put a poll on the Seniors facebook page asking for feedback on what the players would like. Malky Cowan will contact Mike McHardy to do same on Masters.

Stephen Allison asked for clarification for IM qualifiers, does the IM rep have authority to put players out if they don't turn up for match etc and answer was yes.

Stephen Allison brought up the lack of streaming at IM events, long discussion took place about how we can fund professional streaming for IM's.

Alan Reynolds asked if the transactions are recorded by the TD at every IM, with £10's for byes, donations, sponsorship, TD fees, Ref fees etc etc, TD wasn't in attendance to answer this question.

Alan Reynolds asked if there is going to be a company in place for the upcoming superleague events or just running as it has done in the past. Ross wasn't in attendance to answer this.

Next meeting

9th December 2018