



## GLSML AGM 2015 Season – Minutes

Meeting started at 7.02pm

<b>Attendee Registration</b>	All registered teams in attendance, as well as a prospective new team	
<b>2015 Committee Members in Attendance</b>	League Director	Dan Armstrong
	Secretary	Kat Macann
	Technical Officer	Simon Gordon
	Development Officer	Liam Morrison
	Fixtures Officer	Lance Nelson
	Tournaments Officer	Victoria Alexander
	Majors Rep	Duncan Waugh
	Minors Rep	Steve Karmeinsky
	Minors Rep	Neil Weyman
	Treasurer	Steve Getraer
	Social Secretary	Rocco Cammisola
<b>Apologies (2015 committee members)</b>	Paul Flynn Daniel Ferguson Matthew Waller Jessica Lau	

Item	Notes and Actions
1	<p><b>Director's Introduction and Season Overview – Dan Armstrong (DA)</b></p> <p>DA gave a brief overview of how the committee had operated in 2015 and mentioned some season highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New ground in Blackhorse Road – thanks to Ross Smart / Meteors</li> <li>• New teams entered Minors 3</li> <li>• The committee made the decision to introduce use of 11 inch balls for 2016; subsequent feedback from the league caused a rethink of how the committee makes and communicates decisions</li> <li>• A new End of season survey was implemented</li> <li>• Umpiring was a strong theme from the survey, so the last few committee meetings have focused on discussing ideas for what can be done to improve standards</li> <li>• A comprehensive update of the Standing Orders and Regulations – new version circulated</li> </ul> <p>DA is stepping down after 5 years as Director.</p>
2	<b>Receive and confirm minutes from previous AGM</b>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Duncan Waugh did attend</li> <li>• <b>Minutes of last year approved (with above correction)</b></li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>BSF AGM report – Steve Getraer (SGe)</b></p> <p>SG attended the BSF League Heads meeting in Manchester on 20 February. Key points of discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• League fees are going up by £10 per team</li> <li>• Insurance fees are going up by £5 per team – these costs will be passed on to GLSML teams</li> <li>• Guidelines regarding players under 18 years old are available on BSF website – reminder to follow all the rules</li> <li>• Structural review of BSUK, BSF and BBF is a work in progress – nothing decided yet</li> <li>• Development: Funds are available to pay expert coaches to come and help teams with training – Sara Vertigan is running the scheme, which includes an offer of follow up coaching at a tournament</li> <li>• Some discussion about possible increased levels of insurance at a greater cost – no changes confirmed but it did not seem likely to go ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report – Steve Getraer</b></p> <p>A 2015 finance summary was tabled at the meeting and SG talked through key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two thirds of fees collected from teams goes to BSF and insurance</li> <li>• Some expenses incurred in 2014 were not paid for until 2015</li> <li>• Tournaments made £870 surplus in total</li> <li>• Other expenditure on umpire training, new players day, development training</li> <li>• Pitch fees deficit relates to Regents Park pitches booked centrally and not used due to rain-outs</li> <li>• All Star games and End of Season party – total includes t-shirts and pitch rental for All Star games, party venue, trophies</li> <li>• Slight decrease in overall bank balance.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Tournaments Update – Victoria Alexander (VA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The four teams that did not get into Lastball 2015 have a guaranteed reserved spot for Firstball 2016</li> <li>• Firstball has been brought forward by a week to 7 May</li> <li>• May not be able to use Chiswick for Firstball – VA will continue working on pitch booking until new tournaments officer is in post</li> <li>• VA emphasised a good system is in place for running the tournaments and it is not as much work to run as people might think – encouraged people to come forward for the Tournaments Officer role.</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Fixtures and Registration for 2016 – Lance Nelson (LN)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One new team definitely planning to enter Minors 3 – Game of Throws</li> <li>• Another possible new team – not present at AGM</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for registration is 18 March, and a further week for payment of league fees</li> <li>• Aiming for at least 2 weeks' notice of fixtures before first week of play</li> <li>• LN will try to take north/south team locations into account with umpiring roster</li> </ul> <p>LN requested that teams get in contact with him if any of these apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams wanting to move pitches or playing night</li> <li>• Any team from 2015 is folding in 2016</li> <li>• Any new teams</li> <li>• Any teams intending to make a private booking at Regents Park</li> <li>• Teams who have a particular issue that will affect a fixture, eg the whole team will be away on a particular date – LN can try to accommodate this in the schedule (no guarantees)</li> </ul> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:fixtures@glsmil.co.uk">fixtures@glsmil.co.uk</a></p>
7	<p><b>New Players Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Flynn not present</li> <li>• The New Players Officer will support new teams through registration process</li> </ul>
8	<p><b>Proposed Changes to Rules / Standing Orders – Dan Armstrong</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most significant change is the introduction of 11 inch balls for female batters</li> <li>• Most other changes are clarifications</li> <li>• If people have any questions or comments after tonight, contact the new committee who will be meeting in March</li> </ul> <p>DA talked through highlighted changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teams need to supply 4 balls for each home game – 2 each of 12 inch and 11 inch; 1 new ball of each size, the other can be used</li> <li>• Mandatory change to core of 12 inch balls</li> <li>• Introduced rule – women who prefer to hit a 12 inch ball can do so, announce at the pre-game captains meeting and applies for the whole game</li> </ul> <p>Q: If a female batter declares at the beginning of the game they will use a 12 inch ball, do substitutes need to use the same ball as the woman they are replacing? A: No – subs can choose for themselves but announce also at the captains' meeting if they want to use the 12 inch ball.</p> <p>Q: Whose responsibility is it to ensure the correct ball is used? A: Covered in 3E – the batting team has the option if the wrong ball is pitched to keep the play or have it replayed.</p> <p>Steve Getraer suggested that this be changed so that if a woman electing to hit the 12 inch ball is then pitched an 11 inch ball the option to retake the play should be with the fielding not the batting team. <i>(Not discussed further and no decision.)</i></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional forfeit penalty for teams forfeiting one of the last 2 games of the season</li> </ul> <p>Q: Clarify what counts as the last 2 games – does that include reschedules? A: Whatever the actual last 2 games are, including reschedules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have clarified roster rules to capture the spirit of the law</li> <li>• Code of Conduct strengthened regarding player conduct and umpire abuse</li> <li>• ISF rule allow for teams to substitute an ejected player. GLSML variation – if a player is ejected for abusing an umpire then their spot has to remain vacant and they cannot be substituted.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Have we had any ejections in the last season or two? A: DA was aware of one situation where an umpire chose not to eject a player because they realised that there was no available substitute and it would have resulted in a forfeit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarified rules on eligibility for play-off games</li> <li>• Looking at keeping the morning of the All Star game day available for play-off games</li> </ul> <p>Question raised on Facebook regarding group banned bats – clarification regarding ASA stamp vs banned bats list, ISF stamp. Simon Gordon: We will be reviewing the rules to keep in line with BASU regulations on the legality of bats to ensure consistency between tournaments and league.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> SGo will update website with link to ASA banned bats list</p>
9	<p><b>Umpiring Report – Simon Gordon (SGo)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Lau not in attendance – coordinated umpiring training last year. We are looking at how we can improve for this year.</li> <li>• Note dates planned on calendar – no other dates planned currently but we will consider additional dates if there is sufficient demand.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Will the GLSML accept Windsor umpiring training courses as ‘qualified’? A: SGe – thought the Windsor course was a 2 day BASU course SGo – if it is a 2 day BASU course then definitely covered; if it is a one day course then Simon would need to look into content to check whether it is sufficient.</p> <p>Q: Is there enough availability in umpiring courses if qualification is a new compulsory requirement? A: SGo – the rules have included the qualification requirement (ie one day training) for a while now, there is just an issue with enforcement. Suggests that teams prioritise promoting courses to the players who are most likely to want to umpire.</p> <p>Q: How recently do you have to have been on a course? A: Now once every 4 years (changed a few season ago)</p>



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	<p>Q: Can you send around dates of BASU courses not in London? A: Think these are available on BSF website – SGo can post a link on facebook Mike Jennings commented don't assume there will be availability in non-London courses – may be booked up.</p> <p>Q: BSUK has used online modules. Is there any initiative to put this online? A: There have been committee discussions about this, but problematic due to cost and the inclusion of suitable relevant information.</p> <p>DA spoke about the umpire mentoring programme and encouraged experienced umpires to sign up as mentors. Chris Moon has offered to run some practical training on 21 May for newly trained umpires – DA asked teams for a show of hands as to whether they think their players, only a few hands raised.</p> <p>Q: Are the current courses all classroom based? A: Combination of classroom with some outdoor work.</p> <p>Q: If the qualification requirement is going to be enforced this year, will you send out a list of all qualified umpires? DA – At the moment it hasn't been set in stone what the penalty will be – we will see what the level of non-compliance is like and what the impact is. SGo – Clarified he won't be sending out a list to teams but will be keeping a list, and it will be available to all teams. Clarification: 'Qualified' for GLSML means any BASU course OR GLSML course in the last 4 years, or another equivalent course around the country (SGo to check whether suitable). SGo has a list of BASU qualified umpires but not people who have attended a course elsewhere in the country, or attended a BASU 2 day course but didn't go on to be qualified.</p> <p>Q: What's the average number of qualified umpires per team currently? A: SGo didn't have information to hand but thinks on average probably 1.5 per team, with wide variety.</p> <p>Q: Do plate and field umpires both have to be qualified or just plate? A: Both</p> <p>Q: Are the venues confirmed yet for one day courses? A: No – to be announced.</p> <p>Q: Will this be a case of teams complaining and then getting a penalty point issued if the umpires weren't qualified? A: SGo – want to avoid that. The new committee will discuss this in March.</p> <p>Steve Getraer and others spoke about the positive aspects of umpiring training aside from meeting league requirements – improved enjoyment and understanding of the game, opportunity to socialise with other teams.</p>



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<b>10</b>	<p><b>2016 Committee Membership – positions and volunteers</b></p> <p>DA ran through the positions and confirmed nominees – no votes required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vix – social – willing to step down if someone else is keen and steps forward, asked captains to let teams know</li> <li>Tournaments Officer not filled – committee to send out communication with a summary of what’s involved for captains to send out to teams. (The new committee can co-opt someone into the role if there is a volunteer.)</li> </ul> <p>Vote of thanks to members stepping down:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duncan Waugh</li> <li>Dan Armstrong</li> <li><i>(Not mentioned on the night) Daniel Ferguson, Matt Waller, Paul Flynn</i></li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>League Director</td> <td>Kat Macann</td> <td>London Raiders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary</td> <td>Kelly Dippenaar</td> <td>Mescalitos Ninos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Officer</td> <td>Simon Gordon</td> <td>Spam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Umpiring Officer</td> <td>Jessica Lau</td> <td>Tecumseh's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Officer</td> <td>Liam Morrison</td> <td>Spam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fixtures Officer</td> <td>Lance Nelson</td> <td>Voodoo's</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tournaments Officer</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications Officer</td> <td>Rocco Cammisola</td> <td>Disco Inferno</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Players Officer</td> <td>Abbie Gometz Davies</td> <td>Tornadoes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Majors Rep</td> <td>Chris Carr</td> <td>Pimlico Pirates</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Majors Rep</td> <td>Dana Granville</td> <td>The Mob</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minors Rep</td> <td>Steve Karneinsky</td> <td>Comets Yellow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minors Rep</td> <td>Neil Weyman</td> <td>Pimlico Parrots</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Steve Getraer</td> <td>Coyotes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Secretary</td> <td>Victoria Alexander</td> <td>Base Invaders</td> </tr> </table>	League Director	Kat Macann	London Raiders	Secretary	Kelly Dippenaar	Mescalitos Ninos	Technical Officer	Simon Gordon	Spam	Umpiring Officer	Jessica Lau	Tecumseh's	Development Officer	Liam Morrison	Spam	Fixtures Officer	Lance Nelson	Voodoo's	Tournaments Officer			Communications Officer	Rocco Cammisola	Disco Inferno	New Players Officer	Abbie Gometz Davies	Tornadoes	Majors Rep	Chris Carr	Pimlico Pirates	Majors Rep	Dana Granville	The Mob	Minors Rep	Steve Karneinsky	Comets Yellow	Minors Rep	Neil Weyman	Pimlico Parrots	Treasurer	Steve Getraer	Coyotes	Social Secretary	Victoria Alexander	Base Invaders
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<b>11</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Q: Is it possible to get extra pitches for Firstball/Lastball so all the teams that want to can enter?</p> <p>A: Will raise with whoever picks up Tournaments lead role</p>																																													

**Meeting closed 8.20pm**