



## GLSML AGM 2017 Season Agenda

Attendance registration from **6.30pm**

Meeting starts at **7pm**

<b>Attendee Registration</b>	All registered teams were in attendance except : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comets Yellow</li> <li>• Base Jumpers</li> </ul>	
<b>2016 Committee Members in Attendance</b>	League Director	Kat Macann
	Secretary	Kelly Dippenaar
	Technical Officer	Simon Gordon
	Majors Rep	Dana Granville
	Majors Rep	Chris Carr
	Minors Rep	Steve Karmeinsky
	Minors Rep	Neil Weyman
	Social Secretary	Victoria Alexander
	Communications Officer	Rocco Cammisola
<b>Apologies (2016 committee members)</b>	Development Officer	Liam Morrison
	Fixtures Officer	Lance Nelson
	Tournaments Officer	Pete Rowlands
	Treasurer	Steve Getraer
	New Players Officer	Abbie Gometz
	Umpires Officer	Jessica Lau

No	Item
1	<p><b>Director's Introduction and Season Overview – Kat Macann</b></p> <p>KM gave a brief overview of how the committee had operated in 2016 and mentioned some season highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fewer forfeits then previous year</li> <li>• Successfully introduce the two ball system</li> <li>• 98% quite happy/very happy with overall</li> <li>• 92% happy with comms</li> <li>• Drop in satisfaction for tournaments</li> <li>• Want for improvement – umpiring standards</li> <li>• Looking ahead to this year: Tournament registration (payment timings)</li> <li>• Dukes Meadow is booked for FirstBall</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Receive and confirm minutes from previous AGM – Kat Macann</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from last year approved</li> </ul>



3	<p><b>Presentation of annual accounts – Kelly Dippenaar</b></p> <p>A 2015 finance summary was tabled at the meeting and KD talked through key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accounts are pretty balanced but the current summary does include some expected/estimated costs we have not received invoices from.</li><li>• BSF fee increase from 2015 to 2016 caused by changes in rates as well as increase based on age of teams. These fees will not increase this year so team registration fees will stay the same.</li><li>• There are currently no expenses listed under Pitch fees. We have been negotiating with Wandsworth over pitch fees. We have the income from the teams but have not reached agreement with Wandsworth about the cost. It is anticipated that there will be a net expense to the league. At a minimum the increase for the year will be reduced by the amount of the Income (£2,450) shown in this schedule.</li><li>• The development expenses include pitch rental fees at Regents Park.</li></ul>
4	<p><b>Technical Officer’s report and umpire training plans for 2017 - Simon Gordon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Umpiring courses we well attended this year</li><li>• New umpire feedback form gave a well-rounded look at the quality of umping and areas where umpiring needs improvement. Would like to continue with this and encourages captains to complete the form following games.</li></ul> <p>SG gave an overview of the proposed umpiring training courses was tables at the meeting and SG talked through the key point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It will be a tiered courses aim to target the different levels of learning.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Bronze: For new player/new to umpiring and will cover general rules and field umpiring</li><li>○ Silver: For players who have previously done umpiring course. Will go over behind the plate umpiring training</li><li>○ Gold: BASU qualification</li></ul></li><li>• No objection or comments about the proposed umpiring training. Will look at this at the first committee meeting.</li></ul> <p>Comment: rules help sheets are very useful Response: SG – We don’t want the rules sheets to get to extensive. Then it becomes a rulebook but if there is anything captains feels is missing to please feedback to Simon</p> <p>Q: How do umpires give feedback on teams? A: SG- Umpires can always contact Simon if there is umpired have the need to feedback about team</p> <p>Q: In fixtures- Div 3 umpire Div 1 games. Is this going to continue? Want to encourage more umpire to team ratio. A: This did happen to teams across all divisions. But we can keep this in mind and look into it when doing fixtures. We want to keep people umpiring across all divisions.</p> <p>Q: Some team had umpires for some end of season games where the umpiring would directly influence team. Could we do not have umpires ump their own division – or not to do so towards the end of the season.</p>



5	<p><b>Calendar, Fixtures and Registration for 2017 - Kelly Dippenaar</b></p> <p>A copy of the current calendar was circulated and Kelly went through the key dates for the season:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration: Opens 22 Feb, Closes 17 March, Payment 24 Marc</li><li>• 1 or 2 Apr – New Players Day. *Still working on pitch reservation</li><li>• 18 April- Target date for fixtures to be released.</li><li>• 2 May Season starts, 17 Sept deadline to complete all games</li></ul> <p>An email will be sent to captains and there will be a few items that we want teams to confirm asap 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</li><li>• For now any of the above should be sent to <a href="mailto:info@glsmll.co.uk">info@glsmll.co.uk</a></li></ul> <p>Q: There is a short time between fixtures release and start of the season. It may be difficult to confirm pitch booking within such a little time frame. Is there any way this can be done earlier?</p> <p>A: 18<sup>th</sup> April is the latest fixtures will be released. With the changeover of fixtures officer it is unlikely we will get this out earlier. If this is the case the team could request an away game for their first game.</p> <p>Q: Is there any way of hosting New Players Day before registration, as it may be tough for teams to register when they are in need of new players and don't know if they will be able to have a team unless they get new players on board.</p> <p>A: New Players Day is an opportunity for the league to help facilitate matching interested players and teams. However, teams are also in charge of building their rosters and looking for players. This year we are actually hosting New Players Day earlier. Its normally been mid to end of April.</p>
6	<p><b>Election of 2017 Committee</b></p> <p>Vote of thanks to members stepping down:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lance Nelson</li><li>• Steve Getraer</li><li>• Abbie Gometz</li><li>• Jessica Lau</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ballots were on the back of the AGM agenda. One vote per team was taken, collected, and confirmed that all nominated members were voted in and confirmed.</li></ul>



Position	Nominee	Team / Division (2016)
<b>Director</b>	Kat Macann	Raiders Gold – Majors 2
<b>Secretary</b>	Kakie Ak Najjar	Coyotes – Majors 1
<b>Treasurer</b>	Victoria Alexander	Base Invaders – Majors 3
<b>Fixtures Officer</b>	Vijay Chauhan	Soft Boiled – Minors 2
<b>Technical Officer</b>	Simon Gordon	Spam – Majors 1
<b>Umpiring Officer</b>	Liz Knight	Raiders Gold – Majors 2
<b>Development Officer</b>	Liam Morrison	Spam – Majors 1
<b>Social Officer</b>	Sara Daughtry	Thundercats – Majors 2
<b>Tournaments Officer</b>	Pete Rowlands	Mescalitos Banditos – Minors 2
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Rocco Cammisola	Disco Inferno – Minors 3
<b>New Players Officer</b>	Kelly Dippenaar	Mezcalitos Niños – Majors 2
<b>General Officer – Majors</b>	Chris Carr	Pimlico Pirates – Minors 1
<b>General Officer – Majors</b>	Dana Granville	The Mob – Majors 3
<b>General Officer – Minors</b>	Steve Karmeinsky	Kamikazes – Minors 1
<b>General Officer – Minors</b>	Neil Weyman	Pimlico Parrots – Minors 2

  

7	<p><b>Proposed amendments to the Constitution, Standing Orders and Regulations</b></p> <p>A summary of the proposed changes were circulated and Kat walked through the changes for the constitution and proposed changes for the standing orders.</p> <p><b>Constitution</b></p> <p>Copies of the constitution with updates were circulated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution hasn't been updated since 2012</li> <li>• The below items were put forward and the changes were approved</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Summary of Proposed Amendment</th> <th>Rationale</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Section 3(g): Clarification regarding requirement for teams to have qualified umpires on their roster</td> <td>Clarification and alignment with Standing Orders</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 7: Simplified process for nominations to reflect actual practice</td> <td>Current Constitution does not reflect actual practice; need flexibility to enable nominations to be received on the day of the meeting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Section 8: Committee positions – shortened list of positions to a list of core positions essential to basic league administration and Majors/Minors representation; full list of current positions is shown in the Standing Orders 8c: Allows Committee to co-opt members to fill committee vacancies outside of the AGM; added requirement for vacancies to be advertised and for a two thirds committee vote to approve anyone recruited as a result.</td> <td>Previous version is out of date and doesn't reflect current committee positions. Greater flexibility to respond to changing needs and create or amend roles without needing to amend the Constitution  Ensure transparency re co-opting new committee members</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Summary of Proposed Amendment	Rationale	Section 3(g): Clarification regarding requirement for teams to have qualified umpires on their roster	Clarification and alignment with Standing Orders	Section 7: Simplified process for nominations to reflect actual practice	Current Constitution does not reflect actual practice; need flexibility to enable nominations to be received on the day of the meeting.	Section 8: Committee positions – shortened list of positions to a list of core positions essential to basic league administration and Majors/Minors representation; full list of current positions is shown in the Standing Orders 8c: Allows Committee to co-opt members to fill committee vacancies outside of the AGM; added requirement for vacancies to be advertised and for a two thirds committee vote to approve anyone recruited as a result.	Previous version is out of date and doesn't reflect current committee positions. Greater flexibility to respond to changing needs and create or amend roles without needing to amend the Constitution  Ensure transparency re co-opting new committee members
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Throughout: Minor grammatical edits, removal of outdated reference	General tidying up of the document
<p>Q: How do you register the number of umpires in 4C. ? A: We are looking to improve registration of umpires and possibly add this to the BSF website.</p> <p>Q: There was a suggestion about making committee member commit to the role doe a certain number of years/seasons. A: Not putting it on the table. But worth looking at again.</p> <p><b>Standing Orders</b> -<b>KM presented the</b> proposed changes, but said a decision will not be made at the AGM. The committee will take comments from AGM and will discuss this further and make changes.</p>	
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<p>Section 7 (e)(i): Playing Up (also need to change 7(f))</p> <p>Change to: Individuals may play up for any team in a higher division, however an individual cannot play up for the same team more than twice in a season. le Team Organisers may use replacement players from lower divisions (or same division if Minors 3) but cannot use the same individual more than twice in a season. For an individual to play for a different team than their original roster a third time, they would need to transfer to that team.</p>	<p>The current limitation on individuals is not practical to monitor/enforce. The changes are intended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retain opportunities for individual players to play up/across with increased flexibility</li> <li>• Maintain a limit on how often an individual can play for the same team to discourage dependency on regular fill-ins and ensure players do not deliberately roster themselves to a lower division team with the intention of regularly playing for a higher division team.</li> <li>• Clarify that team organisers are responsible for complying with rostering rules.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Section 12 – Play-off rules:</b> More explicit process regarding how promotion/relegation games are arranged: When a play-off is required, the committee will select at random a ‘home’ team for the purposes of organising the fixture and notify both teams. The home team will offer the ‘away’ team three dates, one of which the away team must accept. The home team will book a pitch and the away team will arrange umpires – teams to share the cost of both equally. For the game itself, a coin toss will be used to determine home/away teams.</p>	<p>Remove ambiguity and set out a clear, fair process for teams to follow.</p> <p>There have been a couple of issues in recent seasons with teams struggling to agree a date for play-offs. The committee will continue to offer slots for play-off games on the morning of the All Star game day, so teams can plan for this if a play-off is likely to be required.</p>



	<p>1) Playing up rule comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Does that not make it harder for teams to get players</li><li>-Can we not just rely on the good will of the teams to not roster players down to use up</li><li>-Team like Raiders- find it more restrictive (esp when two teams are in the same division)</li><li>-What about a draft pool? Players who want to play up multiple times put their names to a list</li><li>-A restriction is good to have.</li><li>-How do you police it?</li></ul> <p>Vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- increase flexibility, but still have some restriction in place.</li><li>-More people voted for 3 times per team</li></ul> <p>2) Playoff games comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Why do we have runs for/against on the system.</li></ul> <p>A: Not something we use to determine positions</p>
8	<p>Any Other Business (matters raised by members)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Availability of grounds for 2017<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We will share the spreadsheet with proposed home pitch.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>Comment: Any opportunity to try and get a roller across the ground to fix the hole/bumps.</p> <p>Response from another captain: Big fields like RP don't usually take on comments like that – they do minor changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What will be happening with firstball / lastball registration?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ We have taken on the feedback received from facebook posts and end of season survey. We will look at ways to improve the registration process- we will not be going off of time paid again.</li></ul></li></ul>