

TE NW Committee Meeting

14 March 2019 1900 hrs Bolton Arena

Present: Pete Edwards, Dave Rigby, John Tuer, Candice Parker-Smith Karen Carter, Paul Ekgren

Guests: Oli Heald, Peter Pain, Andy Rawley.

Apologies: Sue Taylor, Danny Parr

Minutes Of Last Meeting: Summarised by PE and agreed.

Matters Arising: PP summarised the new draft guidelines for the Junior Series nationally in relation to Codes of Conduct for both competitors and parents.

Officers Reports:

Chair – DR briefly explained the pragmatic events of the past few months since the AGM chiefly around financial affairs, banking issues et. Virtually all of these are now resolved and the region is able to access its bank account again. We are now in a much stronger position but must learn from the issues recently resolved.

Treasurer – The bank account finally came under full control on 14/2/19 following a very frustrating struggle. It had been difficult to find 2 signatories to add the new treasurer to the account but this is now done. The region, however still managed to operate throughout all the problems. Formal thanks were recorded to AR and P.Ek for making events happen in these difficult circumstances. We appear to be in a healthy financial situation for the coming year. JT briefly explained the circumstances around the previous treasurer's departure and explained options to recover allegedly missing funds. After discussion it was decided to write off this amount and tighten policy around future expense claims. JT presented a draft finance policy which was discussed and agreed in principle with some amendments such as the requirement to obtain 3 quotes in all cases for all expenditure over £200. Exceptions to this will be sanctioned for annual purchases such as IRC kit. A final draft of the Finance Policy to be presented at the next meeting.

Officials – A rent LTO course was fully booked up and attended. Similar situation with RTO course on 31/3/19.

Junior Series – P. Ek presented the proposed 2019 calendar of events. Discussion took place about including events outside the region ie Bala, agreed to retain this event. P Ek explained the variety and location of all events which were approved by committee.

2018 Awards Evening – Although it was a very stressful and frustrating process due to the financial issues previously mentioned, it was a very good event. Formal thanks were offered to P. Ek and committee resolved to provide practical support for the 2019 awards. P. Ek proposed to hold this in November at the same Preston Grasshoppers venue.

AOB: DR informed committee that £4k had been received from Chester Tri club towards the defibrillator fund. We now need to look towards match funding to boost this ie from Sport England.

Forward Operational Planning: KC asked that this be urgently considered by all to tie in with the new finance policy and report back to next committee meeting. DR mentioned that there is Innovation funding available from TE.

Next Meeting: 2 May 2019 1900hrs Bolton Arena.