

**NPUA Executive Meeting
Thursday 30th May 2019
Conference Call**

In Attendance – David Monger (DM), Mark Everard (ME), Richard Kirk (RK), David Elworthy (DEL), David Ellcock (DE), Charles Hallows (CH), Ed Westbrook (EW)

Apologies – Rebecca Woodcock (RW), Jonathan Hull (JH), Rachel Williams (RWi), Martin Twist (MT), Leila Sacre (LS)

Meeting Open - 19:35

1. Selectors - All
 - a. The C Panel lead, for both Men and Women, will be formally recruited (in the same manner as the second appointment secretary), and will be advertised on 31st May
 - b. Premier / A* / A / B* / B panel leads, for both Men and Women, have been proposed, and will be discussed in the Selection meeting on 1st June. The outcomes of that discussion will be presented back to the Executive for endorsement
2. 2019-20 Fitness Policy
 - a. The Executive have agreed on the fitness policy for 2019-20, so agreeing to follow FIH and have one level for the newly introduced Yo-Yo test, but with an ask that for 2020-21 a review be held to see if we can differentiate by age for that test (as well as by gender), and extending the testing window for 2019 by one week to 18th August
 - b. [ACTION] - JH to circulate a copy of the policy to all members, post it on the web site to replace the existing version, and start publicising the fitness testing events via e-mail, FB, etc.
3. New OMS – DEL
 - a. The upcoming milestones for the systems are:
 - i. w/c 10th June - meeting to be held with Colin / Chris Peart and Jo Pennycook regarding appointing of umpires / officials on the system for new season (and by which time a UAT environment will be available)
 - ii. w/c 17th June - upload of fixtures for 2019/20 season
 - iii. w/c 24th June - meeting between RK and Mark from WTU in reference to finance package
 - iv. w/c 1st July - front-end / "customer facing" site aimed to be launched
 - v. w/c 15 July - arrange silent Webex for umpires / coaches / assessors to view the system
 - b. The outstanding items are:
 - i. Agree with NPUA who needs access to what
 - ii. Arrange how NPUA's existing website can transfer across (as this may be covered in contract with TEX so need to discuss how to transfer the domain name to the new site)
4. Radios - DEL
 - a. The tactical approach will remain to have a view, twice a season, on our radio requirements, and then place an order, as required, with the current supplier
 - i. [ACTION] - CH will advise the supplier that NPUA will be placing an order in August
 - b. The strategic approach will be to further test over the course of the summer the seemingly more cost effective replacement solution that is software based and operates on a smartphone
 - i. [ACTION] - The feedback from use of that solution during the first round of the county championship has been collated. DEL will be leading a discussion on that in early June
5. 2019 Conference - RE (provided off-line)
 - a. The confirmed keynote speakers are:
 - i. Gary Burgess - top level netball referee
 - ii. Ed Barney - GB Performance Director
 - iii. Tina Dullaghan and Sarah Kelleher
 - iv. Dan Barstow - Modern movement patterns
 - b. There are a couple still TBC but we are hoping to firm up in the next couple of weeks so we have a launch on June 10th when Conference booking opens
 - c. The Exec very much likes the make-up of the proposed agenda, and the central theme of what NPUA means to its members. There is one additional item they would like to be added:
 - i. [ACTION] - DEL to create a fact based deck to explain the new rule amendments (so something that can be used for any intended audience), and DE to walk through that at conference, but using video clips to concentrate on the nuances that will likely occur in the National programme
 - d. [ACTION] - ME to send a "Welcome to Conference" explanatory note to the new C Panel umpires. Conference definitely needs to be mentioned and pitched as an amazing opportunity, etc

6. AoB

- a. DM confirmed that all, new, C panel umpires will be added to the system on, or as near as possible to, 1st July, so that they can book conference, enter availability, order shirts, etc. That should probably be included in the "Welcome to Conference" explanatory note
- b. DE provided a brief overview of the revised marking scheme, which was broadly welcomed by all Exec members that were present
- c. LS confirmed prior to the meeting that she will not be looking to stand for re-election at the AGM
- d. [COMPLETED] - DM to extend the Executive meeting series to take the Association through to Conference (and so the next AGM)

Meeting Close - 21:05