

## NPUA Executive Meeting

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Zoom

In Attendance - David Monger (DM), Mark Everard (ME), Sean Edwards (SE), Richard Kirk (RK), A J Small (AJ), Rachel Williams (RWi) and Karen Fynn (KF)

Apologies - Charles Hallows (CH), Rebecca Woodcock (RW), David Ellcock (DE), Ed Westbrook (EW) and Jonathan Hull (JH)

Meeting Open - 19:05

1. External Web Site
  - i. [ACTION] – The new website was complete as of today, and should be live by 17<sup>th</sup> January. The e-mail advising the membership of the new site will go out by 31<sup>st</sup> January, at the same time that the revamped app is launched (see below)
  - ii. [ACTION] - RWi, KF, AJ and EW to provide SE with the requested bios by CoB on 17<sup>th</sup> January
2. NPUA App Content
  - i. 100+ clips have now been edited, categorised and uploaded to the app, including the clips used in the conference sessions, and the sessions themselves
  - ii. EW plans to combine all of that with the conference session recordings (plus the recent coaching workshop if available) and re-launch all the content together to the membership, as it should provide a stronger 'hook' for people to download and view
  - iii. [ACTION] - EW must re-launch the app to the membership by 31<sup>st</sup> January (at the very latest) with whatever content is available at that time
3. New BUCS/Premier/Division 1 Appointment Secretary
  - i. 5 applications have been received to date. The deadline for submissions is 16<sup>th</sup> January
  - ii. [ACTION] - ME will speak with SE to decide how the interview process will progress. The expectation is that the successful candidate will have been selected by end-of-February (at the very latest)
4. 2020 Conference Wrap-up
  - i. KF presented a summary view of the survey feedback that the membership provided in October:
    - It was enjoyed by the vast majority and better than people were expecting
    - People enjoyed the short-and-snappy format that didn't take-up the entire weekend
    - While conference would likely return to an in-person event, when possible, we will look at the possibility of a mid-season, on-line, version, given the above enjoyment of that format
  - ii. [FUTURE ACTION] - The initial view is that the 2021 conference will be virtual as well. A discussion will be held in the February Exec meeting as to who the conference sub-committee will be. They will then consider what the theme, and associated content, might be
5. 'Return to Play' Latest
  - i. NPUA and TAP are meeting with EH tomorrow to discuss their current perspective and ensure that EH have the officials' input
6. Finances
  - i. BUCS have confirmed that their leagues and knockouts, as they were scheduled, have been cancelled for the remainder of the 2020-2021 season. This includes the National Leagues, which NPUA appoint to
  - ii. [ACTION] - ME to speak to EH regarding stopping the BUCS and Leagues appointment bursary (from January onwards) to Colin B and Chris P
    - While the BUCS related payments will definitely be stopped, as that competition is confirmed as not happening, should it not be possible to stop the league related payments to Chris P, given his direct contract with EH, then NPUA will look to honour the remaining payments for this season to Colin B as well
  - iii. [FUTURE ACTION] - In the February Exec meeting we will discuss how the 2020-21 subscriptions should/might be modified, depending on the 'Return to Play' view

7. AoB

- i. It is expected that NPUA members will not automatically be full members of the new EH Umpiring Membership Scheme, as it is slated more towards non-HUA affiliated, i.e. club, umpires
- ii. Sean posed the general question of whether we can/should be doing more for the membership at this time. We agreed on an initial couple of actions:
  - [ACTION] - DM to speak with Ciaran O'Connell to see if it would be possible to make some live / canned on-line fitness sessions available to umpires
  - [ACTION] - AJ to look into setting up a trial, one-day, fitness event in the NPUA club on Strava to see if that generates much interest

**Meeting Close - 20:20**