

NPUA Executive Meeting

Wednesday 24th February 2021

Zoom

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

Apologies - David Ellcock (DE), Ed Westbrook (EW) and Jonathan Hull (JH)

Meeting Open - 19:00

1. 'Return to Play' Latest
 - i. [FYI] - EH are hoping to provide a further update, on top of what they did last month, following the latest Government announcement on 22nd February. However, they need some additional travel guidance before they can do so.
 - ii. [ACTION] - KF to create a private group on FB that will be intended to create a "social space" for members to re-engage with one another ahead of the return to play (whenever that will be). The initial articles in the group will likely be fitness based to test the waters and see what engagement that brings.
2. Finances
 - i. The Executive discussed, and agreed, the following for the 2020-21 subscriptions (assuming that the season is not able to continue):
 - The subscription for assessors, coaches and young members will be GBPO (zero).
 - The subscription for full members will be set at GBP40, i.e. the same charge that has already been applied to the members that claimed expenses at the point the season was suspended.
 - If members expenses do not cover the subscription fee those expenses will be carried over to the next season and the member won't be charged a fee. However, the onus will be on all members to make a claim.
 - If members wish to donate more than the set fee they can do so by donating when they claim (as has historically been the case).
 - [ACTION] - DM to draft the e-mail to the membership and circulate to the Executive for review and comment.
3. 2021 Conference
 - i. As agreed in the previous meeting, we will plan for another virtual conference.
 - ii. [ACTION] - SE, KF, RW, AJ and RWi volunteered to form the conference sub-committee and will now consider what the theme, and associated content, might be.
4. New BUCS/Premier/Division 1 Appointment Secretary
 - i. [ACTION - COMPLETED] - DM to e-mail Matt Harrison and confirm that a single, dedicated, appointing e-mail address can be created for both Jenks and Chris P to use (at a cost to the Association of £55 per annum).
5. Proposed Governance in Officiating
 - i. [FYI] - Sean provided a brief overview of what the EH Vision Group is looking to achieve, how the discussion has moved on from the initial document that was circulated in mid-January and what the intentions going forward are.
6. New Member Welcome Pack
 - i. [ACTION] - DM to pull together all the disparate pieces of information that might typically be shared with new members into a single format document. The draft of that will first be sent to KF for review and comment.
7. Recruitment Campaign
 - i. [ACTION] - RW, KF, CH and RWi volunteered to form an Executive sub-group to generate ideas for an umpire recruitment campaign. Mason Wright will be invited to join the sub-group in order to represent the NYUPL in the discussion.

8. Update on current, and potential, international umpires having access to EH resources
 - i. While EH's hands are largely tied in the regard, due to how they are funded, they are open to, potentially, funding some support services via the development budget. However, in order to progress that discussion they need real, concrete, asks.
 - ii. [ACTION] - Anyone with any suggestions of what might be required should send those to SE who will collate the list for further discussion with EH.
9. AoB
 - i. [ACTION] - AJ to draft a 'how to' guide for completing the DIY, Strava based, fitness test, in anticipation of that being required again for the 2021-22 season.
 - ii. [FYI] - Kit update:
 - Umpiring shirts have now been made available to order from our online shop. We are also able to order shirts to be provided FOC to new members and are working through the backlog of shirt orders for those who passed their L3 before lockdown.
 - A full zip fleece and fleece gilet are to be added to the online shop shortly. Initially, they'll only be available in Men's fit only, with a Ladies' fit to follow.
 - Lia is leaving Specialist Sports at the end-of-February and our new account manager will be Jade Lock.
 - [ACTION] - The contract between NPUA and Specialist Sports expires at the end of July. They are keen to renew and have offered to send a proposal, which JH should ensure is sent to ME in the first instance.

Meeting Close - 20:40