

**Notes of the NLC meeting
22 November 2015, London**

Present:

Sallie Barker
Mark Coups
Bella Kiddle
Chris Dale
John Sharples
David Marsden
Dani Skelley
Kate Nelson-Lee
Tracey Averies

Apologies: Dave Coldwell

Minutes of the last meeting: These were approved.

Player registration

A presentation was made by Tim Wilson, Participant, on the mechanics of the new registration system. From 2016-season all players, coaches, officials and supporters will be required to register with the ELA through the registration system.

Mark Coups also gave a presentation on the rationale for the new system and sought feedback from NLC on the proposed fees.

NLC discussed the proposals and agreed in principle that the new system would be good as it would help clubs, leagues and regions to manage the players' involvement in the game. However, NLC wished to seek the feedback of the players via the regions. To this end it was agreed that feedback would be sought and returned to Dave Coldwell by 31st December.

**Action: MC to send round the presentation to regional representatives
Regions to seek feedback and return to Dave and Mark by 31st
December**

Finance

Financial year 2015/16 – regions were asked to confirm their expenditure for the remainder of this FY.

Financial year 2016/17 – a discussion was held on the papers circulated by Bella Kiddle prior to the meeting. The content of which was agreed. Each region to plan on income from NLC of c£4k.

Bella would put together the draft NLC budget for 2016/17 and circulate in the New Year prior to the Finance Committee meeting and NLC in January

Action: Regions to confirm their spend for rest of this year and send in their proposed budget for 2016/17 by 21st December.

Men's Competitive Review

NLC received the update from the consultation exercise. They requested further information and specific recommendations from the consultant, with an executive summary. These would then be circulated to the wider membership for feedback, with final recommendations to NLC in January.

Action: Dave to contact Warwick Andrews and seek recommendations

Codes of Conduct

The draft Codes were discussed and approved by NLC. The aim would be to send these out to the clubs in January. A question was asked as to whether the Codes could be laminated and sent out to clubs to put up in their clubhouse. A PDF version would be made available and the Codes would be put up onto the ELA website. In addition, it was suggested that the Codes should be linked to the player registration system and clubs. Players, Coaches, officials etc should agree to sign up to these when they register each year.

It was acknowledged that the Codes needed to be linked to the disciplinary process.

Action: Dave to explore how the Codes could be distributed. Funding for which would be allocated in 2016/17 budget.

Disciplinary procedures

A paper had been produced by John Sharples on the above and NLC considered the questions within it. The principles for a national model were agreed and John was asked to continue to develop the procedures and bring them back to NLC in January. John was thanked for his work on this area.

Action: John to revise disciplinary procedures and bring to January meeting

Officiating involvement on NLC

Following discussion on the different aspects of umpire/referee involvement in the game at all levels, it was agreed that the mens' and womens' umpiring committees would be asked to send NLC their proposals on how they could engage with the Committee.

Action: Dave to contact Committee reps and seek their views

Dates of next meeting

20 January – Warwick, 6-9pm. Warwick Andrews to be invited to attend.

21 April, location TBC, 6-9

Phone-in facilities would be made available for those who could not attend.