

SLNA COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday 15 December 2015, Bowler's bar Clickimin.

PRESENT: Alicia (Chair), Maya (Secretary), Maisie, Hazel, Clare, Zoey, Kelsea, Louise Kelly, Leanna Henderson, Kerry Nicolson.

APOLOGIES: Louise Jamieson, Kirsti, Joanne.

Kinetics Complaint letter

Complaint letter issued by Kinetics was discussed. The team were unhappy about the short notice given for their game vs Whalsay, to be played in Whalsay on 2 December at 7.30pm. They were unable to field a team however felt that as fixtures were issued late, it was unfair and the game should be rescheduled. At the time, the committee felt the reasons were not exceptional and Kinetics would have to forfeit the points, if they were unable to field a team.

At the meeting the letter was discussed, the committee were concerned the decision had not been taken well and all agreed an apology was owed to Kinetics for the short notice, however the remaining 19 teams which did play had to be taken into consideration. It was discussed that it should be known netball is always on a Wednesday despite the location, so child care issues would have need to have been thought of regardless so the decision made by the committee stands. This being the case, Alicia has called for an EGM where all teams will need to provide a representative to cast a deciding vote. Kinetics will be allowed to voice their thoughts and then a vote will be made for a final decision: Committee to apologise and the game to be rescheduled OR Committee to apologise and the game is not rescheduled.

This meeting will take place on **Monday 18 January, 7pm in the Bowler's Bar at Clickimin.** Maisie to email all team reps with this information.

Referee Complaint letter

Two referees have issued a letter of complaint to the committee regarding a recent game – Artic Security vs. Kinetics on 9 December 2015. Despite numerous warnings throughout the match, the referees felt the attitude and aggressive play from a number of players, in particular one player, needed to be brought to the committee's attention. The referees felt the senior league should be setting an example to the younger age groups and this was not shown in the match, especially as there were juniors playing. The junior players were praised by the referees for their composure and performances.

The committee spoke to the individual who was named and she was sincerely apologetic.

Maisie suggested that a warning system could be put in place. These are in the new rules and could be highlighted to all umpires. Maisie said she will email these to all team reps.

Alicia will remind all teams at the EGM the level of play and sportsmanship expected by all players.

Fees

It has been brought to the committee's attention that the increase in team/league fees has had a serious impact on the isles teams. It is £13.00 per vehicle as well as £5.30 per person to travel off the isles. Whilst players try to car share where possible they feel the increase in fees has questioned the viability of continuing the sport.

To overcome this the committee have decided to use the £500 donated by Ness Engineering to subsidise the isles teams playing in the league. It was agreed the committee will buy a proportion of ferry tickets and issue them to teams accordingly.

Maisie to ask isles team reps to send in details of how many cars required and players and Clare to agree how many tickets to be bought and issued. This should be implemented as soon as possible.

Scottish Cup/Inter-county coaches

It has been brought to the committee's attention the lack of coaching being provided to the Scottish Cup team and uncertainty if coaches were reconsidering their positions. No one was able to give a definitive answer so Alicia asked Maisie if Kirsti and she would speak to them when they are next at training to help clarify the situation. Should there be any problems this will be brought back to the committee to go forward.

It was agreed an umpire based on the mainland would be hired for future Scottish Cup matches. Maisie informed the committee this was usual practise for a lot of teams on the mainland. It was only £20 per game which would be much cheaper than bringing one from Shetland. All agreed this should be done from now on, Alicia asked Hazel to arrange this as part of organising the Scottish Cup travel.

Update on sponsorship

Kelsea gave an update on sponsorship figures from Ness Engineering which are as follows:

£1500 towards Scottish Cup expenses

£1000 towards Division 1

£500 towards subsidies for isles teams

Scottish Cup Fundraising

Clare is tracking the income raised by the Scottish Cup team players after two successful fundraising events and now with sponsorship from Ness Engineering. It was agreed they would spend what was available in the fund for the next travel. Should the team get through to the next stage they would hold more fundraising.

ACTIONS

- Maisie to contact all team reps to invite them to the EGM on 18 January at 7pm. 14 days' notice must be given.
- Alicia to write to Kinetics to explain update on the situation
- Maisie to email all team reps with new rules and highlight warning system which will be in place.
- Alicia will remind all teams at the EGM the level of play and sportsmanship expected by all players.
- Hazel to arrange an umpire based on the mainland to be at the next Scottish Cup games for the Shetland team
- Maisie and Clare to arrange ferry tickets for isles teams.