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Agenda for the regional AGM at Wetherby Sports Association at 10.30 on 20th October 2007

1. Apologies for absence.
2. a) Approval of the minutes of the October 2006 AGM.
b) Matters arising from the minutes.
3. President's report.
4. Accounts / Financial report.
5. Regional Fees.
6. Proposed motions.
Six constitution and four playing rules amendments have been proposed. (see attached).
Playing rules have previously been discussed at the January regional meeting but will be dealt with as part of the AGM.
Since this is a change to previous practice any further proposals for changes to playing rules will be accepted at any time prior to the AGM or may be raised at the AGM.
7. Election of executive officers. (no new nominations have been received).
8. Appointing of auditors.
9. Any other business (no vote can be taken on issues raised).

Agenda for the regional committee meeting to immediately follow the AGM

1. a) Approval of the minutes of the meeting held 28/1/07.
b) Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda.
2. Playing Matters.
3. Membership.
4. Development.
 - a) East
 - b) West
 - c) Youth
5. Coaching.
6. Umpiring.
7. Disciplinary problems.
8. Any other business.
9. Date and venue for next meeting.

Proposed constitution amendments

1) - proposed by A.Swift

Point 6.1 d states

The AGM shall include the presentation of an annual report, annual accounts, election of officers, determination of fees, consideration of motions and the appointing of auditors.

The proposal is to add “agreement of playing rules” to these items.

2) - proposed by A.Swift

To add an additional item in section 6.1 regarding Annual General Meetings.

6.1 e At an AGM each individual member of the region in good standing shall have 1 vote.

In the event of a tied vote the presiding officer shall have an additional deciding vote.

3) - proposed by A.Swift

To add an additional item in section 6.2 regarding Extraordinary General Meetings.

6.2 c At an EGM each individual member of the region in good standing shall have 1 vote.

In the event of a tied vote the presiding officer shall have an additional deciding vote.

4) - proposed by A.Swift

Due to an oversight a constitution amendment at the 2006 AGM led to some duplication between points 4.4 and 6.1.

4.4 Election

- a. Registered Clubs or affiliated leagues within the Region may nominate candidates for office. Candidates may also be nominated by a minimum of three individual members.
- b. All nominations must be in writing and must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM. The member nominated must consent in writing to the nomination and consent to serve if elected.
- c. If there are no nominations for a post the Presiding Officer at the AGM may accept nominations from the floor.
- d. Elected members shall remain in office from the end of one Regional AGM until the end of the AGM following. Serving officers may stand for re-election without a new nomination being required.

6.1 Annual General Meeting

- c. Motions for the AGM may be put forward by any Northern registered club or Northern officer and must be received by the regional secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Nominations for any regional officer position may be put forward by any Northern registered club. Candidates may also be nominated by a minimum of three individual members. All nominations must be in writing and must be received by the regional secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The nomination must include the members signature consenting to the nomination and consenting to serve if elected. Serving officers may stand for re-election without a new nomination being required.

The proposal is to remove points 4.4a , 4.4b and the second sentence of 4.4d all of which are duplicated and to move point 4.4c and the first sentence of 4.4d to point 6.1.

5) - proposed by A.Swift

Section 6.3 currently states,

6.3 Management Committee Meetings

The Management Committee shall meet not less than four times each year to receive the reports of and to ratify or approve the actions of the officers.

Management Committee meetings and the AGM or EGM shall be open to all regional members who are in good standing.

The proposal is to amend this to

6.3 Management Committee Meetings

The Management Committee shall meet to receive the reports of and to ratify the actions of the officers. Unless there are exceptional circumstances the management committee should meet four times each year.

Management Committee meetings are open to all regional members who are in good standing. Voting at these meetings is restricted to regional officers and to 1 representative from each regional club. An officer may vote both as an officer and to represent their club if no other club representative is present.

In the event of a tied vote the presiding officer shall have an additional deciding vote.

6) - proposed by A.Swift

Section 3.d currently states,

The Executive Officers may refuse an application for membership. Notice of refusal must be sent to the applicant within 14 days of the decision giving the reasons for refusal and informing the applicant of their right of appeal to the Regional Management Committee.

The proposal is that the first sentence is amended to read

The Executive Officers may refuse an application for membership or a renewal of membership

Proposed playing rules amendments

1) - proposed by A.Swift

The ranking of teams is currently done as follows,

Placings in leagues and in the qualifiers will be decided on games won followed by points difference followed by points scored. If there is still a tie then the head to head result of the tied teams will be the deciding factor.

If the tie is from leagues which did not involve a head to head then the tied teams will play a 3 end decider.

The proposal is to put head to head above points scored as follows

Placings in leagues and in the qualifiers will be decided on games won followed by points difference.

If there is still a tie then the head to head result of the tied teams will be the deciding factor.

If the tie is from leagues which did not involve a head to head then points scored will be the deciding factor.

If there is still a tie the tied teams will play a 3 end decider followed by sudden death if required.

2) - proposed by J.Gaughan

The playing rules states

Regional tournaments (excluding the qualifiers) will use at least 80% of the entry fees for trophies / prizes.

The proposal is that this should also apply to club tournaments.

3) - proposed by J.Gaughan

The standard of dress rules should be amended to match those of the EPA.

4) - proposed by S.Swift

If the current dress rules are not thought to be appropriate then there should be no requirement for matching kit.