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Minutes of the Regional Committee Meeting held at Wetherby Sports Association on Saturday 4/7/2009.

Present

President	- Alan Swift (Wetherby)
Secretary	- Sue Swift (Wetherby)
Treasurer/Memb.Sec	- Bill Vicker (Brandesburton)
Development Officer (W)	- Ted Beetham (Mistral)
Umpire	- Ray Gatenby (Doncaster)
The Fox	- Barbara Hardisty (representative), Mick Hardisty (observer)
Bridlington	- Peter Jordan (representative), Madge Jordan (observer)
Brandesburton	- David Wiseman
York RI	- Angela Fletcher
Wetherby	- Jenny Stockton (representative), John Stockton (observer)

The meeting was opened at 10.33 am

The constitution specifies that the quorum for regional committee meetings is one third of the eligible members. This meeting only just achieved a quorum and Alan agreed to propose a constitutional amendment at the AGM.

- 1) Apologies were received from John & Angie Gaughan , Pete & Chris Best , Ruth Borrowdale , Stewart Ainley, Matt Blyton, Helen Jarvis.
- 2) Minutes of the last meeting - accepted unanimously, proposer Ted Beetham, seconder Peter Jordan.
- 3) Playing matters
 - a) Squad Managers

The following squad managers were approved unanimously,
Main - Barbara Hardisty & Tony Wignall , Challenge - Brian Kirby , Juniors - Ruth Borrowdale.
There will be several non playing Northern members at Brean if the managers need any assistance.
 - b) Juniors

The selected Junior squad is Marcus Cowell , Jamie and Annabelle Blyton.
There was some concern about the legal position regarding any adults providing transport and accommodation for Marcus but Marcus' parents have decided to go to Brean which removes the problem.
 - c) Kit

Chris Best has ordered the required new and replacement kit.
 - d) It was agreed that we would buy red pegs to take to Brean so that Northern scores are easier for spectators to identify.
- 4) Presidents Report - nothing to report
- 5) Membership / Finance

Bill reported that the regional membership has increased to 21 clubs and 126 members - 123 adults and 3 juniors. This is a significant increase from last years figures which were 13 clubs and 92 members as at May.

3 Clubs (Cleveleys , Oxford Devils and Great Ecclestone) have not rejoined and will be removed from any regional lists.

Bill confirmed the current balance as £2763.29p. The new regional kit is expected to cost a few hundred pounds but allowing for this the balance is increasing due to extra income and reduced costs.

Tony Costello has resigned from the position of Regional Auditor. The meeting gave Bill the authority to choose a replacement auditor.

6) Development

Ted had nothing to report.

Alan reported that Don had visited 2 of the new South Yorkshire clubs but had been disappointed with their lack of a playable terrain.

7) Coaching - Nothing to report.

8) Umpiring

Ray is still waiting for details of venues and dates for training courses.

The rule regarding the drawing of a circle no longer say that the circle must be a minimum of 1 metre from an out of bounds area but do say that the circle must be 1 metre from an obstacle. Alan will attempt to clarify the definition of an obstacle.

9) EPA Congress

The EPA congress will be held in Solihull on the 18th July. Northern are entitled to send 3 representatives but no one is prepared to go.

There was some discussion of the motions (distributed to clubs and available on the EPA website) particularly the suggestions to replace the current Premier / Open league system. The feeling of Northern players towards the current system is obvious from the participation (zero). It was agreed that the proposals from East Midlands and Chiltern would be an improvement.

10) Other business

Alan will attempt to clarify if Pete Best ordered trophies for the regional pairs before going on holiday. If Pete cannot be contacted it may not be possible to present the trophies on the day of the event.

On behalf of one of his club members Pete Jordan queried the possible use of allocated terrains at next years qualifiers.

Alan explained that playing rules for the following year are agreed at the AGM. Any proposal should be put forward for discussion at the AGM.

Alan commented that where clubs have different playing surfaces such as Brandesburton , Doncaster or Wigginton it would be very difficult trying to ensure all teams played equal numbers of games on all surfaces. It would also be impossible to reallocate terrains, in the event of games going on longer than normal, unless there was a non playing organiser.

- 11) The next meeting will be held at Wetherby Sports Association at 10.30 am on Saturday 31/10/09. This will be the Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a Regional Committee Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 12.03 pm