



## RECORD OF DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

<b>Present:</b>	<b>PA</b>	Paul Arnold	GBWR Regional Development Officer (South)
	<b>LS</b>	Lee Stutely	GBWR Events & Competition Officer
	<b>SM</b>	Stuart McLindon	GBWR Youth Programme Manager
	<b>LW</b>	Luke White	GBWR Projects Officer
	<b>LB</b>	Lorraine Brown	GBWR Performance Director
	<b>DH</b>	Daniel Hook	GBWR Corporate & Membership Secretary
	<b>KJ</b>	Keith Jones	Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby
	<b>DD</b>	David Durston	Gloucester Wheelchair Rugby
	<b>ASi</b>	Adam Simmons	West Country Hawks
	<b>RT</b>	Rob Tarr	MTWRC
	<b>DM</b>	Darren Matthews	MTWRC
	<b>SM</b>	Shirley Massey	MTWRC
	<b>ASm</b>	Allan Smith	Yorkshire Lions
	<b>SP</b>	Steve Palmer	LWRC
	<b>BO</b>	Bob O'Shea	Stoke Mandeville Maulers
	<b>RC</b>	Ryan Cowling	West Coast Crash
	<b>VB</b>	Vince Barton	Team Solent Sharks

**Apologies:** Kirsty Clarke, GBWR National Development Director  
Jo Arnold, GBWR Regional Development Officer (North & Midlands)  
Amanda Thomas, GBWR Regional Development Officer (Wales & South West)  
RGC  
North East Bulls  
Caledonian Crushers  
Woodbridge Wheeled Warriors  
Canterbury Wheelchair Rugby  
Liverpool Lions

- 1. 2015 – 2016 Season**
  - 1.1. League dates and venues confirmed.
  - 1.2. Inter team transfers
    - 1.2.1. Discussion regarding the GBWR decision to not hold a vote on inter team transfers, as requested by the DMG.
    - 1.2.2. The reason for the initial proposal was outlined to those not present when originally put forward.
    - 1.2.3. LB clarified that this was a Performance decision to assist with player development leading up to Rio, and that the option to vote would not be removed next season. Apologies were made for this not being made clear at the first opportunity, and there was no intention to undermine the DMG.
  - 1.3. Import players / Europa Cup
    - 1.3.1. SP noted that import players participating in the league may help a club qualify for the Europa Cup and then revert to their home club, identifying a need to avoid this where teams import for short term success rather than long term development.
    - 1.3.2. It was discussed that this is only an issue where an import player does not remain with the club, and therefore the club has a responsibility to agree commitments with the player.
  - 1.4. Europa Cup



1.4.1. Following 1.3, discussion was held around the value of the Europa Cup, and it was widely agreed that the tournament has lost prestige in recent years.

1.4.2. It was discussed that the DMG would like to see the Europa Cup reinstated as a premier tournament, and that GB can lead by promoting European Zonal rules.

**ACTION: LB to discuss with European Zone working group.**

1.4.3. Discussion was also held over whether teams qualifying should be permitted to participate with a combined team where the club operates additional teams.

## 2. Competition Rules

2.1. Updated draft rules to be distributed to DMG for confirmation.

**ACTION: LS / DH**

2.2. Entry criteria

2.2.1. Season rosters and kit photos: 9<sup>th</sup> October (for all Divisions)

Team sheets: 2 weeks prior to each event

Safeguarding: Coach & CWO to have DBS and course completed: 25<sup>th</sup> September (any issues to be discussed with Jo Arnold)

## 3. Nationals

3.1. Summarising key feedback from the Nationals 15 noted that many wish to have more competitive matches, with fewer teams over fewer days and not on a Bank Holiday.

3.2. It was confirmed that with an increasing number of teams, not all would be able to participate in the Nationals.

3.3. It was discussed that a 3 day tournament is preferable as this allows a crossover period where developing players can watch D1 competition.

3.4. A proposal was developed for 22 – 24 April at EIS Sheffield, with a 6 team Cup (top 6 teams of D1) and a 6 team Shield (bottom 2 teams of D1 and top 4 of D2). The remaining teams of D2 and D3 would not be invited. It was advised that the proposal would need Board approval before asking the DMG to vote on the final format.

3.5. It was agreed that a proposal should be put forward for a long term format to prevent annual discussion.

**ACTION: LS to share proposal with management / Board for agreement**

3.6. It was noted that with the Nationals under 2 weeks after the final D3 weekend, no D3 players would be able to transfer to a D1 / D2 team for the Nationals as the Nationals team sheets would have already been submitted – whereas this issue would not be present for D1 or D2 teams where the final weekends are over 2 weeks prior to the Nationals. It was agreed that the DMG should vote to confirm whether transfers should be recorded at the time of team sheet submission, or at the start of the event (allowing D3 players to transfer for the Nationals).

**ACTION: DH to send survey**

3.7. It was confirmed that the Nationals have no entry fee, however the fee for each Super Series weekend is £250. It was noted that D3 have fewer weekends and so should not incur the same cost.

**ACTION: DH to issue invoices**

**ACTION: LS to confirm D3 entry costs**

## 4. AOB

4.1. Classification

4.1.1. It was clarified that all classification requests should be sent to Amanda Thomas directly, and not the classification team. It was noted that AS and RT are awaiting a response regarding certain players.

**ACTION: Amanda Thomas to follow up**



- 4.1.2. It was noted that the classifiers were previously requested to provide guidance on what defines a 4.0 player.
- ACTION:** **Amanda Thomas to follow up**
- 4.2. BT WWRC15 Community Festival
- 4.2.1. Participating clubs were requested to bring items which can be handed out for free to attendees (flyers, pens etc).
- ACTION:** **All participating clubs**
- 4.2.2. Details of timings etc would be issued to clubs in due course.
- ACTION:** **Julie Bunnage**
- 4.2.3. The Youth tournament was outlined as having 6 teams participating under amended rules. It was questioned whether the amended rules were inclusive for those with intellectual disabilities and it was confirmed that they were developed to permit players with physical or intellectual disabilities.
- 4.2.4. The Military tournament was outlined as having 4 teams.
- 4.2.5. All participating clubs were thanked for their support.
- 4.3. DMG Terms of Reference
- 4.3.1. It was noted that these had not been reviewed in 3 years.
- 4.3.2. It was confirmed that whilst links are developed with game variants, the DMG's focus would be the Paralympic version of the sport.
- 4.3.3. Items noted for change were as follows:
- Remove list of clubs and instead refer to 'affiliated clubs / those on pathway'
  - Suggest inviting all clubs, but restrict voting to those in the league
  - In the absence of the Head of Officiating, it was suggested a Member of the Strategic Officiating Group be invited
  - Performance should be invited
  - Clarity was sought over item 2.2 (Task & Finish Group)
  - Agenda should be issued 2 weeks prior to allow discussion time within clubs
  - The DMG should be a forum for deciding how decisions are made rather than making rules itself
  - It was discussed that rather than 2 reps per club, 1 rep per team may be more suitable
  - An official procedure where the NGB needs to overrule a decision reached by the DMG
  - Due to previous delays, meeting records should be issued to the group within 2 weeks rather than issued to the Chair for preliminary approval before being shared with the group.
  - Minutes should be agreed at subsequent meetings
  - A communication process for those not present was discussed, however agreed that with more prompt distribution of meeting minutes this should not be an issue
  - AOB should be restricted to pre-submitted items or items related to meeting discussions
- ACTION:** **LB to draft changes**
- 4.4. Regional Talent Training
- 4.4.1. It was clarified that a Northern venue had been secured and that a Southern venue was still being sought.
- 4.4.2. AS noted a potential player to have been included.
- ACTION:** **LB to follow up**
- 4.5. It was discussed that there would be interest in having the league/ Nationals streamed.
- ACTION:** **LS to investigate setup**
5. DONM



5.1. Agreed as 12<sup>th</sup> November 1100- 1500 at Leicester Marriott (tbc)