



RECORD OF DOMESTIC MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING 13 JULY 2016

Present:	KC	Kirsty Clarke	GBWR National Development Director
	LB	Lorraine Brown	GBWR Performance Director
	PS	Paul Shaw	GBWR Head Coach
	LS	Lee Stutely	GBWR Events & Competition Officer
	AT	Amanda Thomas	GBWR Regional Development Officer (Wales)
	SML	Stuart McLindon	GBWR Youth Programme Manager
	LW	Luke White	GBWR Projects Officer
	DH	Daniel Hook	GBWR Corporate & Membership Secretary
	BO'S	Bob O'Shea	Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Rugby
	JP	James Price	Marauders Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club
	GK-A	Graham Kamaly-Asl	Marauders Tigers Wheelchair Rugby Club
	BP	Brian Pitchford	Canterbury RFC: Canterbury Hellfire
	SP	Steve Palmer	London Wheelchair Rugby Club
	CS	Craig Streeter	London Wheelchair Rugby Club
	AS	Adam Simmons	Westcountry Hawks Wheelchair Rugby Club
	VB	Vince Barton	Team Solent Sharks Wheelchair Rugby

1. Apologies

- 1.1. Paul Arnold, GBWR Regional Development Officer (South)
Jo Shenton, GBWR Regional Development Officer (North)
Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby Club
The North East Bulls Wheelchair Rugby Club
Rygbí Gogledd Cymru Wheelchair Rugby
Glasgow Wheelchair Rugby Club
Woodbridge Wheeled Warriors
Liverpool Lions Wheelchair Rugby Club
Yorkshire Lions
West Coast Crash
Gloucester Wheelchair Rugby Club

2. Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1. Minutes agreed.

3. League and competition

- 3.1. 4.0 players / import players – survey results
 - 3.1.1. No majority agreement indicated.
 - 3.1.2. Agreed no changes to rules.
 - 3.2. Talent transfer proposal
 - 3.2.1. A paper was presented as prepared by Phil Zealey, GBWR Talent Development Lead.
 - 3.2.2. Issues around the potential for teams to abuse the privilege were discussed.
 - 3.2.3. Potential amendments were discussed, including limiting the number of players able to transfer, requiring agreement from all Coaches in the division, making arrangements pre-season,
 - 3.2.4. Agreed the proposal to be reviewed and distributed to the DMG to vote on.
- ACTION: LS / DH**
- 3.3. 16 / 17 league changes
 - 3.3.1. RGC will not participate in the 16/17 season due to club restructuring, which will see the existing team play for Liverpool Lions and other teams, with the intention of redeveloping the team and re-joining at a later date from the lowest division.



- 3.3.2. This void in Division 1 will see Crusaders promoted from Division 2, and this subsequent void will be filled by Crushers from Division 3, where higher placed team Maulers declined in the interest of development.
- 3.4. Lowest division – competition structures
- 3.4.1. League entry costs have increased for all divisions, most markedly for Division 3 which is now charged in-line with Divisions 1 & 2.
- 3.4.2. Division 3 not having eligibility to enter the Nationals does not grant reduced rates as league entry costs are directly related to the league and the Nationals are unrelated.

- 3.4.3. Costs are not reduced for Division 3 teams on the basis of newness only, as more established teams may have less stable financial grounding.
- 3.4.4. An alternate structure with single day competition for Division 3 will be prepared, noting reduced costs, and issued to Division 3 teams to vote on preference.

ACTION: LS / DH

4. Youth Programme

- 4.1. SML gave a presentation.
 - 4.2. Those with physical disabilities will feed through to the traditional game if classifiable and the variant if not, whilst those with intellectual disabilities will join RugbyWheels.
 - 4.3. Only a small percentage will classify into the traditional game.
 - 4.4. Participant feedback has been positive with regards enjoyment and inclusion.
 - 4.5. No clubs reported any existing issues with youths in clubs, or concerns with youths joining, and expressed an understanding of the need to amend sessions to cater.
 - 4.6. SML will be the lead contact if any issues.
 - 4.7. BP expressed his club's interest in working with GBWR to develop a youth section.
- ACTION: SML**
- 4.8. LB acknowledged the level of growth during SML's 1 year in post.
 - 4.9. It was clarified that youths cannot compete in the adult game in youth chairs, however may compete in the youth game in adult chairs.

5. AOB

- 5.1. Membership survey
- 5.1.1. A shift in DCMS / Sport England strategy will focus on reduced reliance on public funding and increasing participation amongst the inactive.
- 5.1.2. RDOs will be completing a membership survey by phone with all GBWR members over the next few weeks, and support was requested as this will assist in development of GBWR's strategy and funding bid.
- 5.2. Classification
- 5.2.1. Lead Classifier Sarah Leighton is stepping down post-Rio, and will be replaced by Yvonne Culloty.
- 5.2.2. Ruth Mort is now a Level 2 international classifier.
- 5.2.3. A process for classifying new players is being developed, and will include a pro forma for clubs to complete.
- 5.2.4. With no international equivalent, GBWR is leading on development of a classification database, which will securely hold all athlete classification data whilst making access easier for classifiers.
- 5.2.5. Presently all classification requests should be directed to RDOs.
- 5.2.6. AS thanked the classifiers for their recent classification session.



- 5.2.7. Clubs are welcome to arrange classification sessions outside of league weekends, but will be expected to cover venue costs and expenses of classifiers. These sessions will require a minimum of 4 players to classify, and so clubs may wish to operate joint sessions.
- 5.3. Jo Shenton
- 5.3.1. Jo Shenton's resignation to pursue further studies was noted and KC thanked her for her work as RDO and Lead Safeguarding Officer.
- 5.3.2. At present, all safeguarding concerns should be directed to David Pond.
- 5.3.3. A new RDO for the North & Midlands is expected to be announced by the end of the week, to be in post from 1 August.
- 5.4. Wooden Spoon
- 5.4.1. The campaign to provide a new Roma rugby wheelchair to each club in the country was noted, with GBWR working on logistics.
- 5.4.2. GBWR will work with regional Wooden Spoon teams to encourage long term support.
- 5.5. #ThisGirlCan
- 5.5.1. A successful all-female tournament was held, with the intention to replicate on a larger scale in October.
- 5.6. Code of Conduct
- 5.7. The Code of Conduct will be made available to all clubs to share with members.
ACTION: DH
- 5.8. Tip-off magazine
- 5.9. SP requested that an LWRC article be featured to call for more players.
ACTION: CS / DH
- 6. DONM**
- 6.1. A later start time of 1200 was favoured.
- 6.2. Dates to be investigated and venue to be arranged.
ACTION: LS / DH