

Report from the North Regional Committee held on 16th June 2008

A letter had been received from the Chairman of the Championship and Venues Committee explaining that it was expected that all Regional Competitions would become self funding. Income and expenditure accounts had been requested for the last three years for the Northern Foursomes but only the accounts for 2008 were available to send. A letter had also been received from the Chief Executive regarding the flat rate of £750 a day that was being offered for regional events. This rate was also being offered to clubs by EWGA for one day competitions without negotiation. The counties were worried that it would be difficult for them in the future to negotiate a more affordable rate for regional events.

No reply had been received to the letter sent to Jean Payne regarding the Puma software.

Sponsorship was being sought for the new members pack and it was hoped it would be available to be distributed by the end of the year.

Regional Delegates were asked to chase clubs in their area which had not paid their affiliation fee to EWGA. All regions felt that this information should have been sent earlier than June to County Secretaries. It was also noted that the information for paying subscriptions should be on the website as some clubs said they had not received their information pack and it would have been easier for them to download it. Letters were to be sent to Clubs who had failed to pay their subscriptions by 31st May informing them that the Standard Scratch may be taken away.

A working group was being set up to give advice on County Constitutions for those Counties that wished to be limited by guarantee.

Emma Lowe is to distribute an information sheet with clarification on the running of the Australian Spoons; it will also include a cost breakdown.

The County Delegates had been originally informed that they would be invited to a conference on the day after the EWGA AGM; this was now expected to be held in April. The Delegates expressed concern as most Counties held Delegates meetings in February and thought April was too late. The Delegates also stressed that there should be continuity in sending all EWGA information to the Ladies Secretaries and not the Lady Captains.

It was reported that there had been a 25% decline in donations to the ELGA Trust in the last year. A letter would be sent to all CJO's regarding the grants. More donations were needed and a new range of goods were to be sold to try and boost sales. There was a suggestion that a type of Pro-Am may be held, but approval was needed.

Updates were given on all regional competitions that were being organised by the Counties – in particular CMW. New permanent car parking signs for officials had been purchased at a cost of £350.

Hesketh had declined to host the Northern 4's in 2009 and Lancashire was now in discussion with West Lancs. Yorkshire was in discussion with Pontefract for 2010

Clarification was sought regarding funding for the North Region Junior Jamboree. At the moment there is no funding available and concern was expressed as to the future of this event. Due to child protection legislation, it was not felt possible for juniors to be accommodated in private homes and it was too expensive to put them up in hotels.

Meeting dates for 2009 would be fixed at the November meeting and the draw for CMW would take place.

The next meeting is to be held on the Monday 3 November 2008

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