

NOTES OF MAG MEETING SATURDAY 27th MARCH 2021

Present: Neil Hurford (Chair), Kevin Buddell, David Maddison, Steve Pratt, Sandy Nash, Phil Ashleigh, Juliet Bertie, Steve Bertie, John Andrews, Dan Simms, Jo Green, Dave Randerson, Liam McTiernan, John Mackey, Susie Venner (Board Liaison).

Apologies for Absence: Dean Nabarro

1. Chair's Introduction

NH welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. Notes of Previous Meeting

Noted.

3. Actions

All actions were either in hand or would come up during agenda items. NH thanked JA for his help in getting various projects underway and hence clearing the back-log of actions.

4. Current Projects

- a. **Diversity & Inclusion** – JB provided an update on the involvement of JB & SB in the Diversity & Inclusion Group. The next meeting would be next week. It was understood that the new Diversity role within TTE would be advertised shortly. Two additional people had been added to the Action Working Group. JB suggested that MAG needed to look at its own documentation (such as ToR) to ensure that it was open, inclusive and gender-neutral. NH agreed to do this.
- b. **Club Development** – The initial feedback report had been published on the TTE website. The main report had been drafted with an initial prioritisation of the issues that had been raised in the discussion session. The next step was to circulate the draft final report to participants to seek their views on the initial prioritisation. Depending on the level of interest, there might be a discussion session to help with prioritisation and drafting the recommendations. The intention was to submit the report to the next Board Meeting.
- c. **Performance** – the “Performance Feedback” report had been published on the TTE website and on the MAG FB Page. A discussion session with leading coaches was scheduled for early April. A second session could be held if there was sufficient interest.
- d. **Coaching** – A discussion session had been held of MAG members to consider what MAG should do in relation to coaching. It was felt the immediate priority was for “Activators” to help bring players/members back into the sport. NH had subsequently been in touch with Greg Yarnall who confirmed that such an initiative was planned. We would discuss with Aled Howell when he returned from leave.

- e. **National Club League** –NH & JA would convene a Zoom meeting to take this forward.
 - f. **Reducing the Decline in Players in the 18-24 Age Group** – LM provided an update of his discussion with various staff and how it related to existing TTE initiatives. We would arrange a project meeting to discuss how we would adjust the scope of the project to avoid overlap with existing TTE initiatives.
 - g. **Umpires** – JM reported on the outcome of the meeting to discuss this issue. The shortage of umpires had created a bottleneck for organising tournaments and other events. The meeting had brainstormed some initial ideas. It was possible for some events (or part of some events) players could be used as umpires. But this was not seen as a real solution to the problem. The real solution came from increasing the number of umpires. Using players for umpiring duties might simply devalue the role of umpires and make the problem worse. JM would circulate the paper from the meeting and any MAG member who had additional comments to make could do so.
- 5. New Projects**
- a. **Accountability & Transparency**– JA & NH would convene a meeting to discuss how to take this forward. Because of the wide scope of the project Susie Venner and Estyn Williams would be invited to join the project team.

6. Bigger Picture Issues

There was a brief discussion, and it was decided to defer a fuller discussion to the next meeting.

7. MAG Update Note and Annual Report

NH confirmed that he planned to issue an Update Note shortly. A full Annual Report was planned to be issued prior to the 2021 TTE AGM, with a summary for the TTE Annual Review.

8. Any Other Business

- (a) **Commonwealth Games** – JB reminded everyone that the Commonwealth Games in 2022 would be in Birmingham. This provided a great opportunity to show-case our sport.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Saturday 5th June 2021 at 3pm or Saturday 12th June at 3pm. A decision to be made nearer the time depending on whether the National Clubs Conference takes place. Please note the time change.

10. Cost of the Meeting

The direct costs of the meeting to TTE were £0.00.