

# Men's Divisional Management Committee

## Minutes of Meeting held on 27 November 2017 at 18:00 at Cotswold IBC

<b>Present</b>	President	Dave Williams	Senior VP/GlosSection	Keith Bedford
	Junior VP	Gareth Taplee	IPP/BE Rep	Clive Bennett
	Treasurer	Keith Hawke	Match Sec	Roger Harrison
	Comp Sec	Ian Gauld	Stroud Section	Bob Gartan
	Team Manager	Rob Griffiths	JEC Rep	David Skeats
<b>Apologies</b>	Bristol Section	Derek Turner	Cheltenham Section	Mike Longley

### 1 Appointment of Men's Division Secretary

Following the resignation of Peter Langley (PL) as Men's Division Secretary, the Men's Divisional Management Committee (MDMC) was empowered to make such arrangements as are necessary for a new Secretary (section 6.9 of Constitution). Given the need to make a rapid appointment to ensure business could continue, the MDMC decided unanimously to appoint David Skeats as Secretary. He will hold this post for the remainder of the 2017/2018 year, until elections can be held for a replacement secretary at the October 2018 Delegates' Meeting.

The new Secretary will inform all clubs of the change in Secretary.

### 2 Appointment of new Men's Representative on the Joint Executive Council (JEC)

David Skeats is currently the Men's Divisional Representative on the JEC. He did not wish to hold both posts. The availability of this post had been circulated recently to clubs and one person had expressed an interest. However, the Committee felt that the timetable for people to express an interest had been too short with many clubs not meeting regularly over the winter and, as the person would not be able to take up post until after the AGM, decided to recirculate information about the vacancy to all clubs with a deadline for returns of 31 January 2018. Any member interested should be nominated and seconded by two clubs as is the usual arrangement.

The appointment could then be considered by the next MDMC and the subsequent Men's Delegates' Meeting.

### 3 Press Officer

The outgoing secretary was also Press Officer for the Division and this post was also now vacant. This is a post appointed by the Men's Delegates' Meeting. It was decided again to circulate information to all clubs about this post along with the Men's Representative on the JEC, with the same timetable for consideration.

The Secretary will circulate clubs about items 2 and 3.

### 4 Resigning Secretary – Provision of Information/Items and Allowance

The 2016/2017 allowance for the Secretary was being withheld until all material and equipment has been returned. The Chairman is due to meet PL shortly to deal with this; a list of the information, files, equipment etc was drawn up. One of the important items was for the Secretary to have access to the email account used historically for the division. Once everything is returned, the allowance would be paid.

It will be necessary for a full disclosure of allowances paid to HMRC. PL would then be in a position to make a claim of his expenses to be set against payments made. Work was continuing with HMRC to seek to establish that any future allowances paid would be seen as a rounding up of expenses incurred and therefore non-remunerative (ie non-taxable); this might take up to six weeks to resolve. Written confirmation from HMRC of this was being sought. It might be necessary to include a contingency in the accounts for possible tax liabilities.

### 5 Middleton Cup

The arrangements for the Middleton Cup (and other similar County competitions – White Rose under 25's and Balcombe) were outlined along with the need for Middleton Cup advisors and the background they should have. It was decided that, in terms of finance for such competitions, they should seek to be self-financing over a two-year period starting in 2019.

A draft paper will be circulated to committee members relating to arrangements for national inter-county team competitions which will form part of Schedule E in section 11.4 of the new Constitution. This can then be discussed and agreed at the next Men's Management and Delegates' Meetings.

No trial fixture for the Middleton Cup would go in the fixture schedule.