

## 1. Apologies for absence:

Marilyn Walker; Nicky Parry-Jones; Bridget O'Leary  
Addiscombe; Croydon & Old Whitgiftians; Horley; Kenley SP; London Academicals; Old Freeman's; Old Georgians; Oxted; Sunbury & Walton Hawks; Wanderers

## 2. Matters Arising:

- Rearranging postponed matches  
Reminder that teams must use the next available slip date for which the home team can book a pitch. Availability issues are not a valid reason to postpone the game past the next available slip date.
- Match Report Form  
Reminder that Match Report Forms should be filled in by both teams before the game starts and the easiest way to achieve this is to type up the team(s) and print them out beforehand (perhaps send the home team your teamsheet beforehand so that it can be typed up). If there is a late change to the team then Nicky does not mind a name being added and an arrow used to show where they should have come on the list.  
The meeting was reminded that, as the Result Secretary gets in between 50 and 60 teamsheets per week, if a team fails to fill in header details (division, teams, date etc) they will be fined; an absence of shirt numbers will also be penalised. The shirt numbers on the form should reflect the numbers worn by the players - if a team does not have numbered shirts then numbers must be attached to the shirts for League matches.
- Away kit  
Clubs were reminded that it is the away team's responsibility to check whether they need to change shirts and/or socks so that they do not clash with the home team. It is not acceptable to just turn up in home kit.

## 3. Fines

Management of fines has been taken on by Angela Durnin who is sending an email to the team captain of the fined team with payment details. Many fines have been paid but if the fine was levied for a missing Match Report Form then this must still be submitted or the team concerned risks having a points penalty applied as non-submission could be used to hide the use of ineligible players.

## 4. Division 10 play-offs

The first and second placed teams in Divisions 10A and 10B will meet each other in play-off matches on Saturday, 23rd March (venue to be arranged but hopefully somewhere central). First in Div 10A will play second in Div 10B and vice versa. The winner of each match will be promoted to Division 9. The reason for this is that Division 10 was split into two along geographical lines rather than where teams finished last season so this was thought to be the fairest way of deciding the promotion places.

## 5. Rule change suggestions:

- Player eligibility if following match cancellation - discussion  
This discussion was requested by Leatherhead 1 following their defeat by Reigate Priory 2 (10,1) in a League match before Christmas when 2 of Reigate's 1st XI played for the 2nd XI after their game was postponed. The result of the reverse fixture was a 3,1 win for Leatherhead.  
The questions raised were:
  - Should there be a regulation of how many players can play for other lower sides if their own League match is postponed on a normal League date?
  - How would any such rule impact on normal team selection and movement?
  - How would any such rule be policed?

There was much debate about what was and was not fair but also, how any such rule would make it difficult for players to move between teams if availability for particular times or venues was problematic. The clubs with more teams or teams closer together in standard were more worried about these issues than those with teams who were further apart in standard.

At the end of the debate, the general consensus was that the difficulties that any such rule would cause far outweighed any benefit but the Secretary asked clubs to think about the issue and if they felt they could provide a draft for a workable rule then that could be presented at the AGM and be voted on.

- Rule 6.1 (b) Postponement of matches if 3 or more players required for Regional, National or International matches

This issue was raised by Epsom after the Premier Division match between Surbiton 3 and Wanderers 2 on 17th November was postponed due to 6 of the squad being selected for England training camps that weekend. Epsom questioned whether such a rule should be in force for teams in Surrey and this was the first time that the rule had been invoked.

There was general support for keeping the rule as it doesn't penalise teams that have promising youngsters. There was some debate about whether the standard rule about using the next slip date for the rearranged game should be enforced but, in the end, it was agreed that it would be unfair on other teams if this reason for postponement were treated any differently to any other reason.

#### 6. Next season's League dates

Epsom raised a concern that this year's League dates did not align very well with South League dates. The point was accepted by the Secretary but as South do not publish their League dates until late July whereas the Surrey dates are published in May, it isn't necessarily easy to match up. An attempt was made to align the half term slip dates with the Surrey CC term dates but making the slip date the second rather than the first Saturday of half term seemed to cause problems so this will be changed for next season.

The Secretary undertook to investigate the dates carefully to try to avoid the problems encountered this season.

#### 7. New teams next season

Interest expressed by Barnes, Epsom, Reigate Priory & Wanderers but no team has yet asked to be considered for entry above the bottom division.

Clubs that wish to apply for entry for a new team must do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 31st March 2013. If they wish to enter above the bottom division then a record of matches played this season must be submitted with the request.

#### 8. Any Other Business

- Next League Meeting date: 8pm on Tuesday, 5th March at Thames Valley HC, Sir Edward Stern Sports Ground, Grove Road, Chertsey KT16 9DL

Club attendees:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Representative</b>
Barnes Hounslow Ealing	Lotte Peplow
Berrylands	Teresa Parke
Cheam	Lois Hare
Epsom	Andy White
Guildford	Finn Harley
Leatherhead	Liz Aeissame
London Wayfarers	Angela Durnin
Mid Surrey	Amy Holt?
Mitcham	Emily Delehanty
Reigate Priory	Janet Slater
Richmond	Mary Grant; Sarah Jackson
Spencer	Sandra Forbes
Surbiton	Ellie Vickery; Jo Firth
Surrey Spartans	Peter Orchard
Tulse Hill & Dulwich	Marilyn Walker
Wimbledon	Georgina Headley
Woking	Vicky Derman

