

## London Exec meeting 27 March 2020 – Google Hangouts – 8pm

Present : Fabienne, Gary, Alex, Cormac, Val, Charlie, Elsa

Absent : Cisel, Andrew, Bartek

After initial technical issues, meeting opened by GB at 20:25

### **London League Season 19-20**

GB: Welcome all and thank you for responding to the email about how to finish the season

Not a definitive decision to be taken now, but look at options and make a decision in 2 weeks' time, after all the information is gathered.

- **Option 1: extend to end of May**

Pros: finish the league

Cons: don't know if we can play game, keeps extending.

Alex doesn't think this will happen in May.

Val agrees with Alex; Cormac too many unknowns

Conclusion: Option 1 not viable

- **Option 2: Expunge**

All against

Alex: Very unfair, teams played all year and for nothing.

Elsa: all other options put forward are better options

- **Option 3: Carry this season over onto the beginning of the season in September**

Pros: Time to complete

Cons: Player transfers, new registration need to be done, teams change, availability of teams different

Against: Gary, Val, Alex,

Maybe: Elsa: keep as an option and have teams vote on it. Freeze league for a month and no transfer until all closed.

Charlie: Got to have a definite break between the current and next season. One month is needed before start of new season.

Cormac: massive recruitment issue for teams, for which division? So hard as out of training, players have gone home, some abroad. Better to get the season finished cleanly.

Val: Once we conclude, we should proceed as usual, but there might be fewer players maybe. Deal with the registrations as normally as possible, knowing the new season might be different.

- **Option 4 (proposed by Bartek, based on Basketball England)**

<https://www.basketballengland.co.uk/conclusion-of-201920-nbl-season-announced/?fbclid=IwAR3xaHFpyYQnXIHT8x-e5nMBHI07HNTtT17aFJOTmlRh84Nsxc1avCO9FLk>

Awarding draw points to unplayed games.

Pros: fair and transparent, ending the season and giving time to plan and start the new season

Cons: Look at a scenario where teams need just a few points for promotion but it doesn't happen when 2 teams play-offs from top and bottom of division

Charlie: not ideal as not ideal situation

Gary: it would be a best fit solution in this peculiar situation; no playoffs (as we probably won't get time for play-offs) – automatic relegation and promotion.

How would it work?

Mens Premier: 2 teams at the bottom get relegated

Men and Women Div 1: only winner of the division gets promoted

Men Div 1: Bottom two are relegated

Men Div 2: Top team in Div 2 gets promoted to Div 1

Women Div 1A & B: Bottom relegated,

Women Div 2A & B: top team promoted

Possible problem for AVC who haven't played a lot of their matches. ULU men affected in Div 1A? Spikers?

We can look at implications afterwards and details (when 2 teams have equal points, we can look at sets and actual match points)

- **Option 5: playing half a season next year if this season runs into next year:**

Gary not keen but can be a contingency. We can plan as though we are going to start the season normally, or maybe a bit later, two weeks into October. If this is not possible, then Option 5 could be the answer. Impossible to say now what will happen with the Covid 19 situation.

- **Which one is the best option?**

**Voted for Option 4 as this seems best – all in favour**

How many points to award? 2 points to award as a draw.

Who can check how this affects the teams? Like ULU and AVC. Some teams would have got an easy 3 points if they could have played

Gary: we can't look at individual teams, it has to be a blanket decision for all.

Cormac agrees with everyone in principle.

Val: situation unprecedented: this decision will hopefully be accepted as this as it is a once in a lifetime issue.

- **Should we do a FAQ section as in Basketball England website?**

All thought it was a good addition, so we could look to adapt and change to suit our sport

Val: consult with divisional admins

Fab: Div admins could pre-empt questions from the teams as they know them best

Charlie: We will need to explain why there are no play-offs

Elsa: the exec has come up with this as the best possible out of everything

**ACTION:** Val will take lead on asking Div Adm for possible FAQ (1 week?)

**ACTION:** Gary to get in touch with Cisel re the ongoing appeal

**ACTION:** Fab to contact Cisel to ask if there are any outstanding appeals.

- **Next meeting:** can be done in a few days' notice when needed, maybe 2 weeks. AOB can be discussed then.

Meeting closed at 21:00