**ECC 2014 Ostend – Captains Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome**

Sammy opened the meeting at 1755 and thanked all of those present. He also acknowledged the OC for all of their work before and during the course of the Tournament

1. **Roll Call**

Andrea conducted the roll call on behalf of Marco

1. **Application From New Teams**

Applications were received from a couple of new Teams – Antalya and Geneva. Both Teams were accepted in to the ECC Family

Team Stavanger had intended to withdraw from the Manual however due to a change in circumstances had decided to remain. In the end the only change was to the name which is now Stavanger Queens (I hope these details are all correct)

1. **Team Withdrawing / To Be Deleted From The Manual**

No teams to be deleted from The Manual

1. **Mail/Website**

No mail had been received.

Marco reminded the Team Captains about the website and the information available on there and also of our Facebook page. It is intended to increase the flow of information on the Facebook page

1. **Financial Report**

Connie presented the Financial Report which had been audited by representatives from Teams Padova and Prestwick. No issues were raised.

Team Captains from Maastricht and London volunteered to carry out the next audit during ECC 2015 in Salou

1. **Review ECC 2013 Dublin**

There were no problems or outstanding issues from ECC2013

Sammy thanked the whole of Dublin OC for all of their efforts in organising ECC 2013 and this was echoed by meeting

1. **Review ECC 2014 Ostend**

Sammy thanked Bjorn and the rest of the OC for all of their efforts in the organisation of the Tournament

Bjorn explained a little about the arrangements for the rest of the week i.e. the Farewell Party

It appeared that one of the bigger issues was the transfer times from Brussels to Ostend on account of the notorious Brussels traffic

Additionally the OC requested that each Teams departure details be confirmed so that arrangements could be finalised for the end of the Tournament

1. **Preview ECC 2015 Salou**

Carlos told the meeting that plans were coming along for the Tournament in Salou in 2015. He outlined the basic details including dates and costs etc. (11th to 16th May and 540 Euros)

He also explained that the website was now up and running

Sammy then told the meeting that the Executive Committee had performed the initial Inspection Visit during March and found everything to be in order. The hotels are located close together and are all near to the centre of Salou. The pitches are no more than 5 or 10 minutes from the Hotels.

Transfer times from Barcelona Airport to Salou should be between 1 and 1.5 hours

The EC had also visited the two areas of the venue (Port Aventura) to be used for the Welcome and Farewell Parties and they were found to be suitable

1. **ECC 2016 and Beyond**

Team Reims made a bid to host the Tournament in 2016

This was the only bid received and was accepted unanimously by the meeting and so Team Reims will host ECC 2016

No firm proposals were made for 2017 and beyond

1. **Proposed Changes To The Manual**

Team Geneva wanted to make a change to the rules so that a new team could play games in the Tournament even if that Team had not yet been admitted to the ECC at a CM. This would mean that the games that they played need not be ‘friendly games’ but would count as part of the Tournament.

A number of points were made in relation to this subject including the fact that even if we did make a change it would not affect the running of the current Tournament.

A further discussion was held about ID Checks and amending the procedures. The EC explained that a good deal of talk was held on the subject but that we were having difficulties in forming a fair, equitable and practicable procedure for this

Marco Kuelgen from Team Maastricht offered to look into the matter and produce a Proposal for the CM at ECC 2015 in Salou

1. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

A further mention was made in relation to the donation of money to charity. It seems that many players are still either unaware of, or not taking advantage of, the opportunity to donate some money.

A Motion was then made to the meeting to make a Levy of 10 Euros per person to be donated to Charity. The meeting took a vote and the Motion was passed

The draws for the knockout stages were then carried out

Sammy brought the meeting to a close