



Minutes of the 138th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 5th September 2011.

Present: Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Chris Roberts, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Chris Cawrse, Nick Truscott, Sheila Hodge, Derek Newton, Ted Pentland, Bob Flower.

138.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

138.01 Apologies for absence:

Lesley Barker, Dave Hickey.

138.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 137th committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: Chris Roberts

Seconder: Derek Newton

138.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

Further to Bob Flower's enquiry regarding the length of the block lines on the new county mats, Peter Hore informed him that these were checked at the county open day and they were the correct length.

138.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Mrs Sarah Grimshaw (Treviscoe SMBC Secretary) requesting a refund of £1.34 following the recent postage mistake on the County Competition forms. The committee were informed by the Central Area Representative, Ted Pentland, that this matter had been settled at the recent area meeting.

Letter from the ESMBA containing the minutes for the ESMBA Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2011.

Email from Craig Burgess (Essex) introducing the Short Mat Players Tour open competitions and requesting that these competitions are advertised within the county. Entry forms will be available from Peter Hore and on the CCSMBA website once received.

Email from Dr Noreen Orr (Associate Research Fellow in Ageing, Physical Activity, Health & Well-being, Peninsula College of Medicine & Dentistry) requesting help to advertise a research project on the impact of physical activity on perceptions of ageing. The research project requires participants over the age of 60 who regularly participate in a range of activities such as bowls. It was agreed that copies of the fliers/posters would be sent out to club secretaries for displaying on club notice boards.

138.05 Treasurer's report:

Credits: North Area Fund £10.60, West League £210.00, North League £120.00, East League £170.00, Affiliations £3197.00, Bank Interest £4.90, Affiliations £9.00, Summer League £136.00, Sale of Mats £400.00.

Debits: Officers Expenses £54.49, Post £2.76, Stationary/Photocopying £40.47, Other (Verdi Mat Delivery, Trolley) £141.29

Credit: £4018.49

Proposer: Peter Hore

Seconder: Chris Cawrse

As the position of Treasurer remains vacant the committee were again encouraged to find a replacement. Any member wishing to stand for this position should contact the committee.

138.06 Membership Secretary's report:

61 has proven to be the total number of clubs registered for 2011/12. The total affiliated members stands at 1153 (1141 adults and 12 juniors). This is just over 5% down on this time last year. Receipts and affiliation lists have been sent to clubs and committee members by email wherever possible. The 2011/12 registration cards have arrived from the ESMBA and have been posted out to clubs. Most insurance queries have now been resolved. Updates to Sections 1, 2 and 8 of the CCSMBA Information Pack have been sent out to all committee members and club secretaries.

138.07 Competition Secretary's report

The draws for the 2011/12 County Competitions were held on Sunday 4th September at Luxulyan and were attended by 12 members of the CCSMBA. The draws were made available on Sunday night on the CCSMBA website, just 8 hours after being made, and will be forwarded to clubs with the minutes. Overall the numbers of entries are very similar to last year with a few small rises and a few small falls. The biggest concern is the further decline in entries for the home and away competitions, with as many as 4 teams receiving county points just for entering the Team of Three. It is suggested that this is looked at for future seasons. The open day at Fowey was a great success and was attended by many. It gave us the opportunity to try the mats in various positions and mark those positions out for future use.

138.08 Team Manager's report:

64 County Team invites were sent out and 52 were returned by people interested in playing for Cornwall. Various quotes for coaches to Somerset and Dorset have been received and have been kept on file. The cheapest option was Hopley's Coaches who we have used in the past. A meeting with Emma and the catering manager from Fowey Leisure Centre has been requested to discuss the requirements for the ICC games. The names of the top ten players have been sent to Keith Hawkins. The forms for next year's Cornwall teams have been received and need to be returned to Keith Hawkins by 30th September 2011. 55 bars and links have been ordered for this year from Bodmin Trophies. The County Team Captains for this season are Nigel Nicholls (Premier Team) and Tony Jago (A-Team).

138.09 Social Secretary's report:

Raffles will be run again this year once the County Competition calendar begins.

138.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The final of the Summer League between Withiel Oaks and the Wanderers will be shortly run over two legs. The East Plate will also be run over two legs with Liskeard taking on the team from St Minver. The website continues to be kept up to date with the addition of Committee Meeting minutes.

Nick Truscott reported that over the years he has spent in the position of Press and Promotions Officer he has built up a considerable archive of press cuttings. However this had started to become a strain on personal expenses and asked the members of the committee to forward any press cuttings they see on to him instead.

Proposer: Chris Cawrse

Seconder: Peter Hore

138.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: No Report.

East area: Area meeting will be held next Tuesday where fixtures will be distributed.

North area: Fixtures have been completed and sent out to clubs.

West area: Area meeting will be held next week.

138.12 Items for discussion:

None.

138.13 Any other business:

Umpires: David Stokes had reported concerns regarding being able to raise umpires for all of the dates on the County Calendar. He has sought advice from the ESMBA Umpires Director regarding this and it was confirmed that it would be perfectly legal to use qualified marker in County Competition if needed. The committee agreed that this would be acceptable but it would be preferred if County umpires were contacted first.

County Photocopier: Concerns regarding the cost of the current photocopier were raised as the price is expected to continue to rise. It was questioned whether a photocopier was actually needed or if a laser printer would be sufficient. This would also be a cut in costs. It was agreed that prices for a laser printer would be collected and presented to the committee at the next meeting.

Donation of a Trophy from Liskeard SMBC: It was agreed that this trophy would become a "County Team Players Player of the Year" trophy. The County Team Manager and Captains would draw up a shortlist of contenders for this trophy based on performance, attitude and team spirit which a winner would then be voted for by the County Team.

Child Protection: Nick Truscott raised concerns regarding the lack of a CCSMBA Child Protection Policy. He informed the committee that a Child Protection Officers position should be created at next year's AGM but would be happy to oversee the initial work this season. It was agreed by the committee that Nick should draw up this policy and bring to the next meeting for approval.

England Expenses: The committee agreed that supplements for international players would remain as last season. It was also agreed that as the new England Ladies Select Team would be playing a third of the matches that the full team play, a third of the supplement would be given to selected players.

Proposer: Chris Cawrse

Seconder: Chris Roberts

Finally, Derek Newton thanked Elise for all of the hard work she has done so far in the role of County Secretary.

138.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held 14th November 2011 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

138.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

These are a true record and representation of the minutes taken at the above meeting.

Signed..... (Chairman) Dated.....

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 6th September 2011