



# CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Present:** Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Bob Flower, Ken Horrell, Nigel Nicholls, Lesley Barker, Chris Roberts

### **146.00 Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcomed everyone present and wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

### **146.01 Apologies for absence:**

Nick Truscott, Karen Watson and Ian Perry

### **146.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Bob Flower

Seconder: Ken Horrell

### **146.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

At the previous meeting the matter of storage of the County mats was raised, however the mats were still being stored on the floor at the venue. The frame for the mats has now been sorted and will be taken to the venue shortly. Some concern was also raised about some reported damage to one of the mats, the committee agreed that they would look into this next time the mats are rolled out to assess the extent of it.

### **146.04 Correspondence:**

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) providing a copy of the ESMBA Committee Meeting Minutes from the 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Letter from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA ICC Secretary) supplying a copy of the ESMBA Diary for 2013/2014 in order for venue bookings to be confirmed by the end of March, after which the fixture list will be set in stone and no amendments will be allowed unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Email from Vanda Trotman (Gweek SMBC) enquiring if there are any of the old county still available to buy, however all of the mats have now been sold. If any clubs are selling or are aware of someone selling a second hand fast mat please could you contact someone on the committee who would be able to pass the information onto Gweek SMBC.

Email from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls club) advising that our application for funding has been put back to the next round that opens in March 2013. The committee discussed the best way to move forward with the application and agreed that a meeting should be held with the owners of the Indoor Bowls club to draw up the strongest possible application. The committee agreed that it would also be a good idea to speak to Cornwall Sports Partnership who had offered to read through the application and ask for clubs who have previously received successful funding grants to forward the contact details of people that helped with their applications. Within the application it is stipulated that we should consult with the local community/users of the facilities in order to understand where the money would be best spent on improving the facilities. Due to this, comment cards will be made available for members to complete on the 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Inter Area Rinks Competition.

### **146.05 Treasurer's report:**

For the period 19/11/12 to 07/01/13:

Credits = £49.00

Debits = £1807.50

Total = £1758.50 loss for this period.

Proposer: Chris Roberts

Seconder: Lesley Barker

Following the appointment of the new County Treasurer the accounts will be handed over to Karen Watson once they have been audited at the end of January at her request. The audited accounts will then be presented at the AGM and any questions relating to this can be directed to the committee who have been running the accounts in the absence of a permanent Treasurer.

**146.06      Membership Secretary's report:**

Some additional member registrations have come in over the last 3 months and we now have 1218 registrations (of which 7 are juniors) through our 61 clubs, compared with a total of 1241 (1228 adults and 13 juniors) at this time last year. This is a decrease of 23 or 1.85%. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation whilst I was on holiday. I believe there were no significant problems and everything is now up to date. There is nothing to report on regarding the Information Pack at this time and I have plenty of rule books in stock.

**146.07      Competition Secretary's report**

The closing date for the Champion of Champions and Under 25s has now passed, with 14 entries being received for the Champion of Champions, but just 6 for the Under 25s meaning that although the competition will still run there will be no county points on offer. The Inter Area League came to a conclusion yesterday with the West Area claiming the title once again by just 3 points from central. The National Championship qualifiers have taken place and I am awaiting confirmation from the ESMBA of how many places we have been allocated for each event. Qualifiers will be informed as soon as I receive this. I have begun work on the provisional calendar for next season and, after lots of juggling things around due to various clashes with an increased amount of ESMBA dates, I have eventually managed to fit everything in. However, the ESMBA calendar isn't finalised until April so I will not make next year's fixtures available until our AGM at the earliest. Due to only 1 Sunday being available during April 2014, which will be taken up by the AGM, the Bebbington Cup competition will be held slightly earlier than usual on 30<sup>th</sup> March, which still gives plenty of time for the Area Leagues to finish. I have also ordered the trophies for finals days. **Please can secretaries remind their club members to return last year's perpetual trophies in the coming weeks by no later than 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

**146.08      Team Manager's report:**

No Report.

**146.09      Social Secretary's report:**

No Report.

**146.10      Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

No Report.

**146.11      Area Representatives' report:**

**Central area:** The first half of the winter league has been completed with no problems and all games were completed on time. The leaders of the Premier are Ladock Chiefs but only by shots as Treviscoe Whites have the same number of points, in fact six points cover the top six teams. The Division One leaders are St Agnes Gulls but only by one point over Cubert Blues. The last Inter Area game was played on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January with Central losing to the West Area by two points which gave the title to the west, congratulations to them. We now look forward to the remainder of the winter league and hope it is as competitive as the first half.

**East area:** No Report.

**North area:** All clubs are keeping up with their matches. Lanteglos A is leading the First Division by winning every match and has 24 points. Tintagel, with 15 points, are second. In the Second Division Blisland lead with 16 points followed by Wadebridge B. Most clubs are having trouble with numbers; unfortunately we are all getting older!

**West area:** No Report.

**146.12      Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):**

None.

**146.13      Any other business:**

**Raising our profile:** It was suggested that in order to raise the profile of the CCSMBA we could ask all clubs to inform the Press and Promotions officer of any money they raise for Charity in each season. We could then write a press release to be sent to all media contacts which should provide some vital advertisement for the association.

**AGM 2013:** Due to a clash with the ESMBA’s newly formed National Top Club Championship, the date of our AGM has been rescheduled to take place on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Luxulyan Village Hall.

**Child Protection:** A query had been received regarding whether clubs should have a statement relating to Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection within their constitutions. This matter was discussed and it was agreed that the committee would recommend that clubs did have a statement similar to that of the CCSMBA’s within their club constitutions.

**Raffles:** Some concerns were raised by some members that a raffle was not run at the final Inter Area league fixture even though the Social Secretary was playing in the competition. The Chairman agreed that he would speak to the Social Secretary to find out why this was and ensure that a raffle is run at the Inter Area Rinks Competition as there will be 128 bowlers in attendance and vital funds for the CSMBA can be raised from this.

**Inter Area Rinks Competition:** It is asked that those bowlers who have been picked to play for their area teams in this competition do car share wherever possible as parking at the venue could become a problem with the number of bowlers involved in the competition.

**146.14      Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

**146.15      Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.26pm.

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

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

**Hon: Secretary:    Elise Daniell**

**Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2013**