



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 137th Management Committee meeting held at the Lostwithiel Conservative Club on Tuesday 12th July 2011

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

137.00 Chairman's welcome:

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

137.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Cawrse.

137.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 136th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Bob Flower

Seconder: Jenny Pentland

137.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

137.04 Correspondence:

Email from the West Area Secretary supplying the committee with copies of the West Cornwall Short Mat Bowls Constitution and Rules, West Cornwall Short Mat Bowls Championships "Rules and Conditions of Play" and minutes of the West Cornwall Short Mat Bowls AGM held on 20th April 2011.

Email from Paul Fisher (General Secretary for the ESMBA) advising that the request for clarification on why it was necessary for the ESMBA to increase their affiliation fees for the 2011/12 season had been passed on to Simon Willies (ESMBA Vice Chairman) to reply to the CCSMBA direct.

Email from Paul Fisher (General Secretary for the ESMBA) asking for nominations for bowlers to play for the Presidents Select Team against the England Squad on 18th September 2011. It was stated that it would be preferred that the nominated bowlers should be those that have helped to promote and further the game at either County or Club level and whom the committee feel should be recognised. Two committee members were willing to travel and have therefore been put forward.

Letter from the ESMBA – Minutes of the ESMBA Seminar Meeting held on 19th/20th February 2011 and also documentation relating to the ESMBA AGM held on Saturday 9th July 2011.

Letter from the Bowls Development Alliance asking for the results of the age profile survey 37 clubs from the CCSMBA had taken part in. Although our results had already been sent to the BDA these results were emailed through to the BDA again.

Newsletter from the Cornwall Bowls Alliance Working Group a copy of which has been sent out to club secretaries with these minutes.

Email from Phil Stenson (St Minver SMBC Secretary) requesting postcode to be supplied for all club venues to help people with Sat Navs to locate them. This email was passed on to the Press and Promotions Officer to reply.

Email from Sarah Grimshaw (Treviscoe SMBC Secretary) asking for clarification on who to contact regarding CRB checks. This email was also passed on to the Press and Promotions officer to reply.

137.05 Treasurer's report:

Credits: Central Area League £ 190.00, Sale of Mats £800.00
Debits: Postage £11.52, Stationary £31.75, ESMBA (Mats) £4720.00

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Proposer: Sheila Hodge

Secunder: Dave Hickey

Jenny Pentland confirmed that this meeting would be her last meeting as Treasurer and that she would do a formal reconciliation at this point to ensure that the position of Treasurer would be ready for handover. The Chairman thanked Jenny for all of her hard work within this position and urged the committee to look for a volunteer to take over.

137.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Registration stands at 61 clubs for 2011/12. The only club that hasn't responded is Landulph and contact with the club has not been successful so far. Receipts and affiliation lists have been sent out to clubs by email wherever possible. A copy has also been sent to the County Team Manager. We are still waiting for the new registration cards from the ESMBA and these will be sent to clubs as soon as they arrive together with receipts and affiliation lists to those clubs who are not on email. Most clubs have sent in a copy of their Public Liability Insurance and a few queries are now being followed up. New sections 1 and 2 (committee and club lists) have been sent out to committee members and these are about to be sent out to clubs. Changes to Section 8 Rules and Conditions of Play and Appendix 1 proposed by the Rules Sub-Committee have been circulated and are on the agenda for discussion and agreement.

137.07 Competition Secretary's report

Entry forms were sent out last week, copies will also be available on the County website shortly. The points list and 2011/12 calendar has already been published on the website. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 31st August 2011. The competition draws will take place at 2.30pm at Luxulyan Village Hall on Sunday 4th September 2011 and is open to all members.

137.08 Team Manager's report:

Team Manager was not in attendance but had informed the Chairman that he was waiting for confirmation of the dates for the County games from the ESMBA before sending out the County Team trials invites.

137.09 Social Secretary's report:

Nothing to report.

137.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The Summer League has been running well and the first stage of the East Area League is nearing completion, with the Wanderers and Tintagel already through to the last four. The current leaders of the West Area are Withiel Oaks with the five teams behind them all still in contention. The Press and Promotions officer has asked for the area fixtures to be supplied by the area representatives as soon as possible.

137.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: No Report.
East area: No Report.
North area: No Report.
West area: No Report.

137.12 Items for discussion:

None.

137.13 Any other business:

Outcome from the rules revision meeting: All changes to Section 8 Rules and Conditions of Play and Appendix 1 proposed by the Rules Sub-Committee were discussed and agreed by the committee.

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Seconder: Peter Hore

Donation of a trophy from Liskeard SMBC: Discussions took place regarding a trophy being donated by Liskeard SMBC in memory of Peter Spargo. It was suggested that rather than creating another competition to run within an already crowded calendar and as Peter Spargo was an integral part of the County Team for many years a "County Team Player's Player of the Year" trophy might be a more suitable tribute to Peter. This matter will be discussed again at the next committee meeting and we welcome any suggestions regarding this.

CRB Checks: After a request for clarification over who clubs should contact within the committee regarding CRB checks it was confirmed that Nick Truscott (Press and Promotions Officer) is the contact for clubs wanting more information on this matter. Nick explained that it may be better for the CCSMBA to register to be able to do CRB checks directly rather than going through Bowls England but was unsure if the ESMBA would recognise these checks. Nick agreed that he would look into this matter further and report back to the committee at a later date.

Summer League: There was an email received from Bob Flower regarding the strength of some of the teams competing in the summer league. He felt that this competition should be used to as a starting point for new players. It was pointed out that this matter had been previously discussed by the committee in 2009. It was agreed that the CCSMBA has a constitutional responsibility to provide playing opportunities to all members without discrimination and therefore there were no changes/rulings that could be made with regards to the summer league.

New County Mats: The Chairman thanked the volunteers that helped to store away the recently delivered new mats. Bob Flower asked if the centre block lines on the mats had been checked to see if they were the correct length as when the previous mats were delivered the centre block lines were the wrong length. This had not been checked while storing the mats away and it was agreed that it would be checked during the county roll up at the end of July.

Printer/Ink for the County Secretary: It was pointed out that the photocopier provided for use by the County Secretary was not also a printer. This meant that a personal printer and ink had been used for CCSMBA work. It was agreed that as the laptop recently purchased came in under the budget set by the committee, it would be able to pay for the ink used for CCSMBA work.

Coaches/ Fares for the County Team: A brief discussion was held regarding the booking of coaches for the County Team this year. This matter will be further discussed at the next meeting with the County Team Manager in attendance.

137.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held Monday 5th September 2011 - 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

137.15 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: 13th July 2011