



## Minutes of the 140th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

**Present:** Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nick Truscott, Derek Newton, Lesley Barker, Sheila Hodge, Ted Pentland.

### **140.00 Chairman's welcome:**

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.24pm and welcomed everyone present.

### **140.01 Apologies for absence:**

Bob Flower, Chris Cawrse, Nigel Nicholls, Dave Hickey and Henry Kendall. In his apologies Henry thanked Chris Roberts for chairing the meeting and also welcomed Sheila back after a period away recovering from an injury.

### **140.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 139th committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Peter Hore

Seconder: Nick Truscott

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

A number of clubs are yet to return the parental consent forms for junior members and are also yet to inform the committee of their Child Protection Officers as requested. Secretaries are urged to forward this information on as the role of the CPO is critical in ensuring that the Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy works in practice.

### **140.04 Correspondence:**

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) requesting a breakdown of ages within our membership for the ESMBA. A form is attached to be completed and returned to the County Secretary. Victor Jones also forwarded the minutes from the ESMBA Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011.

Letter from Mrs Presland (Phoenix SMBC) informing the committee that Phoenix SMBC had to close on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 due to a lack of funds and shortage of members. Membership Secretary, Lesley Barker, replied expressing the committee's regret.

Letter from Jane Frary (Norfolk CSMBA Secretary) urging the committee to hold a discussion regarding the consultation document received from the ESMBA relating to the proposed changes in administration. Norfolk CSMBA felt that problems within the ESMBA were partly caused by elected officers not concentrating on the duties for which they were elected and suggested that each officer carrying out a key role should have an assistant to share the workload instead. Norfolk CSMBA also included a copy of a proposal sent to the ESMBA for inclusion at the ESMBA AGM in 2012. This proposal suggests that ESMBA committee members should not be able to vote at the AGM; instead it would only be County Delegates that would be eligible to vote. The CCSMBA have already held discussions relating to the above and a response has been sent to the ESMBA.

Letter from David Stokes (CCSMBA Umpire Co-Ordinator) asking all Area Representatives to remind clubs that trousers should be mid to light grey as some members are playing in trousers far too dark. He would also like to remind all clubs that soles on shoes should be smooth in order to be suitable for Short Mat Bowls.

Letter from Jenny Smith (Treviscoe SMBC) asking for the committee to consider incorporating the Under 18's Competition within the Under 25's Competition. The rationale behind this was to encourage junior players to enter in to competitive bowling more often as she felt it would be demoralising for juniors to play against those members between the ages of 18 and 25. The committee felt that it would not be fair for a County Title

and County Points to awarded to the highest junior within the Under 25's competition as it was likely that some junior members would have to play against those members between the ages of 18- 25 and would therefore would not be playing against their direct competition for the title. Instead, it was agreed that a token trophy would be given to the highest junior within the Under 25's Competition as an incentive to keep bowling competitively. Proposer: Peter Hore                      Seconder: Chris Roberts

Letter from Pam Hamley (Secretary of Lostwithiel SMBC) regarding a missed league fixture between Lostwithiel and Luxulyan Golds in December 2011. Matter to be discussed further under item 140.12.

#### **140.05            Treasurer's report:**

In the absence of acting treasurer Henry Kendall, a treasurer's report was not submitted to the committee. Members are again reminded that the position of Treasurer remains vacant and anybody interested in this role should contact a member of the committee for further information.

#### **140.06            Membership Secretary's report:**

The total number of affiliated members now stands at 1241 (1228 adults and 13 juniors). Payment to the ESMBA of £3.50 per member was made in November. A further supply of 2011/12 registration cards was received from the ESMBA after the last committee meeting and was dispatched to those clubs waiting for them.

#### **140.07            Competition Secretary's report**

Most of the early rounds of the competitions have now been played and the line ups for the finals days are almost complete. As was suggested at the last meeting, the mats were tried in one row of 8 for three weeks. During this time there were a number of complaints about some mats being unplayable and following asking a number of players at both the inter area and 2 wood singles events it was realised that there was an overwhelming majority that preferred the mats in the original layout. It was felt that although some of the mats were difficult in this format, they are at least playable on both sides. Since then I have received two emails from St Minver and Blisland saying they preferred the row of 8; however this still leaves them in the minority. We will therefore be sticking with the two rows of four. Tea and coffee is now being provided by the County and is charged at 50p per day rather than per cup which seems to be working well so far. Trophies have been ordered and will be presented at the finals days, with perpetual shields to follow at the county dinner in May. There was an issue with the leisure centre for the County Triples, where after having booked the hall until 5pm we were told a week before that we would have to be finished and packed up by 4pm. This meant that the afternoon session's games had to be cut by one end and also 8 teams from the afternoon session had to be sent through to the finals day due to lack of time for the extra knockout round. Therefore, 8 teams will play their preliminary round and the 4 winners will join the 4 qualifiers from the morning session in the quarter finals. It was an unfortunate event and 2 complaints were received but we were left with little option by the leisure centre. Nationals allocations have been received, with Cornwall being awarded one place in the singles, pairs and triples. However, we were surprisingly awarded 2 places in the fours despite only having the minimum entries.

#### **140.08            Team Manager's report:**

The County Team travelled to Dorset on 8<sup>th</sup> January for the final group match. The Premier team was defeated 28 points 187 shots to 12 points 154 shots and the A Team was also defeated by a score of 30 points 195 shots to 10 points 144 shots. The provisional Knockout Draw has been received. Depending on the result of the final match within the group the Premier Team will avoid a preliminary match meeting either London or Surrey on 25<sup>th</sup> February. If Dorset score 18 points away to Somerset, the Premier team will play a preliminary match against Warwickshire on 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of February. The A Team will also play a preliminary match against Warwickshire on 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### **140.09            Social Secretary's report:**

Sheila thanked everyone for their well wishes while she was recovering and again thanked Nick for running the raffles in her absence. Shelia will now focus on arranging the Presentation Lunch, more information will be sent when confirmed.

#### **140.10            Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

Nick reported that the website is still not as up to date as it could be. However the most viewed areas of the website are and are his priority. Nick would like to remind all clubs of the need for Parental Consent Forms for junior members

