



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the 152nd Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 27th January 2014.

Present: Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Ken Horrell, Nigel Nicholls, Ian Perry, Bob Flower, Neil Gribble

152.00 Chairman's welcome:

In the absence of the Chairman and as the required quorum of committee members had not been met it was decided a meeting could not take place as no matters could be voted upon. Those officers present gave their reports to the Secretary to be included in the minutes together with those reports received from officers not able to attend

152.01 Apologies for absence:

Karen Watson, Lesley Barker, Henry Kendall, Derek Newton, Sheila Hodge, Nick Truscott, Chris Roberts

152.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 151st committee meeting:

Deferred to the 153rd Management Committee Meeting.

152.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

152.04 Correspondence:

Deferred to the 153rd Management Committee Meeting.

152.05 Treasurer's report:

Deferred to the 153rd Management Committee Meeting.

152.06 Membership Secretary's report:

There have been a few more updates since the last meeting and we now have a total of 1162 registered members in our 59 clubs. There is otherwise nothing to report at this time.

152.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The qualifying stages of all of the County Competitions have now been completed and the finals days begin this weekend. All of the trophies for winners have been ordered and medals for runners up. The Inter Area League finished last weekend and despite the Central Area comfortably beating the West Area, it was not enough to overhaul the East Area who beat the North Area 36-4 to claim the title by 10 points. The allocations for the National Championships have been received with Cornwall being awarded 2 places in the singles, pairs, triples and fours as well as 1 place in the mixed fours. This is the first time for many years that we have received more than one place in each discipline and highlights the progress being made in the county. Please could all players ensure that the perpetual trophies are returned to me by the 16th March to ensure sufficient time for engraving.

152.08 Team Manager's report:

The final two group games for the Premier team resulted in a 14-26 loss at Somerset and a 23-17 win at home to Devon, last year's overall runners up. This was an encouraging end to a disappointing season. The Premier team finished fourth. The A team lost 18-22 in Somerset but beat Devon 27-13 at home. They finished third only four points behind second place. The A team have a bye in the consolation preliminary round but will play Suffolk in the quarter final. The Premier team beat Surrey 22-18 in a very close match at Bristol yesterday and will play Herefordshire in the quarter final. We are hoping for these two games to be played in Bristol on the same day. With two teams playing our coach costs will be covered. The ICC organiser has said that if we indicate at the beginning of next year's campaign that we would not compete in the consolation competition we would not be punished. This is my recommendation for next year but would like to hear other player's views. The Premier team

travelled by car to the Surrey game thus saving the county around £300. This, like sponsorship, will help offset the costs of new shirts for the county team which I would like to introduce next season. I would anticipate a cost of £10 to each player and again seek the views of players. If anyone has objections to this now is the time to express them.

152.09 Social Secretary's report:

Not in attendance – no report.

152.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

Not in attendance – no report.

152.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: The winter league is well underway and without problems except the Goonbarrow v Cubert situation which will be discussed at the next meeting. Lostwithiel are leading the Premier League on 46 points with Ladock Braves in second place on 41 points. Only 23 points cover the whole league from top to bottom. Lanjeth are leading the First Division on 44 points with Kea Plums in second on 41 points but again the league is very close.

East area: At the time of this meeting the league positions are that Landrake head the Premier League with 44 points with Dobwalls second with 34 points with 5 games remaining. In Division One Callington Falcons are the leaders with 46 points and Callington Hawkes with 40 points in second. There have been no fixtures affected by the weather so far in my area and I hope it remains that way! I would also like to add on behalf of the East Area how sad we were to hear of the passing of Bob Easton, a man who had over the years devoted a lot of time and effort to the Association being that of Chairman, County Team Manager, Umpiring or helping others find their feet.

North area: The clubs have nearly completed the league matches. The First Division will run to the wire, at the moment Tintagel are top having 20 points with one match to play (Wadebridge), Blisland are second with one match to play on 17 points and Wadebridge are in third on 10 points with two matches to play. The Second Division looks like either Boscastle or Lanteglos Reds to win. I am hoping at our next Area meeting to find someone to take over from me as Area Rep, I am afraid that my health is not improving and I have been Northern Rep for 14 years. It is now time for someone else to take over.

West area: The Premier Division appears to be settling into a familiar format with Marazion, Holmans and Jowsters leading the way. St Ives have also put in a strong performance this season and remain ahead of the chasers. Grylls appear unlikely to feature as they have in recent years. The 1st and 2nd Divisions present a familiar picture with St Ives Belyars and Porthleven Treza seeming likely to bounce back up to higher divisions. There remains some doubt as to the long term future of the 2nd division as more local players seem to be abandoning evening play in favour of our afternoon leagues. Last Friday we held a Bowls Workshop at which 38 west area bowlers were given the opportunity to brush up on their knowledge of the game and some of the more technical aspects of measuring and knowledge of the rules. In this we were assisted by David Stokes and Chris Cawrse who gave their time to travel to Goldsithney and spend 2 hours passing on aspects of their knowledge and experience. The event was very well received and we hope to spread the word and stage a similar event next season. As with the county situation, our local competitions are entering the final stages. We have had a slight fall in numbers compared to last year but nevertheless still well supported.

152.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

152.13 Any other business:

Deferred to the 153rd Management Committee Meeting.

152.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 17th March 2014 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

152.15 Close meeting:

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 1st February 2014