



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 155th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 21st July 2014.

Present: Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, Ken Horrell, Ruth Newbury, Dennis Shorthouse, Nick Truscott

155.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.29pm and welcomed everyone present.

155.01 Apologies for absence:

Derek Newton, Dave Hickey, Lesley Barker, Karen Watson

155.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 154th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Neil Gribble Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse

155.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

155.04 Correspondence:

Email from Stuart Long (Ricoh Capital) confirming that upon payment of the early termination invoice (£144.67) the lease agreement will be terminated and the photocopier collected. Further to the previous committee meeting this will now be forwarded on to the Treasurer in order to arrange payment.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) supplying a copy of the minutes from the ESMBA's February Seminar.

Letter from Carol Hawkins (ESMBA) inviting the committee to nominate members to play for the President's Select Team against the England Squad on Sunday 14th September.

Email from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club) supplying an addendum to the current contract confirming the renegotiated terms of hire. Upon the committee's agreement, this was signed by the Chairman.

155.05 Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, no current report was given however the committee heard an update from Peter Hore who has volunteered to prepare the previous years' accounts for auditing. So far, around 40 hours have been spent preparing the accounts and they are almost ready to be sent to be audited. The accounts would have been ready for handover at this meeting but the CCSMBA's laptop has developed a fault which has meant that it has been sent for repair. All documents relating to this work have been saved on an external hard drive so the accounts should be ready to be sent to the auditor by the end of the month.

The Committee thanked Peter for all of his time spent on preparing the Association's accounts.

As the accounts will need to be approved, an SGM will take place on Saturday 20th September at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club. This meeting will commence at approximately 12.00pm and all clubs are invited to attend. An official notice is enclosed with these minutes for display.

155.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Registrations have been completed and the complete County affiliation list was emailed to the Team Manager on 8 July. Area lists have been emailed to the Area Reps. A few updates have come in since initial registrations and as at 10 July we had 61 registered clubs with 1035 registered members (3 of them juniors). Payments totalling £6296.50 have been passed to the Treasurer. This compares with 57 clubs and 1062 members (2 juniors) at this time last year. Updates to Sections 1 and 2 (Management Committee and Registered Clubs) were sent out to all Committee

members on 4 July and to Club Secretaries on 8 July, together with the updated Contents page. If anyone is missing any pages of the Information Pack or spots any errors, please let me know.

155.07 Competition Secretary's report:

County Competition entry forms have now all been sent out to Club Secretaries and will shortly be appearing on the CCSMBA website. The closing date for entries is the 31st August, apart from the Under 25's and Champion of Champions competitions which have later closing dates specified on the entry forms. **Please note – only the winner of your Clubs Singles for 2014 (Jan – December) may enter the Champion of Champions, there was an error on the entry form which meant that last year's date was still shown.** The competition draws have now been confirmed to take place on Wednesday 10th September 2014 at Woodbine Farm Business Centre, Truro Business Park, Truro, TR3 6BW (7.00pm). All CCSMBA members are invited to attend and witness the draws taking place.

155.08 Team Manager's report:

Around sixty County Team trial invites have been send out and have begun to be returned to me ahead of the new season. I have contacted the caterer for the home games and have confirmed availability for these fixtures. The price will remain the same as in previous years (£7.50 per head) however there will not be a Christmas meal this year as our last home fixture is the 9th November.

155.09 Social Secretary's report:

As discussed at the previous meeting, I have now contacted around 36 the clubs within the Association with the survey regarding the Annual Presentation Lunch. I have been disappointed with the number of responses as I have only had 8 or 9 replies. I am keen to speak with the membership to understand why this event is not attended by more people and therefore would really appreciated more responses from those clubs that have received the survey. I will be running raffles at various fixtures held at Carnmoggas this year as this is a vital form of income for the Association. Along with the prizes bought by the Association I would like to ask those players attending our competitions this season to donate a prize to the raffles in order to increase the amount of profit made over the season. We are looking into the possibility of holding a fun day/open competition at a later point in the season to promote the Association and again raise funds. Any ideas/comments regarding this would be gratefully received in order to ensure this is a success if it is held.

155.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

This year's revised Summer League format seems to have been a success so far and has received many positive comments; however there may be some scope to increase the number of ends to 18 for next year. The league in both areas has been very competitive, producing many tight games which in turn make for an exciting finish to the two leagues and onto the final. It has been running very smoothly with results being received very quickly following the completion of each game and up to date league tables have been posted to the CCSMBA website frequency.

155.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: There is little to report from the Central Area at the moment, I have received the league entry fees from those clubs wishing to enter the County Leagues within the area and will be holding an area meeting on the 14th August for the draw.

East area: No Report.

North area: Unfortunately, we have now lost Stratton from the North Area league as they have made the decision to withdraw. All of the fixtures have now been completed and are ready for the new season.

West area: No Report.

155.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

155.13 Any other business:

Coach Hire: A number of quotes for the new season's coach hire needs had been obtained from local companies and were discussed at the meeting. The committee agreed that they were more than happy with the current supplier and the working relationship that had been built, however one of the other quotes received was cheaper and it was therefore decided to speak with the current supplier to negotiate a better rate. It was also decided that coaches would be hired for all of the away group games and that, depending on the negotiations, the coach would travel via Saltash with a pick up point to be confirmed. The committee also discussed the Match Fees paid by the county team and considered whether they needed to be increased in order to recover some of the costs relating to these fixtures. Arguments were made for and against this but a proposal was put forward to hold the fees at the current rate for this season and to look at this again at the end of the season as the committee have been

proactive in cutting costs and finding ways to boost income.

Proposer: Nigel Nicholls Seconder: Peter Hore Vote: 8 for, 2 against.

Mailing List: A mailing list has now been set up on the CCSMBA website and has so far been used to send out updates to the Summer League. It is hoped that this will now be used to send out any correspondence that is currently sent to club secretaries meaning individual members would not have to rely so much on their club secretaries passing on the information to them.

Rules Revision: All changes to Section 8 Rules and Conditions of Play and Appendix 1 proposed by the Rules Sub-Committee were discussed and unanimously agreed by the committee. Updates to these sections of the CCSMBA Information Pack will be sent to Club Secretaries shortly.

Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nick Truscott

ESMBA AGM: Nigel Nicholls and Neil Gribble attended the ESMBA's AGM and reported back to the committee the outcome at this meeting. Chris Hopkins (Northampton) was opposed by Barry Hedges (Essex) for Chairman of the Association as was defeated 32 votes to 24. There is a new Treasurer and also a new Umpire's Director who was unopposed in the end. There were various proposals made by the ESMBA to change parts of their constitution in order to streamline the committee now that there is an administration role but this has been deferred to an EGM which will be held at the Presidents Weekend due to the wording of the proposal. Following the AGM there was a rules revision meeting held and a vote was held on changing to black trousers, this received a majority of the vote but did not get the two thirds required for the change to be adopted therefore there is no change to the current rule. A foot fault can now be called by an umpire at the delivery end of the mat and any player (not just the number three) can now stop a dead bowl. It was also agreed to delete the word "green" regarding the colour of the mats which now makes the blue mats on the market legal. The meeting were asked to consider allowing Junior Ace bowls to be made legal but this did not receive the required vote and therefore junior players will still be required to play with a minimum size 00 bowl.

Spray Chalk / Scorecards / Stickers: Further to the previous meeting the committee have now bought a bulk supply of spray chalk which will be on sale for £3.00 each at all County Competitions. Please see a member of the committee if you would like to purchase some. As the Competition Secretary had now run out of scorecards for the competitions a new order has been made and due to an error by the supplier we have been able to order 1000 personalised scorecards at the same cost as 1000 plain ones would have been. A new design of the County Teams' stickers have been ordered following many comments received regarding the quality of the current sticker and concerns that the sticker was too similar to others within our group. The new design incorporates the County's colours of black and gold along with the St Piran's cross making them unique to any other team's stickers.

England Squad Subsidy: Following comments at the AGM and the continued successful trials from Cornish bowlers into the England Squad, Peter Hore proposed that the England Player's subsidy be reduced to £120. The committee discussed this and a counter proposal was put forward - "The County approves a budget of £500 to support it's members representing England, subject to a maximum of £150 for any one bowler".

Proposer: Nick Truscott Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse Unanimously agreed.

This represents a cut of £100 based on last year's figures.

155.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 15th September 2014 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

155.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.13pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 23rd July 2014