



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 158th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 26th January 2015.

Present: Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Karen Watson, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, Ken Horrell, Dave Hickey,

158.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.25pm and welcomed everyone present.

158.01 Apologies for absence:

Derek Newton, Lesley Barker, Dennis Shorthouse, Ruth Newbury, Nick Truscott

158.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 157th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Dave Hickey

Seconder: Ken Horrell

158.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

158.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Carol Ford (St Newlyn East SMBC) advising that after 27 years it has been decided to close the club due to falling membership. The club now has equipment for sale and any proceeds will be donated to Cornwall Hospice Care, for more information please contact Pam Williams 01872 510651 or Carol Ford 01872 510674.

Email from Derek Swaby (Wadebridge SMBC) requesting some clarification regarding the County Team as it was understood that the Manager was unable to play as part of the team and that the Wildcard rule had been removed. The committee explained that the Wildcards were reinstated in 2010 as proposed by the Rules Sub-Committee at which point the job description of the Team Manager's was also amended to allow the Manager to play as part of the County Team. These changes were sent out as updates to the Information Pack at the time.

Letter from Max Burden (Blisland SMBC) asking for the committee to consider the way that winners qualify for the County Finals; it was proposed that a group winner with the maximum six points should qualify for the final outright with the remaining places being made up from the best runners up. It was also proposed that each group winner with the maximum 6 points should be awarded with a County Point. The committee considered this but agreed that the initial proposal would not be practical as in the case of the competitions which take place over two days there could be 16 group winners for only eight Quarter Final places, at which point County Points are awarded. Due to this, a knock out round is necessary comprising of the top eight teams from each day to play off for the eight quarter final places. The Committee also agreed that current system for awarding County Points was appropriate and it was therefore agreed that points will continue to be awarded at the quarter finals stage of a competition which, in some competitions, can follow an additional knockout round after the group stages.

Email from Nigel Nicholls (Newlyn SMBC) explaining that he had been selected to represent the South of England in the annual St Georges Cup on the weekend of 14/15th March 2015 which is also the County Finals weekend. Due to this it was advised that he will be withdrawing from the County Singles Finals and it was requested that the Committee count this as exceptional circumstances meaning a ban from the competition the following season and points deduction would not be enforced. The Committee discussed the content of the email and agreed that it was an achievement for Nigel to be selected for this team but there were some concerns regarding accepting the situation as exceptional circumstances. It was explained that other members had received invitations for the South team in the past but had to decline due to playing in the County Finals and therefore, if this was accepted, it would be likely that a number of members could withdraw from the County Finals without penalty in order to play in the St Georges Cup instead. This would mean that there would be a number of byes at the finals stages which would be devaluing the County Competitions. The Committee took a vote and it was agreed (6 in favour, 1 against and 1

abstention) that this would not be considered as exceptional circumstances therefore the current rules would be enforced. The Committee also considered options to prevent this from happening in future seasons but following another vote it was agreed that the current system was the most suitable and therefore no new proposals would be accepted at this point (7 in favour, 1 abstention).

Letter from David Stokes (CCSMBA Umpires Co-Ordinator) asking for the Committee to support a proposal to increase the number of games counting towards an umpire's County badge to include County Competitions. The Committee unanimously agreed that the proposal should be forwarded to the ESMBA for consideration at their AGM/Open Forum as it would help those counties that are struggling to find umpires for County Matches.

158.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 14th September 2014 to 26th January 2015:

Total Income: £7986.88

Total Expenses: £9845.33

Total Profit/Deficit for Period = -£1858.45

Proposer: Dave Hickey

Secunder: Peter Hore

Although it looks like we have made a loss of £1858.45, in the last statement we made a profit of £1293.43 therefore we are very close to the amount that we had this time last year. We are still expecting some National entries and the West Area's league payments before the accounts get audited and I am hoping that this will mean that we break even for the year.

158.06 Membership Secretary's report:

There is very little to report with only a few additional affiliations which have come in since the last meeting.

158.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The first round stages of all of the County Competitions have now been completed and the list of qualifiers for finalists has been sent to Club Secretaries and published on the County website. The finals start in 2 weeks. Most competitions have so far run smoothly and successfully with one main exception (County Triples) which is due to be discussed later in the meeting. I also had a complaint about sitting out for 2 consecutive games in the Four Wood Pairs, but after I explained that everyone sits out for 2 games in every competition we run and it just seemed longer in four wood pairs because the games take a long time they were more understanding and accepted the explanation. The new format of playing the triples in 2 sessions on the same day, spreading all groups over 2 mats and rotating the groups around the mats every game seemed to work very well. As a result, due to the lack of free days in next year's calendar I (or my successor) will be trying it again next season. Unfortunately, this is the only 2 day competition with the right number of entries for this format to work due to only having 8 mats available. I finished next season's provisional calendar last night having received next year's dates from the ESMBA and SMPT. Unfortunately due to the amount of dates taken up by the new ESMBA competitions, I have been forced to clash some County Competitions with SMPT events. I know that some players won't be happy with this (including me!) but it was completely unavoidable. Finally, I'd once again like to thank Neil for running the Inter Area League, which has now been completed and was won by the East Area. Please could I ask that Area Reps ensure that their teams are with me by the weekend before these matches. I received the West team on the Tuesday before the latest match, leaving me only that night to get scorecards and paperwork done so it could be posted to Neil in time. Luckily, I was free on that night.

158.08 Team Manager's report:

Premier Team - The group stage finished with a resounding away win in Dorset ensuring that we finished first in the group for the first time ever. We will play Essex, last year's runners-up, in the quarter final on February 22nd at Bristol. It will be good to test ourselves against a top county team. **A Team** - The A team also beat Dorset well to finish third in the group. Our earlier decision was not to compete in the consolation trophy. **Next Season** - The ICC is being reorganised next season. We will be in a group of three with Devon and Somerset. There will also be a double rink competition and a team of five (pair and triple) competition. Details are a little vague at the moment but we believe there will be both Premier and A team events in one or both of these. To celebrate our 25th Anniversary we will be playing England on the weekend of September 19th/20th. I would suggest we involve the squad plus other players who have made a significant contribution to Short Mat Bowls in Cornwall. We would welcome names of such people from clubs so that invitations can be sent out in due course.

158.09 Social Secretary's report:

Prizes are continuing to be donated for our raffles and I would now estimate that I have taken somewhere in the region of £500 since I took on the role of Social Secretary. I have approached various local venues in preparation for the Annual Presentation Luncheon and this will be discussed later in the meeting.

158.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No Report.

158.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: It was with sadness that I heard of the death of Trevor Hughes the Secretary of Perranporth Club, Trevor had been ill for some time and our thoughts are with his family and friends. The League is well under way and running without any problems that I know of. Ladock Chiefs are top with 47 points closely followed by Treviscoe on 45 points. 15 points cover the top 6 teams. Division One is led by Cubert on 37 points with St Agnes in second place on 30 points. Thanks go to all Captains and Club Secretaries for sending in results promptly.

East area: With the second half of the season now in full swing, the positions in the Premier Division remain the same with Landrake well in the lead and Dobwalls in second place followed by Duloe. In Division One Saltash Whites are well in the lead with Calstock and Lanreath Reds in second and third place respectively. I am personally delighted that the ESMBA has issued rule books to all affiliated members and hope that this will help clubs to interpret the rule regarding foot faulting!

North area: No Report.

West area: There is a 3 point gap between Illogan in first place and Newlyn in second, Holmans are 1 point further back but have played an extra game.

158.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

158.13 Any other business:

25th Anniversary Celebrations: Confirmation of the booking at Carnmoggas has now been received for the 19th and 20th September 2015. This booking is for the whole of the club house and utilisation of both rinks. The owners of Carnmoggas Holiday Park have sponsored the event in the form of a reduced fee for hiring the clubhouse. The committee discussed various accommodation options for the England Squad for the weekend and have agreed that a quote received from Lakeview Holiday Park was favourable and therefore has been suggested to the England Management. Enquiries were made regarding the hire of tables and chairs for the event and it was agreed to approach local clubs or WI groups for more information. The committee are also in the early stages of approaching local companies for sponsorship or raffle prizes for the weekend.

Incident at County Triples: The committee held a brief discussion regarding an incident involving two players at the County Triples qualifying round following a complaint. It was unanimously agreed that a disciplinary hearing was necessary in order to resolve the matter and the accused will be written to with further details of this hearing.

Jack Exchange: Following some research, the committee have become aware of a company that will exchange old jacks for new jacks for £20 each. Therefore it was agreed that 16 of the County's jacks would be replaced in preparation for the new season and the game against England.

Presentation Luncheon: The Social Secretary had approach various local venues to host the presentation luncheon in May for the committee to consider at the meeting. The proposed menus were discussed and the committee agreed to book the Carnmarth Hotel for the presentation meal for another year, details of this are attached.

Sponsorship: Cory Environmental had been approached earlier in the season regarding sponsorship for the County Team's travel expenses. They have requested to see invoices relating to these costs and therefore copies of the coach hire invoices for the season will be forwarded to Cory in the hope that they will consider sponsorship.

158.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 16th March 2015 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

158.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.12pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 3rd February 2015