



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 159th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 16th March 2015.

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

159.00 Chairman's welcome:

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

159.01 Apologies for absence:

Lesley Barker, Karen Watson

159.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 158th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Dave Hickey

Seconder: Neil Gribble

159.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

Following the previous committee meeting it was agreed that a Disciplinary Hearing should be called regarding the incident at the County Triples. A disciplinary body of nine neutral committee members and a secretary for the meeting was proposed and agreed unanimously. Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse Seconder: Ken Horrell

The hearing took place separately to the committee meeting and all parties involved have been notified of the disciplinary body's decision and of their right to appeal.

159.04 Correspondence:

Emails from David Balow (Marazion SMBC) expressing his disappointment regarding his exclusion from the County Champion of Champions competition due to his late arrival. The Competitions Secretary had explained the reasons for this decision as detailed in the CCSMBA Rules and Conditions of Play and this was accepted by Mr Balow; however he had asked for the situation to be discussed by the committee to prevent this from happening in the future as he felt that there should be a degree of flexibility available to the Competitions Secretary. The committee discussed the situation but agreed that it was important to have a set sign in time to ensure that the competitions run smoothly and to a reasonable time for all involved. A 10 minute waiting time was considered but the committee agreed that this would effectively mean that each competition's sign in time would be pushed back by 10 minutes and the same issue could arise if a member arrived a few minutes following the waiting time. Therefore the committee agreed that the rules regarding competition draws and sign in times would not be changed at this point and would be enforced going forward.

Email exchange between Brian Nelson & the ESMBA regarding current County Court Judgement that had been filed by the previous Chairman of the ESMBA against the new Chairman and President of the ESMBA relating to unpaid administration fees. Mr Nelson's email had asked all membership counties to call an EGM as he was concerned that the current ESMBA committee were handling the situation incorrectly and at the expense of the ESMBA's membership. The ESMBA sent an email to all membership counties in response to Mr Nelson's email explaining the situation and to assure the membership counties that Mr Nelson's email was factually incorrect to the extent of being libellous. It stated that the ESMBA had never refused to pay the previous Chairman for any amount legitimately owed to him however they do dispute the amount being claimed as an invoice had not been submitted for the work carried out by the previous Chairman. All parties involved are due to go into mediation to try to resolve this matter. Mr Nelson replied to all membership counties apologising for some inaccuracies in some of the detail in his original email and stated that he hoped mediation between parties would be successful.

159.05 Treasurer's report:

In the absence of the Treasurer a current report had not been submitted to the meeting however the audited accounts had been received in order to be forwarded to Club Secretaries ahead of the AGM (attached).

159.06 Membership Secretary's report:

As of today's date we have 61 registered clubs with 1156 registered members (4 of them juniors). This compares with 59 clubs and 1165 members (5 juniors) at this time last year. Two clubs have requested information on joining the CCSMBA – Kensey Vale (North Area) and Truro City (Central Area). I have sent them both out Introductory Pack and associated information. I believe Ken Horrell is following up Truro City's application but I have heard nothing further from Kensey Vale. Steve Maiden, who made the initial enquiry, has not responded to emails and I cannot find a telephone number or other contact details for him. I have tried phoning Kensey Vale Bowling Club but could not get an answer or leave a message. So if anyone has any contact details please pass them onto me. Registration forms for next season are due to go out to clubs at the beginning of next month.

159.07 Competition Secretary's report:

All of the competitions which accrue county points have now been completed, apart from the Team of Three which has the second leg of the final still to play. The points list and summary of winners and finalists will be available online shortly and will be given out in the AGM packs, along with the fixture list for next season which has been completed and agreed with Carnmoggas. It was more difficult than ever to fit everything in with all of the new ESMBA competitions using up dates, which has unfortunately meant that we have a few clashes with SMPT events. Not all of the perpetual trophies have been returned yet. If they are not returned by the Bebbington cup then the players will have to arrange to get them to Bodmin Trophies themselves by mid-April. I have also prepared the entry forms for all of next season's competitions, so they are ready to be printed off and sent out in early July by next season's competitions secretary.

159.08 Team Manager's report:

Premier team: The quarter final against Essex was extremely exciting. We entered the fourth and final session needing to win all four games to tie overall. We did just that which meant a tie break was required. Unfortunately we lost that by two mats to one so were knocked out. The whole team performed superbly and I think we have put ourselves firmly on the bowls map. Thanks to all the players and to Graham Reeves who came to support us. Hampshire won the ICC. Dorset beat Somerset in the consolation final. **A team:** Devon A won the ICC A team final. **Next season:** 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.

159.09 Social Secretary's report:

The venue for the Annual Presentation Luncheon has now been booked and details of the meal have been sent to Club Secretaries. I am aware of some people that are wishing to attend but are yet to see these details so I would like to ask that club secretaries forward them to their members or ensure they are displayed on club notice boards.

159.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

I am disappointed that I have not been able to put in as much work as I would have liked to recently due to pressures at work. However I am sure that this will shortly be resolved and therefore would like to stand again if appointed by the members at the AGM. I have already had a lot of interest in the year's Summer League, details of which will be sent to clubs shortly and will be ran in the new format trialled last summer.

159.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: The winter league season is about finished, and congratulations go to Treviscoe Whites on winning the Premier League with 70 points, followed in second place by Ladock Chiefs on 63 points. At the other end of the division Kea with 24 and Lanjeth with 32 points are relegated. Division One has two games to be played, both tonight, but these will not affect the top positions. Congratulations go to Cubert Blues on winning the league with 63 points followed by St Agnes Cuckoos on 58 points. It appears very likely that Truro Bowling Club will enter a team in next season's winter league and I am meeting Dave Harvey at the club in the morning to sort out a few things. I have arranged a Central Area meeting at Withiel this Thursday to elect a new Central Area Rep and to date have two names. I wish you all good luck in the future and keep up the good work.

East area: The season has now finished and what a tussle for the runners-up spot in both divisions. The Premier League was again won by Landrake; the second place was decided on the final match with Callington Eagles taking the honours above Dobwalls. In Division 1 Lanreath Reds took the winning spot with Saltash Whites beating Calstock to the runners up place. Lanreath Reds and Saltash Whites are promoted to the Premier League, congratulations to both teams. Commiserations go to Callington Hawks and Callington

Falcons who will be playing in Division 1; hopefully they have enjoyed their time in the Premier League. Finally as previously mentioned all clubs have received their rule books, so please make the time to read them and also the County Rules as I have had several problems during the Season.

North area: The league season is almost finished however it is clear that Poughill and Lanteglos Reds will be relegated from Division 1. The title will go to either Blisland or Lanteglos A. In Division 2 the title is a three way race between Boscastle, Altarnun and Wadebridge B. The new league system is settling down well after a few problems. Following our recent area meeting I have been asked to raise the following questions of the committee – 1) Because of declining membership Boscastle are asking that the league be made into triples and / or that one player could be allowed to play in both home and away legs on day two or three occasions. 2) Wadebridge B have asked me to query the rules on the 2 points penalty that they have had imposed for their recent failure to attend a match.

The committee discussed both questions and explained the reasons to be relayed back to each club.

West area: Illogan won the Premier League on 69 points ahead of runners up Holmans with 65 points and Jowsters in 3rd place with 63 points. Belyars with 28 and Buckets on 18 points are relegated to Division One. In Division One St Eia and Foundry are promoted with Treza and Wendron relegated to Division Two.

159.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

159.13 Any other business:

25th Anniversary Celebrations: The accommodation for the England Squad has now been booked and the deposit has been paid by the ESMBA. We have received confirmation from Sharps Brewery that they will supply 50 bar towels to be given as a token from Cornwall to be given to each member of the England Squad. A further list of local companies to approach for sponsorship/raffle prizes has been drawn up and the committee would welcome further suggestions/donations to support this event. The early production stages of a celebratory handbook have begun and it is proposed that advertising space within this can be sold on a Crowdfunder basis. This means that if we do not receive enough sponsorship money then the handbook will not be produced and the Association will not be out of pocket. As previously stated, the Cornwall Squad will consist of invited members from the current County Squad members along with those members that have been nominated for their significant contribution to Short Mat Bowls within the county. All nominated players will be considered by the committee for an invite and it is encouraged that nominations are sent in to the County Secretary or Team Manager.

Committee Nominations: As we approach the AGM it has become clear that there will be a number of current committee members standing down from their positions on the committee. Therefore, in order to ensure that the Association continues to exist and be run efficiently, it is important that these roles are filled at the AGM. If you are interested in standing for a role on the committee please do not hesitate to contact a current committee member who will be able to give you further information.

Committee Members & Working Hours: It has become apparent that some members of the committee are being contacted numerous times during the working day. Due to this it has therefore been asked that members are reminded that those on the committee are all volunteers and that many are in full time employment. Due to this, if you are unable to make contact by telephone please leave an answerphone message you will receive a response as soon as possible. Alternatively, enquiries can be sent to the committee's email address cornwall@esmba.co.uk and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member. If you wish to contact a particular committee member directly, their personal email addresses can be found in the CCSMBA Information Pack updates.

159.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 11th May 2015 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

159.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.02pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 17th March 2015