



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 161st Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 13th July 2015.

Present: Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Nick Truscott, Dianne Shorthouse, Peter Sully, Dave Studden, Derek Newton, Max Burden (on behalf of Ruth Newbury), Gordon Smith

161.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31pm, welcomed everyone present and thanked Gordon Smith for attending the meeting who was co-opted on to the committee in the role of Treasurer unanimously.

Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse Seconder: Peter Sully

161.01 **Apologies for absence:**

John Worton, Ruth Newbury

161.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 160th committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Neil Gribble Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse

161.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

None.

161.04 **Correspondence:**

Email from Carol Hawkins (ESMBA) inviting Counties to nominate players for the Presidents Team to play against the England Squad on Sunday 6th September. The Committee discussed this and agreed that no nominations would be sent to the ESMBA this year as the England Squad would be playing in Cornwall two weeks later giving many members the chance to play against the National team.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) attaching the ESMBA's Committee Meeting Minutes from the 2nd May 2015.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) reminding Counties and their membership of the ESMBA's Registered Player Policy. This currently states that "Players, Clubs and Associations affiliated to the ESMBA shall not, without the specific permission of the ESMBA Management Committee, play against or with Clubs, Teams or players who are not registered or who are members of a short mat bowls organisation that is not recognised by the ESMBA., nor against representative teams of such an organisation. Players, Clubs and Associations playing in such circumstances may be excluded from the ESMBA". This matter was briefly discussed at the ESMBA's AGM and it was agreed that it would be further discussed by the Management Committee at their next seminar. The committee agreed to wait for more information from the ESMBA following their meeting and to then address the number of non-affiliated members within the Association.

Email from Len Hawke (Torpoint SMBC) advising the Membership Secretary of the sudden death of an affiliated member. It had been requested that the membership was transferred to another member however it advised that this could not take place as the registration fee is for the named player only and there is no proviso within the CCSMBA's Constitution to allow a refund of the registration fee once paid. The committee discussed this matter and agreed that it was an unfortunate situation but agreed that refund could not be approved as the precedent had already been set previously.

161.05 **Treasurer's report:**

No Report

161.06 Membership Secretary's report:

To date the number of affiliated members is 993 (East 243, Central 223, North 174 & West 353). I expect this number to increase as we get closer to the season as I am aware that a few clubs have only affiliated the minimum requirement so far.

161.07 Competition Secretary's report:

There is little for me to report at the moment apart from confirming that the Competition Entry Forms will be sent out this week with the closing date at the end of August. The competition draws will take place on Wednesday 2nd September (7pm) at Woodbine Farm Business Centre in Threemilestone as it was last season.

161.08 Team Manager's report:

I have now sent out invitations for this season's County Team Trials mostly by email with a small number by post. I am aware that a few people have not received their invitations that were sent by email so I will be contacting those people that have not responded shortly.

161.09 Social Secretary's report:

Following the last meeting I have provisionally booked The Carnmarth Hotel for the new Presentation Luncheon / AGM format and a deposit will be required at a later date to confirm this booking. I have already been sent the proposed menu and have forwarded this to the committee for approval. One concern I have regarding the new format is regarding parking at the hotel and if this would affect the number attending.

The committee discussed this briefly but it was agreed to trial it for one year to assess if this helps to increase the attendance to the AGM and Presentation Luncheon.

161.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The summer league has been running well and is particularly close in the East area with more than half of the teams in with a chance of winning. I am having to check the teams closely when results are returned to me, especially for one club in particular as they have two teams in the league and have already used some reserve players twice. The league tables are generally being sent to press every 2 weeks due to pressures at work.

161.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: Again not much to report except to say the summer league is progressing well. I have now received all monies and entry forms for the forthcoming winter league and the Central Area will have 9 teams entering the Premier Division and 9 in Division One. We have gained two new clubs being Truro SMBC and Truro City but have unfortunately lost Perranporth. I have been asked by Truro SMBC if I could attend one of their roll-up evenings to give advice on the rules to their members and this has been arranged for Sunday 12th July.

East Area: There is little to report from my area however there are clubs playing in the summer league, friendlies and some clubs are entering competitions further afield and are bringing home the spoils so well done to them. With reference to the forthcoming winter league season, I will be holding a meeting on Thursday 3rd September starting at 7.30pm at East Taphouse Village Hall. The possible start dates are w/c 5th October for the Premier Division and w/c 28th September for Division One. At the moment there are 8 teams in the Premier Division and 9 in Division One, with the possibility of one late entry to replace Rilla Mill who withdrew last season. The new club requires 2 more members to affiliate to the County and enter a team in the winter league.

North Area: I am sorry that I am unable to attend the meeting; I have an outdoor match which means that I could not get to the meeting in time. I am grateful to Max for attending on my behalf to represent the Northern Area. Max and I are in the process of sorting the fixtures for the forthcoming winter season and hope to have them completed by next week. We have one team less in the league this year as Lanteglos are only entering two teams instead of three. We still intend to have two leagued with five teams in each league. I have spoken with Stuart Hambly from Otterham Station. He is making good progress with the new bowlers at the club but they do not feel that it is right to enter a team at this time.

West Area: No Report.

161.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

161.13 Any other business:

Rules Revision: The rules revision committee proposed various rule changes for approval by the Management Committee, all of which were agreed unanimously.

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Secunder: Dave Studden

