CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



Minutes of the 164th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

<u>Present:</u> Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, John Worton, Dave Studden, Derek Newton

164.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

164.01 Apologies for absence:

Peter Sully, Nick Truscott, Ruth Newbury, Gordon Smith

164.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 163rd committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Neil Gribble Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse

164.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

It was noted that the England Player subsidy remain unpaid as the Treasurer was waiting for a new cheque book from the bank at the previous meeting.

164.04 <u>Correspondence:</u>

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) advising Counties that the ESMBA's administration officer had tendered his notice and the ESMBA had accepted his immediate resignation. All correspondence should now be forwarded to Barry Hedges. Secondly, it was advised that some Counties are not returning information to the ESMBA in good time to allow the ESMBA to meet their deadlines. In order for this to be achieved the ESMBA will be adding notes to their Diary page for information and, in addition, general emails will be sent throughout the year to remind counties of the deadlines. Finally, it was requested that records are updated to show that Barry Hedges will hold the position of ESMBA Safeguarding Officer until a replacement is found.

164.05 Treasurer's report:

No Report.

164.06 Membership Secretary's report:

There is very little to report at the moment, currently we have 1127 members (2 additions in December and 2 additions in January). The ESMBA were sent the updates before Christmas but I am yet to receive a reply confirming receipt.

The Membership Secretary will be advised of the changes to the ESMBA Committee in order to update our records.

164.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The group stages of all of our competitions have now been completed, with the Finals starting on 28th February. The summary sheet of all finalists will be forwarded to clubs with players involved shortly. As yet, we have received no information from the ESMBA regarding Nationals Allocations. Also, we are still awaiting information from them regarding next year's fixtures so I haven't been able to start planning a provisional calendar for the CCSMBA. Finally, please can I remind all competition winners to return the perpetual trophies to me by the 13th March.

164.08 <u>Team Manager's report:</u>

No Report.

164.09 Social Secretary's report:

No Report.

164.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No Report.

164.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: At the half way stage of the season, Treviscoe Whites lead the Premier Division by three points over Ladock Chiefs and Truro top Division One by four points. In the last round of the Inter Area Competition, a close game between Central and East resulted in a draw of 20 points to each team. The Knockout Cup is almost down to semi-final stages with one game to play. The winners of Ladock Braves v Ladock Chiefs will play Withiel Oaks and Cubert Blues will be home to Treviscoe Whites.

East Area: At the start of the New Year, the positions at the top of both leagues are very close. In the Premier League only 4 points separate the top three teams, with Callington Eagles top Landrake and Saltash Blues are close behind. Likewise in Division One only 3 points separate the top four teams, Calstock head the division with Saltash Wesley, East Taphouse and Callington Falcons close behind. I foresee the remaining fixtures in both leagues building up to a very exciting final few games, good luck to you all! Finally, I'd like to wish a belated happy and healthy New Year to all clubs and bowlers in my area.

North Area: Firstly, may I tender my apologies for not attending tonight as I have a match. Max has arranged the team for the forthcoming inter area match against the East. The Leagues are progressing well. At the moment it appears to be a battle between Blisland and Lanteglos in Division One. Boscastle lead Division Two by a clear margin, not having lost a match to date. I intend to schedule a meeting for Northern Area clubs in February. **West Area:** Jowsters top the Premier League by 3 points with a game against 2nd place Holmans next week. Division One is closer with Treza and Wreckers level at the top and third place Trenwith 2 points behind. Following correspondence from Porthleven regarding the rule on whether the fender is allowed to be fixed to the floor it is requested that the CCSMBA ask for clarification from the ESMBA regarding the wording of the rule.

164.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

164.13 Any other business:

Presentation Lunch / AGM: As previously reported, the Annual Presentation Lunch and AGM will be combined this season in an attempt to increase the attendance at both events. The committee agreed to confirm the date and menu with the Carnmarth Hotel in Newquay so that the information could be forwarded to clubs. It was also agreed that the Presentation Lunch will be served first, followed by the AGM and due to time restraints on the day, the trophies may have to be presented to the winners once the AGM has been completed.

ICC Rinks Competition: Both the Premier and A Teams qualified for the final stages of this competition prior to the CCSMBA receiving notification of a change of date for the A Team competition from the ESMBA. Unfortunately this would mean that, should the CCSMBA provide transport for both teams, two separate coaches would need to be booked at a total cost of £2250. With teams of 16 players, the match fees for both fixtures would only total £480 meaning the CCSMBA would have to subsidise the remaining balance. Alternatively, the committee had been approached regarding hiring a minibus belonging to the employer of one of our members. However following a vehicle inspection some concerns were raised regarding the amount of space for bowlers and their luggage. The committee agreed that for a journey of over 280 miles each way the team should not be expected to travel in cramped conditions. Therefore it was unanimously agreed that the CCSMBA would not provide transport in the form of a coach or minibus for either team. Instead, the team would be asked to travel by car share and should a team of willing bowlers not be raised then unfortunately the CCSMBA would have to withdraw from the competition.

Proposer: Nigel Nicholls

Seconder: Chris Roberts

County Venue: Following the previous meeting a small number of alternative venues had been approached regarding possibly hosting our county competitions however the committee are still awaiting a response. Since the last meeting, the committee have been advised that Carnmoggas Holiday Park has been placed back on the market after being "under offer" and are yet to hear of any interest in the park. Due to this the committee agreed to plan the 2016/17 season around being based at Carnmoggas and to approach the owners to negotiate a rate of hire for the next two years of our contract.

End of Year Accounts: The committee were reminded that the CCSMBA's year end was approaching and therefore were asked to ensure their expenses reports were forwarded on to the Treasurer so that the accounts could be prepared for auditing. Sadly, the committee received the news that the Association's Treasurer, Gordon Smith, had been taken unwell over the Christmas period. The committee send their best wishes to him for a speedy recovery and will be contacting him to assist in the preparation of the Association's accounts in any way they can.

Vacancies: A number of committee members have expressed their intent to step down from the committee at this year's AGM and therefore the Association is in need of volunteers to step forward. It is vital that all positions on the committee are filled in order to ensure the Association can run effectively and efficiently. This year's nominations forms are included with these minutes and any nomination will be welcomed. The committee are aware that the following roles will need to be filled at this year's AGM:

Membership Secretary, Assistant Competition Secretary, West Area Representative.

The committee also agreed that some job descriptions require review in order to delegate responsibilities more fairly within the committee however this was deferred to March's committee meeting.

National Qualifier Subsidy: The committee agreed that the County's National Championship qualifiers will receive the subsidy of £30 per player per discipline as set out at the 153rd Committee Meeting.

Membership Fees & Competition Fees: Deferred to March meeting.

164.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 14th March 2016 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

164.15 <u>Close meeting:</u>

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.42pm.

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

Signed		(Chairman) Dated	
Hon: Secretary:	Elise Daniell		Dated: 27 th January 2016