



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 165th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 14th March 2016.

Present: Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Dianne Shorthouse, Nick Truscott, John Worton, Ruth Newbury

165.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

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

165.01 **Apologies for absence:**

Peter Sully, Gordon Smith, Dave Studden, Nigel Nicholls, Derek Newton

165.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 164th committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse

Seconder: Ruth Newbury

165.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

It was noted that the England Player and National Qualifier subsidy still remain unpaid for the season.

165.04 **Correspondence:**

Letter from Barry Brindley (St George's Cup Chairman) was received introducing their committee and competition which focuses on raising money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Counties were contacted to ask for donations for 2016's event; however as the competition had already been held and the total amount raised had been announced the committee agreed that a donation would not be made this season.

Letter from Barry Hedges (ESMBA) regarding renewal of the Association's insurance as of the 1st March. A cheque had been obtained from the Treasurer and the relevant forms completed to ensure the Association is covered.

Email from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club) renegotiating the rate of hire for the CCSMBA as the current two year period was coming to an end. Due to the potential sale of the site, the CCSMBA had asked if Carnmoggas would be willing to hold the rate of hire and had received a reply confirming that the rate would be held but only for a period of one year. An addendum to the agreement had been forwarded confirming that the rate of hire would be held at £150.00 per day for the 2016/17 season with the other terms remaining unchanged. The committee agreed to sign this document to confirm the "tenancy" at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club for the 2016/17 season following enquires with alternative venues.

Proposer: Dennis Shorthouse

Seconder: John Worton

Unanimously agreed by the committee.

165.05 **Treasurer's report:**

Due to ill health the Association's accounts have been returned to the committee unaudited. Peter Hore and Elise Daniell offered to prepare the accounts for auditing however it was not clear if this could be done before the AGM due to busy schedules. If the accounts cannot be audited in time for the AGM it was agreed that the committee will call an EGM to approve the accounts as in previous years. Currently, the Treasurer and County Secretary are the only signatories on the account as the Chairman had not submitted a mandate to the bank and only two signed cheques were returned to the committee by the Treasurer. Unfortunately the Treasurer is not able to sign any further cheques which has meant that the account will not have two signatories as required to make payments. Therefore, in order to ensure that the Association continues to run efficiently and all suppliers are paid promptly it was proposed to use one of the signed cheques to pay an advance to Peter Hore and Elise Daniell who will then pay the CCSMBA's suppliers from their personal account. The Chairman and Treasurer (if elected at the AGM) will then be required to submit their mandates to the bank as soon as possible to resume three signatories on the account.

Proposer: Ruth Newbury

Seconder: Chris Roberts

Unanimously agreed by the committee.

165.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Since the last meeting the CCSMBA has one new member bringing the total number to 1133 members across 54 clubs. This is made up of 961 renewals and 172 new members; there are 173 lapsed members from 2014/15.

165.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The centrally based County Competitions are now complete with players from West and East Cornwall winning all of the titles between them. Only the Team of Three and Mixed Pairs titles are still to be settled. Gill Cawrse of Lostwithiel has been confirmed as top female county points scorer for the year, with the top male still to be decided in the 2 remaining finals. The Inter Area League was comfortably won by Central, East 2nd, North 3rd and West last. The Inter Area Rinks competition takes place on Sunday 20th March. The only fixture left in Cornwall after that is Bebbington Cup and League plate on 3rd April. The Under 25s has been cancelled due to only 2 entries being received. Unfortunately 5 players failed to attend the County Fours finals and therefore these players will be banned from the County Fours next year and will also lose all points gained in 2015-16 County Competitions. Attention now turns to the National Championships in April, Cornwall have 3 places in each of the singles, pairs and triples competitions along with 2 in the fours and 1 mixed four. There are also 3 teams representing Cornwall at the TLH national top club competition in Torquay, Truro, Treviscoe and former champions Holmans.

Those Committee Members in attendance on the 12th March were asked to discuss and make a decision regarding a team requesting a substitute for a player who had claimed to have not been playing due to a medical issue. This would have been allowed under "exceptional circumstances" however it had become known that this player had participated in a number of league games including a fixture during that week. Those members in attendance unanimously agreed that by playing in a County League fixture, the player in question had declared themselves fit to play and therefore would not be able to be substituted from the County Competition.

165.08 Team Manager's report:

The 'A' Team were drawn against Cheshire A in the preliminary round of the ICC knockout stage. They were forced to travel to Coventry to play which meant a very early start to travel by coach. Despite this they put up a very creditable performance but lost by 16 points to 24. My thanks go to Max Burden and Chris Roberts for organising the day in my absence. With regards to the ICC Four rink competitions, the committee decided at the last meeting not to finance coaches for the trips to the two finals day as the cost would be prohibitive. The individual teams would travel if there were enough people willing to drive. Unfortunately there was not enough interest in the A team but the Premier team did travel up. Thank you to those people who did drive and those that made themselves available to play at their own expense. The Premier team lost narrowly to Surrey and the eventual winners Devon but scored a comfortable win over Kent. The majority of the team enjoyed the competition format and the day but some felt it was not worth the expense and time. Going forward to next season the ICC main competition returns to a group of four with Dorset back in the South West group. This will mean six matches for each team. There will also be a repeat of the Four Rink competition. My suggestion would be to enter just one team. This team would be selected from those who are willing to make themselves available for both the qualifiers and final and be willing to organise transport and finance themselves. The County would continue to subsidise coaches for the main competition.

165.09 Social Secretary's report:

To date we have only received one response to the Presentation Lunch Menu which was sent out with the last minutes however I expect the majority of the replies will be received closer to the deadline. I have also been asked by the Carnarvon Hotel for the deposit to confirm our booking and this will be forwarded to them once a cheque has been received from the Treasurer.

165.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The reports are being sent to the press each week and are being featured well in the usual newspapers. Although winners' photos are forwarded with the reports, their inclusion in a newspaper is at the discretion of the Sports Editors. I am looking into new designs for the Association's website as it's current design has not been updated for some time. With regards to the Summer League for this season, I have had initial indications that there could be more teams entering the competition which means a decision will need to be made shortly regarding the number of divisions required. The entry form for this competition will be sent with minutes from this meeting.

The Committee agreed that in order to offer a variety of games, the Summer League would remain "county wide" and

would be organised into two divisions should the number of entries remain the same as last season. If there is an increase in entries then the number of divisions would increase to three, with the winners of each division competing in a three-way final.

165.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: My report for March starts with the end of the winter league fixtures – and what an end with both Premier and Division One titles being decided on the last match. Once again, Treviscoe took the title by one point from Ladock Chiefs in the Premier Division and Truro won Division One by five points from Kea. In the Inter Area competition Central were the overall winners even though they lost in the third match 21-19. A big thank you to all of the players who turned out for the Central area and helped secure the win. In the new Central Area Knockout Competition, the final will be played at Ladock on Tuesday 22nd March between Treviscoe Whites and Withiel Oaks. Again a big thank you to all players for their support of this competition and I hope it will be continued in coming years. I have arranged an area meeting at Ladock Hall on Tuesday 15th March and have invited a representative from each club to discuss the season and any problems or ideas they may have had. I will report back to the committee at our next meeting.

East Area: All matches in the East Area have now been completed and as anticipated both leagues were decided on the last games. In the Premier league Callington Eagles finished winners with 59 points followed by Landrake in second place with 52 points, at the other end of the league Saltash Whites and Lanreath Reds will play in Division 1 next season. Winners of Division One were East Taphouse with 80 points and Callington Falcons were in 2nd place with 79 points, again a very close finish to the season. I would like to thank all club secretaries and players in the East Area for their cooperation and support throughout the season and hope you all enjoy the summer break returning refreshed and ready to go for the next season.

North Area: The leagues have now finished in the Northern Area, Blisland won Division 1 to qualify for the Bebbington Cup and Boscastle were the run-away winners of Division 2. The northern area singles competition was won by John Menhinick of Wadebridge with Bob Banks of Boscastle the runner up. The pairs event was won by Max Burden and Keith Matthews from Blisland, with Bob Banks and Mike Lawrence the runners up.

West Area: In the Premier Division, Holmans top the table by 15 points with Jowsters in 2nd place. In Division One, the Wreckers are top by 15 points with Sinners 2nd. The Western Division competitions are nearly finished with the winners so far being Kevin Williams in the 4 Wood Singles, David Studden in the 2 Wood Singles, Chris Selby and David Studden in the 2 wood Pairs, Don Falck and Sally Greenwood in the 4 Wood Pairs and Rose Dyer, Mike Dyer and John Thomas in the Triples. There are still a few competitions to be finished.

165.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

165.13 Any other business:

County Venue: As discussed earlier, it was agreed to remain at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club for 2016/17.

End of Year Accounts: Discussed under “Treasurer’s Report” the Association’s accounts will now be prepared for auditing by Peter Hore and Elise Daniell. Committee members were reminded to forward any outstanding expenses for the financial year as soon as possible so that they could be included in the end of year accounts.

Job Descriptions: This matter was discussed at the previous meeting and it had been agreed that some job descriptions required reviewing in order to distribute responsibilities more evenly on the committee. Some members did not have copies of the descriptions therefore it was agreed scan and forward copies of the current descriptions to committee members for discussion at the next meeting.

Membership Fees & Competition Fees: The committee noted that there had not been an increase in Membership Fees since the 2011/12 season and agreed that in the current financial climate an increase was necessary to ensure the Association remains sustainable. It was proposed to increase the Membership Fee to £6.00 (an increase of 50p) and to hold the Competition Fees at the current rate.

Proposer: Dennis Shorthouse Secunder: Chris Roberts Unanimously agreed by the committee.

Dress Code: Some committee members commented that there have been certain examples of the dress code standard slipping recently. It was agreed to remind members of the dress code as set out in the Rules and Conditions of Play: “1. Players must wear the following CCSMBA regulation bowling attire.

2. Flat-soled shoes or sandals specifically manufactured for bowling in black, brown, grey or white.

3. Mid-grey (not charcoal or light grey) trousers for men, or skirt, culottes or tailored trousers for ladies as per colour samples

provided by the CCSMBA; jeans, slacks, cords, tracksuit bottoms or any other casual trousers are not allowed.

4. Plain collared shirt (blouse for a lady) or polo shirt in white or designated club colour; no self-patterns, stripes, coloured pattern or other decoration; no T-shirts; plain white polo-necked jumpers may be worn provided they are worn under a collared shirt/blouse.

5. In addition a V-necked sweater, sleeveless pullover or cardigan in white or the club colour may be worn.

6. If club uniform is worn, all members of the team must wear it. The club shirt, whether white or coloured, shall form part of this uniform and therefore there shall be no requirement for all team members to wear their club jumpers when playing (e.g. 2 players in club shirt and 2 players in club shirt and club jumper is acceptable)

7. County uniform may only be worn when playing for the County or marking County events.

8. Umpires and officials are instructed to check and ensure compliance before play; anybody not dressed in accordance with the above will not be allowed to play."

Tie-Break Ruling: The committee had been asked to clarify the ruling related to "games won" in the case of a tie break following a league game being forfeited. The committee referred to Section 8.4 of the Rules and Conditions of Play – Appendix 1 Area Winter League which states that the opposing team will be awarded the "game win" for the forfeited fixture. The Press and Promotions Officer also stated that there needs to be some adjustment on the database for recording results as this was not currently being shown on the newly formatted league table.

County Competition Qualifiers: The committee had been asked to clarify how teams qualified for the final stages of County Competitions as there had been an occasion this year where a team with 4 points + 7 shots had qualified but a team with 4 points + 9 shots had not. However, it was pointed out that the team with 4 points + 7 shots was runner up in their group where the team with 4 points + 9 shots was 3rd place. The qualifiers for Final Days are made up of group winners and runner ups only.

Rolling up before League games: The committee discussed whether a team rolling up before a league game was breaking any rules after an Area Rep had been approached about a team being caught doing this. The committee agreed that although no rules were being broken, it was a matter of courtesy and would ask teams to act in the spirit of the game and limit their roll-up to the 2 trial ends.

Bebbington Cup: Following enquires from some of the teams involved in the Bebbington Cup and League Plate competitions this year, the committee discussed allowing a "squad" of players to compete for their clubs. The committee agreed that it was rare for a league team to be made of up only 8 players and felt that it would be unfair to not allow a member that has played their part in a team all season the opportunity of playing in the final. The committee discussed allowing a squad of players to attend, with rotation between the two rinks playing in each session and agreed that they could not see any issues with this. Therefore it was proposed that a squad of players may play in the Bebbington Cup and League Plate Competitions with rotation, however the League Rules regarding player eligibility will apply. The Rules and Conditions of Play will be expanded to include this at the next rules revision meeting ahead of the 2016/17 season but teams will be able to bring a squad to this season's final.
Proposer: Peter Hore Secunder: Neil Gribble Unanimously agreed by the committee.

Registered Player Policy: Although this has been previously discussed by the committee, it appears that some clubs are not aware of the ESMBA's Registered Player Policy and therefore the committee have been asked to inform clubs of the following:

"The E.S.M.B.A. registered player policy was amended with effect from 24th July 2009. The new policy is as follows.

- a. *Players, Clubs and Associations affiliated to the E.S.M.B.A. shall not, without the specific permission of the E.S.M.B.A. Management Committee, play against Clubs, Teams or players who are not registered or who are members of a short mat bowls organisation that is not recognised by the E.S.M.B.A., nor against representative teams of such an organisation.*
- b. *E.S.M.B.A. registered players shall not play in any competition, league, or any other event that is organised by a short mat bowls organisation that is not recognised by the E.S.M.B.A. unless the event is licensed by the E.S.M.B.A.*
- c. *Players, Clubs and Associations playing in such circumstances may be excluded from the E.S.M.B.A.*

EXCEPTIONS

- i. *E.S.M.B.A. licensed events are open to all. Licenses are paid for by the organising body specifically for the protection of registered players.*
- ii. *Clubs and Associations affiliated to the E.S.M.B.A. who wish to run tournaments or other competitions open to non E.S.M.B.A. registered players must obtain an E.S.M.B.A. licence for the event.*
- iii. *Internal club competitions are not affected by this policy. However, an internal club competition is one that specifically excludes all players from outside the club.*
- iv. *Competitions in aid of charity are not affected by this policy.*

This policy is designed to prevent those who have chosen not to join the E.S.M.B.A. and who therefore contribute nothing to either their county or the E.S.M.B.A. from receiving the privileges of competitions arranged for E.S.M.B.A. members. The

E.S.M.B.A. would stress that this policy is not aimed at deterring genuine prospective members, but those who have chosen not to participate in the Association."

165.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 9th May 2016 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

165.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 22nd March 2016