



# CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the 170<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Present:** Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Nick Truscott, Nigel Nicholls, Peter Hore, Dianne Shorthouse, John Worton, Paul Murphy, David Stokes

**170.00**      **Chairman's welcome:**

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

**170.01**      **Apologies for absence:**

Neil Gribble, Derek Newton

**170.02**      **Approve and sign minutes of the 169<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: David Stokes

Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse

**170.03**      **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

Following the last meeting, the committee received an email from Richard Brown resigning from the Treasurer's position. In order to fill this role on the committee it was proposed that Steve Williamson (Luxulyan SMBA) be co-opted on to the committee in this role and for the necessary mandates to be completed.

Proposer: Elise Daniell

Seconder: John Worton

Unanimously Agreed.

**170.04**      **Correspondence:**

Letter from Pam Hamley (Lostwithiel SMBC) asking the committee for clarification regarding the outstanding account audits. A letter was sent in reply prior to the committee meeting explaining the reasons behind the delay and advising Lostwithiel SMBC that it is the committee's priority to present the outstanding accounts at the AGM in April. A further letter from Pam Hamley was received urging the committee to consider employing a professional accountant to bring the Association's accounts up to date. The committee discussed this and agreed that it would not be cost effective to employ a professional to prepare the accounts when there are capable members on the committee. Unfortunately, due to various issues, the preparation of the accounts had been delayed but there are now volunteers on the committee who have set aside some time to do this ahead of the AGM.

**170.05**      **Treasurer's report:**

No Report.

**170.06**      **Membership Secretary's report:**

No Report.

**170.07**      **Competition Secretary's report:**

The qualifying stages of the County Competitions have now been completed with the final stages scheduled for later in the season. Please could those members in possession of the perpetual shields return them to me no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 so that they can be engraved ahead of this year's presentation luncheon. We have now received our allocations for the National Championships and we will have two representatives in all disciplines apart from the Mixed Fours where we will be represented by one team. I have drawn up a provisional calendar for the 2017/18 season but I am waiting for confirmation of ICC and SMPT dates before this can be finalised.

**170.08**      **Team Manager's report:**

In the final group game, the Premier Team had a dominant 30-10 win against Dorset to qualify for the knockout stages of the ICC with the final group position to be decided by Devon's outstanding match against Somerset.

Similarly, the A Team were convincing 29 – 11 winners which guaranteed their place in the knockout stages of the competition. The result of the outstanding group game between Devon and Somerset saw both the Premier and A Teams overtaken for first place in the group. The Premier Team will now meet Gloucestershire in the quarter finals and the A Team will face North Yorkshire in a preliminary round.

**170.09            Social Secretary's report:**

Since the last meeting a profit of £67.20 has been made on the raffles at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Cub.

**170.10            Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

I must give my apologies for the recent break in reports, unfortunately I had some issues with my laptop but these have now been resolved. We have been suffering with the publication of reports in the local newspapers as a lot of the local media companies are reducing the number of sport pages and staff. There is a current trend to publish this information in the form of online content rather than in their newspapers. All of the local media contacts are included on a mailing list so they will still continue to receive the reports automatically.

**170.11            Area Representatives' report:**

**Central Area:** At the halfway stage in the 2016 season, St Agnes Gulls lead the First Division with 36 points followed by Truro City Golds and Luxulyan Maroons both on 33 points. The Premier Division has Withiel Oaks with 32 points followed by Lostwithiel with 23 points and Ladock Chiefs with 21 points. The second round of the Inter Area was played on 20<sup>th</sup> November with Central beating East 30-10 and West beating North 23-17. The third and final round is to be played on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Good luck to all areas. The Central Area Knockout Cup has now reached the semi-final stage and finds Ladock Chiefs playing Withiel Oaks and St Agnes Gulls playing Truro City Golds for a place in the final. It is good to see that a First Division club will be represented in the final. Good luck to all clubs in the forthcoming matches and also thank you to everyone involved in the CCSMBA.

**East Area:** No Report.

**North Area:** There is very little to report at this time, we had a meeting in December with the main talking point being membership and getting new members but one or two other items came up:

- 1) A cheque taking four months to cash
- 2) Clarification re affiliation
- 3) Results not available on the website
- 4) Taster days / Advertisement.

The committee discussed each query and the answers will be passed on by the North Area Representative.

**West Area:** No Report.

**170.12            Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):**

None.

**170.13            Any other business:**

**Job Descriptions:** It was agreed that each committee member should read through their job description so that they can reviewed ahead of the new season rather than to keep deferring the item for the next meeting. However, for clarification following last season, it was agreed that each Area Representative would be responsible for informing those teams at the top of the leagues of their requirement to play in the Bebbington Cup and Truscott Plate finals at Carnmoggas should the win the league. Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse      Secunder: Nigel Nicholls.

**Club Insurance:** Following a recent meeting, which was attended by Nick Truscott, it has come to light that there may be an issue relating to the insurance policies held by those clubs based in outdoor clubs should they not have a separate policy for short mat bowls. It is understood that there is now a clause written into those policies held by outdoor clubs that states that competitive short mat bowls will not be covered. In order to gain some more clarification on this, it was agreed for Nick Truscott to contact the ESMBA.

**County Survey:** The Countywide Survey as discussed in previous minutes will be distributed to clubs with the minutes of this meeting. It was agreed that it is important for the committee to understand the opinions of as many members as possible and therefore the survey has been split into two sections – Section One should be completed by Club Secretaries only and Section Two should be completed by the members.

**New Club Application:** The Association have recently been approached by a new club wishing to join the association bowls and had expressed interest in joining the West Area due to the number of bowling opportunities

available to bowlers in the west area. The committee agreed that although there is no current definition of the borders between areas, this has always been based on the old district councils. Therefore it was agreed that the new club and members will be welcomed to the Association as members of the Central Area and that there would be no issue in the view of the committee should they wish to approach the West Area to ask to play in their afternoon triples league. Proposer: Elise Daniell Seconder: Nick Truscott

**Open Competition:** Following the previous meeting, a sponsor has been secured for the Open Competition which will be held in March. A poster and entry form have been produced (copy distributed with minutes) and entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis as there is a limited capacity. Depending on the popularity of this competition, the committee agreed that there could be scope to run this as an annual competition.

**Rearranged Fixture:** Unfortunately, it has been brought to the committee's attention that a fixture in the Central Area league had been changed outside of the specified circumstances. Therefore the committee agreed that the rules and conditions relating to this should be applied and the teams involved will be informed. This is in the interest of fairness as the committee are aware of other clubs that have been penalised by the rules relating to the rescheduling of fixtures.

**Carmoggas Indoor Bowls Club:** As there have been no further updates regarding the sale of the holiday park, the committee agreed that the current owners should be approached in order to understand the current situation. It was also agreed to try to negotiate a new contract for the coming season.

**170.14      Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

**170.15      Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

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

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

**Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell**

**Dated: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2017**