



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 172nd Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2017.

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

172.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

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

172.01 **Apologies for absence:**

Neil Gribble, Yolanda Featherstone

172.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 171st committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Dennis Shorthouse Seconder: John Worton

172.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

None.

172.04 **Correspondence:**

Email from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Holiday Park) providing an update on the sale of the park. Bonnie confirmed that the bowls clubs is owned by the park but there is also a lease in place between the park and the bowls club which effectively makes it a members club. The new owner is prepared to take over the lease of the bowls club as the Landlord and to allow the bowls club to continue as a members club for at least the term of the lease which is until 1st May 2031. The committee agreed that the new owners should be approached in order to introduce the Association and thanks should be sent to Bonnie Gleeson for all of her help over the past seasons.

172.05 **Treasurer's report:**

No report.

172.06 **Membership Secretary's report:**

Letters and affiliation lists have been sent to Club Secretaries along with the amendment to affiliation fees. Replies are now flooding in and will be entered onto the database over the next few weeks.

172.07 **Competition Secretary's report:**

Fixtures for 2017/18 and the updated points list were sent out with the AGM paperwork. Entry forms will go out mid-July with a later closing date of 30th September as previously discussed.

172.08 **Team Manager's report:**

No report.

172.09 **Social Secretary's report:**

The Presentation Luncheon on the 30th April went well with meals ordered for 87 people. I have written to the Carnmarth Hotel to thank them. I also went from table to table on the day to ask diners what their opinion was as regards to the food and thankfully there were no complaints. The raffle made a net profit of £110.55 and I am giving this to the treasurer along with the £10 float I used throughout the season. I will start again when the season starts at Carnmoggas with a blank sheet.

172.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The updates to the Points, Calendar and Summer League fixtures are all now on the website and I will be working to update the rest of the content shortly.

172.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: As it's the first meeting of the new season there is not a lot to report except to say that the 2015/16 season closed with 15 teams split into the 2 leagues and, as yet, I have received 9 teams for the 2017/18 season. Let's hope that we get all 15 again. I would like to say a big thank you to Peter and Elise for a great day at the presentation meal and AGM and also for their hard work in sorting out the financial statements. I would also like to thank Dennis and Dianne for arranging the venue, meal and raffle.

East Area: There is not a lot to say from the region, however I have heard that Callington are putting in another team for the coming season which will make the divisions, if all is the same as last year, 8 teams in the Premier and 11 teams in the 1st Division. Derek Newton advised that this might arise and that it had been previously agreed that the 3rd team in the 1st Division will also be promoted so that there are 9 teams in the Premier and 10 teams in the 1st Division. I have therefore advised Saltash Whites that they will also be promoted to the Premier Division.

North Area: Again, there is little to report at this meeting but I would like to congratulate St Newlyn East in the Central Area for their successful open evening to promote their newly formed club. As a County, we have a newly qualified umpire in Carol Dodd (St Newlyn East) and I have become the regions Umpire Examiner.

West Area: I would like to commend Dianne Shorthouse for the arrangement and setting of the Annual CCSMBA Lunch and AGM, it was excellent. Regarding the "floaters" rule which states that a member can only play for one team in 5 matches per season before being locked into that team, a club in my area is pressing to have this rule lifted for any division below the Premier Division. It has even been suggested that we had already suspended that rule. I am going to advise all clubs in my area that the rule is still in place for the West Area and that as it is a County rule I will not allow any proposal to amend it at Area Level. I will advise clubs that if they want to have the rule changed then they must attempt to do so at County level. I return to the subject of the Introduction Information Pack for new clubs, it is now several months since I first asked about this and we don't seem to be making much progress. I realise that we all undertake our roles on a voluntary basis and many committee members have work, family and other commitments but I would like to get this concluded please. With regards to the sponsorship money I secured for the competition in March, we are still holding £250 of the sponsor's money and rather than refund it I would like to wait until September and then speak to Nick about possible sponsorship of the CCSMBA's web pages or any other alternative.

172.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

172.13 Any other business:

Non- Attendance at Truscott Plate: Following their non-attendance at the Truscott Plate, Poughill have been advised that they will incur a 6 point deduction from their points for the coming winter league season.

Rules Revision: The committee agreed that the Rules Revision Committee should discuss various proposals ahead of the next committee meeting.

County Team: It was agreed that the usual local coach companies should be approached for quotes for the County Team's travel requirements ahead of the new season. Although coach travel was preferable, the committee asked that County Squad members be asked if they would be willing to travel by car on the trials invite for future reference. It is clear that the Association saved a large amount of money last season due to the Premier Team self-funding the final stages of their ICC campaign. However this may not happen in future years and therefore, in order to safeguard the Association's funds, it was proposed that the County Team Match Fees should be altered to £5.00 for home fixtures and £20.00 for away fixtures.

Proposer: Nigel Nicholls

Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse

Unanimously agreed.

Safeguarding: It is the CCSMBA's aim to fully comply with the required safeguarding procedures set in place by the ESMBA and therefore contact will be made with the National Safeguarding Officer to understand what needs to be done within the County.

ICC Rinks Competition: Following the decision made last season, the committee agreed that only one team will be

entered into this competition for 2017/18.

County Competitions: A discussion was held regarding the coming season and some concerns were raised regarding the current fees for all competitions in the County. As a whole, including the finals day where a fee is not charged but expenses such as hall hire and umpire fees are paid, the competitions are currently operating at a loss and therefore the committee unanimously agreed that £0.50 should be added to entry fees (including Inter Area and National Qualifiers) should be implemented increasing the fee to £4.00 per competition.

172.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 10th July 2017 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

172.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.22pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 22nd May 2017