



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 173rd Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 10th July 2017.

Present: Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Steve Williamson, Nick Truscott, Gill Cawrse, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, John Worton, Yolanda Featherstone

173.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

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

173.01 **Apologies for absence:**

David Stokes, Dennis Shorthouse, Dianne Shorthouse, Paul Murphy, Neil Gribble

173.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 172nd committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Steve Williamson

Seconder: Nick Truscott

173.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

The CCSMBA's New Club Introductory Pack has been updated as requested at the last meeting and once the updates to the Constitution have been received from the Membership Secretary it will be ready to be circulated to the committee. The ESMBA is yet to be contacted to confirm what needs to be done to ensure the CCSMBA is compliant regarding Safeguarding; the ESMBA's Safeguarding Officer will be written to shortly and the information will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

173.04 **Correspondence:**

Letter from Julia Jeffery (Poughill SMBC) advising the committee that they would not be entering the County League due to the recent penalty relating to the non-attendance at the Truscott Plate. The committee again discussed this matter and although they were sympathetic with the situation it was agreed that the County rules had to be upheld. The committee also pointed out that the precedent of a points penalty had already been set during the 2016/17 for a team that had also not attended the Truscott Plate. Although the competition was created in response to a request from some clubs, the committee realises that some are facing issues that are preventing them from fulfilling their obligation to play in this competition and due to this the current rules will be reviewed later in the meeting for the 2017/18 season.

Email from the ESMBA providing the committee with the Information Pack ahead of the AGM on 15th July. The committee discussed the various documents and instructed the two delegates (Elise Daniell and Peter Hore) on how to vote at the meeting on behalf of the CCSMBA.

173.05 **Treasurer's report:**

I have now received confirmation from HSBC that the relevant mandates have now been received to update the signatories on the bank account. They have also said that they will compensate the CCMSBA by £100 but I am yet to see a current statement to confirm if it has been received. A number of cheques have been received and will be paid into the account. The CCSMBA has also now been set up for online banking and the further application will be made to add additional users shortly.

173.06 **Membership Secretary's report:**

All correspondence has been added to the County database apart from recent mail received. Some clubs have outstanding amounts owing due to the fee increase but these are being chased. I have not had time to update any spreadsheets to date so cannot confirm how many clubs have registered. Having said that, it is with regret that I

feel I need to resign from the post as I cannot give it enough time. I will soon be moving house and can't give the role the commitment it requires.

The committee agreed to ask Neil if he would be willing to continue to receive and process memberships up until the beginning of the season as it is important that the information is brought up to date before it is handed over. The committee is eager to fill this position quickly, if anyone is interested in this role please contact a committee member for more information.

173.07 **Competition Secretary's report:**

There is little to report at the moment other than to confirm that the entry forms will be sent out to club contacts shortly with a later closing date of 30th September as previously discussed.

173.08 **Team Manager's report:**

I have sent 60+ invites to the County Team trials for the 2017/18 season and I am awaiting responses. Quotes have been obtained for the teams' travel requirements and these will be discussed later in the meeting.

173.09 **Social Secretary's report:**

No Report.

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

I am currently updating more pages on the County Website. The Summer League is approaching the halfway stage and has been running well. Blisland Blues and Nomads are currently leading their respective leagues.

173.11 **Area Representatives' report:**

Central Area: This year seems to be following the trend of the last couple of seasons. Last year the Central Area had 17 teams registered for the league but finished with 15 teams – this forthcoming season we have had 15 teams register but have more than likely lost Treviscoe not only as a team but also as a club. On a good note though it appears that several of the players from Treviscoe have joined other clubs so are still actively bowling in the Central Area. We held an area meeting in June which was well attended. The result of which was that the bottom team from the Premier Division, being Cubert, would be relegated to Division One and both the winners and runners up from Division One would be promoted. This left 7 teams in the Premier and 8 teams in Division One but this number will reduce to 7 if we lose Treviscoe. A draft copy of the fixtures has been made and will be sent to clubs for their approval shortly. On a sad note, I have to report the recent passing of Cedric Northcott from Lanjeth. Cedric will be missed and our thoughts are with Jean and his family.

East Area: No Report.

North Area: No Report.

West Area: In the absence of Paul Murphy no report given on behalf of the West Area, however the committee were saddened to hear that Ken Banfield from Helston had recently passed away. Our thoughts are with his family.

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

None.

173.13 **Any other business:**

Rules Revision: Prior to the committee meeting, the rules revision committee discussed a number of proposed changes to the County's rules for the 2017/18 season. The proposed revisions were presented to the committee for ratification and a copy of the updates will be forwarded to Club Secretaries with the updates to the County Information Pack.

County Team: Due to a conflict of interest, Nick Truscott did not take part in the following discussion. A number of local coach companies were approached for quotes for the travel requirements for the coming season and a number of replies had been received. The committee discussed the quotes and again agreed that Hopley's Coaches Ltd would be the preferred supplier for the coming season however a number of cheaper quotes had been obtained. Some concerns were raised regarding the company that had provided cheaper quotes and therefore it was agreed that Hopley's should be contacted to enquire if they would be willing to price match.

173.14 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 11th September 2017 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

173.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 24th July 2017