



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 139th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 14th November 2011.

Present: Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Chris Cawrse, Nick Truscott, Derek Newton, Lesley Barker, David Hickey.

139.00 Chairman's welcome:

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

139.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Roberts, Bob Flower, Sheila Hodge, Ted Pentland.

139.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 138th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: David Hickey Seconder: Chris Cawrse

139.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

139.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Susan Cooper (Bowls Development Alliance) regarding the development of a Facilities Strategy for the sport of bowls. It was requested that all clubs complete an audit questionnaire to help identify the needs of all clubs within the bowls family and to be used as evidence to try to secure further funding for the development of the sport of bowls. The November newsletter from the BDA was also received. Copies of the audit questionnaire and newsletter are attached.

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) reminding the committee about the ESMBA AGM which will be held on Saturday 14th July 2012 at Caroline Chisholme School, Northampton.

Email from Chris Parkin (Bowls Development Alliance Business Support Officer) requesting a list of clubs within Cornwall to be used within the BDA's "Club Finder" tool on their website.

Letters from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) introducing himself as the newly appointed National Child Protection officer and also the ESMBA's statement of intent for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) attaching a consultation document for consideration by county committees regarding the proposal from the ESMBA to appoint a full time contracted paid administrator. These documents can be found on the ESMBA website.

139.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 05/09/2011 to 14/11/2011

Credits = £2934.75

Debits = £3087.00

Totals = £152.89 minus on this period.

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Seconder: David Hickey

139.06 Membership Secretary's report:

The total number of affiliated members now stands at 1235 (1222 adults and 13 juniors) and the payment of £3.50 per member to the ESMBA is now due. 2011/12 registration cards have run out and a new supply was requested from the ESMBA some time ago. This has not yet been received so some clubs are waiting for additional cards.

The committee discussed the need for posting the registration cards each year. It was suggested that those members playing in the County Team and at the National Championships would be the main members who would be asked to show their registration card. Therefore, it was agreed that in future a supply of cards would be given to the County Team Manager and also to the Competition Secretary to issue out to those members. A supply would also be given to the Area Representatives to be sent club secretaries on request.

139.07 Competition Secretary's report

The County Competitions are now well underway and have mainly run without issue. The main problem is people not paying for their tea and coffee. The leisure centre has spoken to us about this and has made the county pay the difference. If this continues they will stop supplying the tea and coffee altogether so we must ensure that everyone pays for EVERY cup they use. The first deadline for the Home and Away competitions has just passed and I have had to chase a few people for results. Please ensure that scorecards are forwarded the day after the second leg has been played. As a county we are very low on umpires, if anybody is interested in becoming an umpire please contact a committee member who will be able to help. Finally I would like to thank Nigel Nicholls for the extra work he had to put in to stand in for me while I was ill, in particular the 2 wood pairs event.

We must remind players that it is their responsibility to check for road works and ensure that they turn up for competitions with plenty of time to **sign in and be ready to play by 9**. As we no longer have help from the leisure centre to set up and clear away the mats players are also reminded of the need for their help.

139.08 Team Manager's report:

The selection and practice day ran ok. The matches played so far were:

- 1) Devon at home – Premier Team lost 18 to 22pts, A Team lost 14 to 26pts.
- 2) Somerset away – Premier Team lost 28 to 12pts, A Team lost 28 to 12pts.
- 3) Somerset at home – Premier Team lost 18 to 22pts, A Team won 26 to 14pts.
- 4) Dorset at home – Premier Team won 32 to 8pts, A Team lost 17 to 23pts.
- 5) Devon away – Premier Team lost 33 to 7pts, A Team lost 30 to 10pts.

Both teams are currently in 3rd place but Dorset have a game in hand away to Somerset. Our next match is Dorset away in Sunday 8th January.

139.09 Social Secretary's report:

In Sheila's absence Derek Newton gave her report.

Sheila was initially concerned that the raffles were not going to be run in her absence however Sheila sends her thanks to Nick who has stepped in to run these for her. Sheila would also like to send her thanks to everybody who has sent cards/well wishes for her speedy recovery.

139.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

Nick reported that he is currently struggling to keep up to date with the CCSMBA website due to pressures at work. He has asked for the committee and the CCSMBA members to be patient concerning this matter while he works to catch up.

The Chairman thanked Nick for all of his work and gave him his full support.

139.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: No Report.

East area: Currently leading the Premier Division are Dobwalls, followed by Landrake and Saltash Blues. In Division 1 the lead is with St Germans who are just ahead of Pensilva. I would like to thank all clubs for their support and cooperation thus making my job as area rep a little easier. The next area meeting will be held 22nd November 2011 at Dobwalls starting at 7.30pm

North area: No Report.

