



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 147th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2013.

Present: Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Bob Flower, Ken Horrell, Nigel Nicholls, Lesley Barker, Derek Newton, Sheila Hodge, Nick Truscott, Ian Perry.

147.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.31pm, welcomed everyone present.

147.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Cawrse

147.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 146th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Peter Hore

Seconder: Bob Flower

147.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

147.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA ICC Secretary) advising that the ESMBA committee had received two letters of complaint regarding the purchase of lunches and the facility of people who wished to eat their own packed lunches. The ESMBA committee asked for counties to be stronger with their negotiations with their ICC venues and if venues cannot supply specific diet requirements then players should be allowed to eat their own lunches. This matter does not affect the CCSMBA as our venue does not restrict food on the premises.

Letter from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) supplying a copy of the entry form for the National Club Championships which will be held on the 28th July 2013 at Caroline Chisholm School (copy enclosed).

Email from Fran Phillips (Helston SMBC) asking for advice on when a jack is playable or not as there is no mention in the ESMBA rules that chipped jacks are illegal. The committee decided that as the ESMBA have not specified the minimum requirements for the state of jacks in the official rule book then the CCSMBA could not rule on this fact either. However the committee would recommend that common sense is used once a jack becomes damaged enough to affect its performance.

Email from David Parr (Cornwall Bowls Alliance Working Group) supplying a copy of the draft agenda for a meeting that will be held on the 5th March 2013 in order to form the group. A copy of the proposed constitution was supplied and it advised that the CCSMBA would have two spaces on the committee if they wished. Nick Truscott stated that he would take a spot on the committee if he was elected to sit on the CCSMBA committee at the AGM in April. This matter was therefore deferred to the next meeting.

147.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 07/01/13 to 04/03/13:

Credits = £1867.75

Debits = £2904.50

Total = £1036.75 loss for this period.

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Seconder: Ken Horrell

147.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Sixteen additional member registrations have come in since our last meeting and we now have 1234 registrations

(of which 7 are juniors) through our 61 clubs, compared with a total of 1245 (1232 adults and 13 juniors) at this time last year. This is a decrease of 11 of just under 0.9%. Registrations of clubs and bowlers for the new season is due on 1st May 2013 so it would be helpful if I could send out the forms for 2013/14 to club secretaries at the beginning of April (this will again be sent by email wherever possible. I believe there is no proposal to increase ESMBA or County fees for next year so I assume that member registration fees will remain at £5.50 per person for the coming year (£3.50 for juniors).

It was confirmed by the committee that there will be no increase in member registration fees for the coming year.

147.07 Competition Secretary's report

Six of this season's county competitions have now been completed, with players and teams from the West Area winning five and East Area winning one. Central Area won the Inter Area Rinks competition. The remaining finals are to be held on 9th March and 14th April, and the home and away competition finals are due to be played next week. **Please can secretaries remind their club members that all perpetual trophies should by now have been returned.** The National Championships will take place over the coming month and all players involved have been given the relevant information, along with county bowls stickers and their subsidies. Nigel Nicholls will not be standing as Assistant Competition Secretary for the coming season so this position will need to be filled at the AGM in April.

147.08 Team Manager's report:

The local round robin games were finished before Christmas. The Premier Team came last in their league and entered the consolation competition. The A Team came second and entered the main competition. Both teams went to Birmingham and played in the preliminary round. The Premier Team played North Yorkshire and won 22pts to 18pts; they then went to Wiltshire and played Worcester but lost 23pts to 17pts. The A Team played Hereford and won 25pts to 15pts, they then played Surrey but lost 24pts to 16pts.

147.09 Social Secretary's report:

I was disappointed to hear that there had been some complaints from members playing in competitions regarding the lack of a raffle. I am finding it increasingly difficult to sell tickets when a raffle is held as I also play in these competitions, it would be appreciated if the support is given by members to the raffle as it does raise vital funds for the County. I have received copies of the menus from the Sandy Lodge Hotel for the Presentation Luncheon. A copy of the chosen menu is enclosed with these minutes; please return your meal choices to me by 21st April 2013.

147.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

Reports are sent to the media each week for publication. I've recently been trying to build interest in the area leagues due to the early finish for the County Teams. The website is up to date and is still receiving an upward trend in visits.

147.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: The winter league games are now nearing completion and in the Premier Treviscoe Whites are five points ahead of Ladock Chiefs, both with four games to play with these teams being the only teams in contention. In Division One St Agnes Gulls are seven points clear with four games to play followed by Cubert Blues.

East area: At the time of this meeting the state of play in the East Area is as follows: Premier League winners are Callington Eagles with runners up spot going to Saltash Blues. Relegated teams will be Pensilva and Lanreath Reds. In Division One the winners are Liskeard with Saltash Whites runners up. The final Area meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March at Dobwalls at 7.30pm. I hope to see all clubs represented.

North area: Both leagues have just finished with the First Division being won by Lanteglos who only lost one game with 32pts. Wadebridge came second with 23pts and 48 shots with Tintagel finishing third with 23pts and 37 shots. Stratton and Boscastle are relegated. In the Second Division Blisland are first with Poughill in Second. Most clubs are having trouble with numbers; unfortunately we are all getting older!

West area: Approaching the final stages of the league season the Premier Division looks to be coming to a 3 way scrap between Illogan, Jowsters and Grylls, with Holmans putting in a late surge to emerge from the chasing pack. It seems too close to call and will doubtless depend on the last week's matches. We have changed our local competitions to a "county" style round robin format and have struggled to fit everything in to the previous timescale. Some of the problems have been resolved, with the rest to be addressed next season. Due to the change we were able to persuade more people to enter and the entries increased by 11.6%. The remaining and unresolved competitions will be played over the 16th/17th and 23rd/24th.

