



# CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## **Minutes of the 148<sup>th</sup> Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

**Present:** Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Ken Horrell, Nigel Nicholls, Lesley Barker, Derek Newton, Sheila Hodge, Nick Truscott, Chris Roberts

### **148.00 Chairman's welcome:**

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

### **148.01 Apologies for absence:**

Bob Flower, Ian Perry

### **148.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Nigel Nicholls                      Seconder: Chris Roberts

### **148.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

None.

### **148.04 Correspondence:**

Email from Chris Hopkins (ESMBA Chairman) advising that from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013 Keith Hawkins and Chris Hopkins will be taking on the administration of the ESMBA for a period one year. Keith will concentrate on the insurance aspect as his primary responsibility and Chris will initially set about resurrecting the coaching scheme and all of its various aspects. Both will be available on a daily basis between 10 am and 6pm and can be reached on their usual numbers although there are plans to set up a 0845 number.

Email from Fran Philips (West Area Secretary) asking if there are any stipulations for the conditions of playing a league game in particular the condition of the mat, situation of the mat on a playing service and also the conditions of the club. It was decided by the committee that as the ESMBA themselves do not have stipulations on the minimum conditions of the mat, playing surface or conditions of clubs then it would not be the place of the CCSMBA to rule on such matters especially as the county needs to retain every one of its clubs and encourage any potential new clubs in order for the association to survive. It was agreed that clubs should use their common sense regarding these matters and as the playing season mainly takes place within winter it was agreed that the rules regarding clothing could be relaxed if there is a particularly cold evening to allow jackets to be worn where a club has poor heating.

Letter from Margaret Goodwin (Saltash SMBC) appealing against the ban and points deduction relating to the finals day of the Four Wood Pairs. The committee invited Margaret to the meeting to discuss her appeal however she was unable to attend. A discussion was held relating to the contents of her letter and it was decided that the rules had been applied correctly in this matter and that the penalties imposed would stand.

### **148.05 Treasurer's report:**

For the period 05/03/13 to 13/05/13:

Credits = £1277.61

Debits = £2785.20

Proposer: Lesley Barker

Total = £1507.59 loss for this period.

Seconder: Ken Horrell

### **148.06 Membership Secretary's report:**

Registration forms were sent out to club secretaries in April, by email where possible, and so far 33 of 61 have

responded, affiliating a total of 636 members. This year details of each club's Child Protection officer have been requested. I will send out receipts and new affiliation list by email. The deadline for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> May and the complete County affiliation list will be emailed to the Team Manager as soon as possible thereafter to enable him to issue invitations to the County Trials. ESMBA member registration cards will again not be posted out to clubs unless they are requested but the Team Manager and Competition Secretary will hold a supply to give out at County events if necessary. Clubs have been asked to supply copies of their Public Liability Insurance unless they are insured via the ESMBA or have ingoing insurance through their playing venue. Amendments to the Information Pack will be sent out at the beginning of next month incorporating changes to the committee and any changes to club details which will result from the processing of registration forms.

#### **148.07      Competition Secretary's report**

All of the competitions for the 2012/13 season have now been completed; further details were given in my AGM report. The majority of the perpetual trophies were given out at the annual dinner last weekend. Fixtures are now confirmed for next season and the fixture list was given out at the AGM along with the updated County Points List. I have begun looking at ideas for a "fun day" after the idea was put forward at the AGM. I have quite a few ideas written down now but the biggest problem we have is fitting it into our already overcrowded calendar. I will continue to look in to it and one possible date may be the Saturday reserved for the County triples should 32 entries not be received. However after last year's rise in entries this is probably unlikely. Entry forms for next year competitions will go out in the first week in July as usual with the closing date being 31<sup>st</sup> August. The draws will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm at Woodbine Farm Business Centre, Threemilestone, Truro who have kindly offered their training room facilities free of charge.

#### **148.08      Team Manager's report:**

No Report.

#### **148.09      Social Secretary's report:**

No Report.

#### **148.10      Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

There is nothing to report on the Press side of things at this moment in time. However, with regards to the Summer League I believe the committee will need to rethink the format for next year due to the lack of interest for this year's competition. This year's competition will be contested in a county wide league but I have had some complaints regarding some of the longer journeys and would like the committee to confirm if the usual rules relating to a forfeited game will apply to this year's league. The committee agreed that any club that fails to honour the fixture list be subject to the usual rules and conditions of play set out in the information pack.

#### **148.11      Area Representatives' report:**

**Central area:** No Report.

**East area:** No Report.

**North area:** No Report.

**West area:** No Report.

#### **148.12      Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):**

None.

#### **148.13      Any other business:**

**Coach Hire Quotes:** A number of quotes from local coach companies had been collected for the County Team's away trips. The current coach provider supplied a quote that was cheaper than other companies for most of the destinations; however there were two destinations where cheaper quote could be obtained from a different company. It was decided by the committee that as we would like to continue to use the current provider we should ask for a revised quote for these two destinations to give them a chance to retain our business as cheaper quotes had been obtained.

**Cornwall Bowls Alliance Working Group:** Deferred to next meeting.

**National Qualifiers Entry Fee:** Following a request at the AGM the committee discussed the possibility of

increasing the entry fee for the National Qualifiers. The entry fee for this competition had been set at £2.00 in an effort to encourage entries for the competition. However, as the number of entries hadn't improved following this drop it was proposed that the entry fee be brought in line with County Competitions (£3.50) for next season. The committee unanimously voted in favour of this proposal.

Proposer: Peter Hore

Seconder: Chris Roberts.

**AGM Voting Procedures:** Following a point raised at last year's AGM the committee were asked to discuss the possibility of allowing proxy voting at future AGMs. This matter was discussed at length by the committee and it was eventually agreed that this would be something that should be seriously considered in order to increase the participation by clubs within the county. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting in order to allow a proposal to be drafted.

**Fund Raising:** The committee discussed various options to raise funds for the association. It was agreed to revive a sponsorship package that had been previously produced in order to send to some local companies. A copy of this document will be brought to the next meeting so that it can be updated. Members are asked to approach a committee member if they are aware of any businesses that would be willing to provide some sponsorship.

**League Rule Review:** In his absence Ian Perry sent an email requesting the committee to discuss the penalty arrangements for conceded league games which had been raised at the West Area AGM. As the West Area Premier Division title was won by virtue of Illogan having won one more mat than Grylls with the teams being level on points, it was asked if a brief perusal of the existing rule was needed to include a sentence confirming that if a league game is conceded the non-offending team is awarded with the mat wins from this fixture. The committee discussed this and agreed that it should already be assumed that the non-offending team is awarded with the mat wins as the points awarded reflect this but agreed that a sentence clarifying this within the rules would be drafted and discussed at the next meeting for approval.

**Trophies:** One of the possible costs incurred by the association which can be cut is the provision of a runners up trophy for each competition. The committee were asked if it would consider awarding a small memento such as a medal or certificate to the runners up rather than a trophy in order to cut the amount of money spent on trophies due to the rising fees. The committee agreed that this could be an area it would be able to save money on and would investigate the options available to them.

**148.14      Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

**148.15      Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm.

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

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

**Hon: Secretary:    Elise Daniell**

**Dated: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013**