



# CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes of the 151<sup>st</sup> Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

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

### **151.00 Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.21pm, welcomed everyone present.

### **151.01 Apologies for absence:**

Karen Watson

### **151.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 150<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Ian Perry

Secunder: Ken Horrell

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

None.

### **151.04 Correspondence:**

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) providing a copy of the ESMBA Committee Meeting Minutes from July. The minutes referred to the proposal put forward by the CCSMBA regarding the ICC Consolation Competition at the AGM. The ESMBA committee agreed that opting out of the plate could devalue and eventually lead to its demise. The ESMBA have helped Cornwall with travelling in the past by arranging the knockouts nearer and were happy to continue to do so. Keith Hawkins proposed leaving the format as it is, seconded by Brandon Whittaker. Vote: 8 for and 1 abstention.

Email from Tracy Hopkinson (Group Administrator) at the Trouville Hotel on the Isle of White introducing their facilities and Short Mat Bowls competitions. For more information please visit [www.trouvillehotel.co.uk](http://www.trouvillehotel.co.uk) or phone 01983 402141 to request copies of their flyers.

Letter from Susan Heads & Company on behalf of Ricoh Capital Ltd regarding an outstanding amount on the lease/rental account for a photocopier previously used by the County. The committee agreed to ignore this letter as the previous correspondence regarding termination of the agreement sent to this company and Ricoh Capital themselves is yet to be answered.

### **151.05 Treasurer's report:**

For the period of September 2013 – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013:

Total Income = £6189.40

Total Out = £7282.99

Loss in this period = £1093.59

Proposer: Neil Gribble

Secunder: Bob Flower

The Chairman confirmed that the previous auditor for the County had stood down from the position as they were not nominated at the AGM last year. Therefore the County's accounts that are due to be audited have now been sent on to an accountant in order for them to be audited correctly and distributed to clubs as soon as possible.

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

Updates are still coming in and we currently have 59 registered clubs with 1147 registered members (5 of them juniors, although 2 of these have turned 18 since the start of the season). Our registration list (in the new format required for the Countdown Card scheme) and our cheque have been sent to the ESMBA. With reference to the Countdown Card scheme, we have received from the ESMBA enough registration cards and leaflets for every

member affiliated by 10 October 2013, together with a poster for display by each club. These have been given out to Area Reps to pass on to clubs with a covering explanatory letter. Our members should now be able to register their cards on the Countdown website and access the system.

(It was confirmed at this meeting that Lesley will be standing down from the committee at the AGM. The committee asks for Club Secretaries to advertise this vacancy at their clubs in order for a replacement to be found to take on this role, the committee would be happy to answer any questions a potential delegate may have.)

**151.07            Competition Secretary's report:**

The County Competitions are now well underway and have so far run smoothly, with only simple queries about substitutions springing to mind. We have also held the first two National Qualifiers, the Singles was won by Peter Hore with Alan Holden runner up and the Fours was won by Dennis Shorthouse, Alan Holden, Gary Davey and Neil Gribble with Elise Daniell, Nick Truscott, Nigel Nicholls and Peter Hore runners up. We will find out if we receive 1 or 2 national finals place in each discipline at around Christmas time. I would again like to ask the area reps to please try and get the teams for inter area games to me a week in advance as previously agreed. For the September game I received the West Area team late on Thursday night for the game on the Sunday. This made it difficult to get things together in time due to the fact that we were away for an England game after work on the Friday and got back late on the Saturday so I ended up sorting the score cards at 11pm on the Saturday night. People enter county competitions up to 6 months in advance so committing themselves to an area game a week in advance shouldn't be a problem. Finally I would like to thank my assistant Neil for his help so far, in particular in running the inter area league games in preparation for me not being available for the final round of these.

**151.08            Team Manager's report:**

The Premier Team has had a disappointing start with four defeats: 6-34 Devon away, 18-22 Somerset home, 8-32 Dorset away and 19-21 Dorset home. I feel we have been a little unfortunate not to have picked up another 10-12 points this year and at least one win. The A Team has fared better after a similarly slow start with two convincing wins against Dorset: 8-32 Devon away, 14-26 Somerset home, 26-14 Dorset away and 28-12 Dorset home. This improvement needs to be continued for the next two games. One frustration is that we consistently throw away games from a winning position by losing the final few ends. I am not sure whether this is through complacency or lack of concentration. We have paid £7.50 per player per meal for the home two matches and I think all have agreed that the quality has been very good. The last home game will be a Christmas dinner and will cost an extra £1 per head. There is a real possibility that both teams will be in the consolation competition with every chance of one or both progressing to the final. We have obtained competitive quotes from Hopley's coaches but even so we are probably going to incur significant losses over the whole campaign. We were not successful in amending the ICC rules to allow our withdrawal in these circumstances. I would like the committee's views on whether we should carry on in the competition or withdraw and risk a fine and points penalty for next season. I also intend to canvass the player's opinions on the coach back from Somerset should this outcome seem likely.

(The committee discussed this and felt that they would like to avoid the fine and points penalty by continuing on in the plate competition this season. It was felt that this would help build the team spirit within the new look team which should help both teams next season. As competitive quotes had been obtained and as the ESMBA had stated in their minutes that they would continue to help us with travelling the committee agreed that we should continue as normal for this season to see how much help is given. However, the committee agreed that all of the players should be made aware of the situation as it is a real possibility that the team will be pulled out of the consolation competition next season if this is where we qualify as the County cannot continue to incur these significant losses.)

**151.09            Social Secretary's report:**

I have been made aware of some comments made regarding the number of prizes on offer in the raffles provided at the larger competitions and County Team games. I would like to clarify that the county spend £20-£25 on around 15 prizes and I have also donated homemade cakes to the raffle myself. The raffle is done to the best of my ability however members are reminded that donated prizes would be greatly received. It is also time for the committee to book a venue for the presentation lunch and I would like the committee's views on where they would like to hold it.

(The committee decided that they would like to change venue due to various issues at the previous one. It was agreed that new venues would be approached for quotes which will be discussed at the next meeting.)

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

No report.

**151.11 Area Representatives' report:**

**Central area:** The winter league is well on the way and running with no problems. At present Ladock Braves are leading the Premier Division with 20 points closely followed by Treviscoe Whites, Ladock Cheifs and Cubert Blues all on 17 points. St Stephen in Division One is our only team with 100% record and head the league with 24 points followed by Lanjeth and Kea with 18 points. My thanks go to all secretaries in sending results in good time.

**East area:** With this the last County meeting before the Christmas break the East Area leagues are as usual very competitive. Landrake are heading the Premier League with Dobwalls in second place. In Division One Callington Hawks are at the top of the table with Rilla Mill in second. My thanks go to all club secretaries for keeping me updated with results. I take this opportunity to wish all clubs a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and look forward to the second half of our season in the New Year.

**North area:** No report.

**West area:** The league programme is running smoothly, with a few surprises in the Premier Division table. We have just held our second area competition – entries are slightly down on last year but we are now using two venues and hopefully will continue to thrive. It would appear that our league structure will require some tweaking, the continued existence of three divisions is looking a little doubtful but this will be address by the area committee towards the end of this season. The afternoon league continues to grow – there are indications that we will have to accommodate one or two more teams next year.

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

None.

**151.13 Any other business:**

**County Mat Storage:** The issue with storage for the County's mats was again raised as some damaged has been noticed on one of the mats. The Manager at Carnmoggas had been approached on a number of occasions in order to arrange putting up the wall brackets for the mats but it has now been established that they plan to make a storage room with some of the budget from Sport England. Provisions will be made so that the wall brackets can be installed in this room for storage of our mats.

**Bowls Road Show:** The committee have been advised that Carnmoggas Bowls Club are planning to hold a road show on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome to attend, for more information please contact Carnmoggas.

**County Uniform:** Throughout the season the Team Manager and Premier Team Captain have been approaching players to canvass their views on a new uniform for the County Team. The majority of players have expressed that they would like a sports shirt and would be happy to pay an amount towards it. The committee agreed for one shirt to be ordered to confirm the design in order for all of the shirts to be ordered in time for next season.

**AGM Venue:** The committee discussed possibly changing the venue of the County AGM for this season to one that is more accessible for members to attend. It was agreed that a few venues in the Central area would be approached and quotes gathered. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for confirmation.

**Vacant Positions:** There are various members of the current committee that are planning to step down at the AGM. Members of the CCSMBA are reminded that it is vital that all positions on the committee are filled in order for the Association to run efficiently and effectively. All members are encouraged to consider stepping forward for one of these interesting and important positions on the committee.

**151.14 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

**151.15 Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

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

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

**Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell**

**Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013**