



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 154th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 19th May 2014.

Present: Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Karen Watson, Lesley Barker, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, Ken Horrell, Dave Hickey, Max Burden (in the absence of R. Newbury), Dennis Shorthouse

154.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.23pm and welcomed everyone present. Due to the vacant Chairman's position on the committee the Vice Chairman asked the meeting if there had been any volunteers for this position, in the absence of this he volunteered to proceed from Vice to Chairman in succession.

Proposer: Ken Horrell Seconder: Karen Watson Carried unanimously.

The committee had been approached by Dennis Shorthouse (Landrake SMBC) offering to stand for the position of Vice Chairman on the committee if Chris Roberts was willing to take on the position of Chairman. Due to this Dennis was invited to attend the meeting and it was proposed to co-opt him onto the committee as Vice Chairman.

Proposer: Karen Watson Seconder: Neil Gribble Carried unanimously.

While the position of Membership Secretary was still vacant, Lesley Barker agreed to continue in this position until a replacement was found as it is vital administration for the Association. Due to this it was proposed that Lesley be co-opted back onto the committee as the interim Membership Secretary.

Proposer: Chris Roberts Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse Carried unanimously.

154.01 Apologies for absence:

Derek Newton, Nick Truscott, Ruth Newbury

154.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 153rd committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Neil Gribble Seconder: Peter Hore

154.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

154.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Sheila Hodge (Liskeard SMBC) thanking the committee and clubs for their support over the 8 years she was Social Secretary on the committee. A letter will be written to Sheila on behalf of the committee thanking her for all of her hard work.

Letter from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA Administration) enclosing the entry form for the National Club Championships which will be held on 13th July 2014 at Northampton Indoor Bowls Club. Copy attached.

154.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 17th March 2014 to 19th May 2014:

Total Income = £2227.34 Total Out = £5897.92 Loss in this period = £3670.58

This evening I have received £896 for the Presentation Lunch so this will make the deficit since the last meeting roughly £3000. We will be making some of this back through the sale of the new county shirts which will leave us with the loss being very near to the county bus expenses.

Proposer: Ken Horrell Seconder: Dave Hickey

The unaudited accounts for the previous two seasons have now been handed back to the committee and are currently being worked through to prepare them for auditing. It has come to our attention that last year's summer league cheques were not paid into the bank for reasons we are not aware of. Last year's captains will be contacted regarding replacement cheques.

154.06 **Membership Secretary's report:**

Due to only being co-opted back onto the committee at this meeting a report was not given. However the meeting was advised that currently the County has 38 registered clubs including two new ones - Truro and Saltash Wesley.

154.07 **Competition Secretary's report:**

All of the season's competitions have been completed and further information is available in my AGM report. The perpetual trophies were all eventually returned to me however one of them was returned just 1 week before the presentation dinner. There was some success for Cornwall at a National level with a quarter finalist in the Singles, runners up in the triples and a team of six bowlers from the county becoming winners of the National Top Team competition. The County Points list and next year's calendar were issued at the AGM and should be appearing on the website shortly. I have had to move the advertised competition draws date to the 10th September 2014 with the venue to be confirmed however it is likely to be Woodbine Farm in Threemilestone as last year. This will be confirmed with the entry forms which will go out the 1st week in July as usual with a closing date at the end of August. I am currently working on spreadsheet formulas to allow the draws to be typed up as drawn on the night and projected onto screen if available. This will also save me a lot of time in the days following the draws as no typing up will be necessary meaning the draws can be issued to clubs earlier.

154.08 **Team Manager's report:**

The invites for the County Team will be sent out in June with players being invited to attend the trials on Saturday 20th September 2014 and if successful, the Practice day on Sunday 21st September. Our first match will be at home against Devon on Sunday 28th September 2014. We will be collecting quotes from local coach companies shortly and a decision regarding transport for the away matches will need to be made at our next meeting.

154.09 **Social Secretary's report:**

I am proposing to send out a survey to all of our clubs asking for feedback regarding the Presentation Lunch. I am hoping that this will tell me what our membership is looking for from this event and eventually hopefully help me increase the number of people attending the meal. I will send this out to clubs by email where possible once I have received the list of contacts from the County Secretary.

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

No Report.

154.11 **Area Representatives' report:**

Central area: No Report.

East area: No Report.

North area: In the absence of Ruth Newbury, Max Burden attended the meeting as her assistant. Max advised the committee that both he and Ruth will be taking on parts of the North Area Representative's job with Ruth focusing on the secretarial side and Max selecting the Area teams and producing the area's fixtures. However all league results are to be sent to Ruth for administration.

West area: No Report.

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

None.

154.13 **Any other business:**

ESMBA Statement Regarding Rubber Coated Jacks: Recently a statement has appeared on the ESMBA website regarding the non-chip, rubber coated jacks that are currently available on the market:

"Please note that the ESMBA does not endorse the jacks that are being sold with a rubber coating. These non-chip jacks do not respond in the same way as our jacks do when they are hit by a wood as they absorb the impact. The use of these jacks is therefore not permitted for ESMBA competitions at any level."

Inter Area Competition: Following this year's competition it was requested that the committee held a conversation regarding this fixture and if it would make sense to reduce the number of rinks required per team as some Area Representatives has reported difficulties in raising a team. However the Competition Secretary advised that he had received a full team from each area at least a week before the fixture so perhaps it was just the fact that some areas couldn't put out their first choice teams. This fixture creates a large amount of income for the Association and therefore it was agreed that it would not be sensible to reduce the number partaking in this competition while all areas are able to produce the required teams. It was also agreed that the initial idea behind this competition was to encourage those members that do not currently play in the County Competitions and therefore each area

