



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 156th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 15th September 2014.

Present: Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Karen Watson, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Dianne Shorthouse, Ken Horrell, Nick Truscott, Dave Hickey

156.00 Chairman's welcome:

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

156.01 Apologies for absence:

Derek Newton, Lesley Barker, Ruth Newbury, Nigel Nicholls

156.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 156th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse Seconder: Ken Horrell

156.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

The Committee confirmed the draft of rules revisions agreed at last meeting – copies to be sent to clubs shortly.

The Committee were also in receipt of the audited accounts and unanimously agreed that they were a true record of the Association's accounts. The audited accounts will be approved at the SGM on 20th September 2014.

Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Neil Gribble.

156.04 Correspondence:

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) supplying a copy of the minutes from the ESMBA's May Committee Meeting.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) confirming ESMBA rules changes with effect from 1st September (attached).

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) supplying a copy of the minutes from the ESMBA's July Seminar.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) advising that all County Associations have been set up with a dedicated email address in order to improve communications between County Associations and the ESMBA. These email addresses will not need to be updated every time there is a change of County Secretary and therefore will eliminate the likelihood of mistakes and missed correspondence. Our dedicated email address is cornwall@esmba.co.uk and will be monitored along with the Officer's own email addresses.

Email from Dave Anderson (Cory Environmental) in reply to an email sent regarding sponsorship of the County Team asking for more details and what Cory's role would be should they agree to sponsorship. An email will be sent in reply attaching our sponsorship packages to explain the areas we require assistance with.

Email from Steve Fletcher (St Just SMBC) asking for clarification on the rules regarding affiliations relating to the County League and West Area afternoon triples leagues. It was confirmed that members must be affiliated to the club they wish to represent in the County League only. However, as the West Area afternoon league is an internal competition and is governed by the area's own rules a member can play for another club in the afternoon league as long as they are affiliated to a club within the West Area.

Email from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club) advising that they will be holding bowls taster sessions on the 19th/20th September and the 27th/26th September. It was agreed that these sessions would be advertised on the County website.

156.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 1st February 2014 to 14th September 2014:

Total Income = £10126.04

Total Out = £8832.61

Profit for this period = £1293.43

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Seconder: Dave Hickey

Karen Watson requested that the committee agreed for the relevant forms to be completed in order to change the address for the CCSMBA's bank account as she had recently moved house. She also requested the relevant forms be completed to update the signatories on the bank account as Henry Kendall needed to be removed and Chris Roberts added as the new Chairman. Proposer: Karen Watson Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse

156.06 Membership Secretary's report:

No Report.

156.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The deadline for the majority of County Competitions has now passed and the draws were completed on Wednesday 10th September. The draws were attended only by committee members, further questioning the need to go through the hassle of inviting all members and setting up the venue just in case somebody will attend. My new spread sheets for the draws worked well, automatically adding the player and club names to the correct places when the draw numbers were typed. This has saved hours of typing up draws once they are completed. Overall there has been a drop in entries for the first time in 5 years which equates to 100 individuals. This is mainly due to fewer triples, team of three, fours and mixed fours as where one team hasn't entered, there are 3 or 4 individual entries lost. Copies of the draws will be sent to clubs this weekend. The closing date for the National entries is Sunday 26th October. There are two issues resulting from the draws, one of which is that a banned player has entered the competition they have been banned from. The team affected will be requested to replace this player using the substitution rule. The other issue is that a team had requested a Sunday draw for the 4wd pairs but the request was at the bottom the emailed entry and not in an accompanying letter so was unfortunately missed. This team was subsequently drawn out on the Saturday and has now come to my attention.

The committee unanimously agreed that the draw could not be changed at this point and that it should be left up to the team in question to decide whether they wanted to play on the Saturday or not. It was agreed that the entry forms could be revised for next season to prevent this from happening again as more people are requesting days.

Proposer: Peter Hore

Seconder: Dave Hickey

With regards to the competition draws the committee agreed that it had become an increasing trend that they were no longer attended by non-committee members despite the open invitation. The committee therefore agreed that it did not make sense for the Association to be paying Officer's expenses when the draws could be completed before a committee meeting where expenses are already being paid. Due to this it was agreed to move the competition draws to the committee meeting in September next year with the full committee in attendance.

Proposer: Neil Gribble

Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse

156.08 Team Manager's report:

No Report.

156.09 Social Secretary's report:

I have now sent a letter/email to the Area Representatives asking them to request a donation of a raffle prize from each club that is being represented at our County Competitions in order to increase the profits that can be raised.

156.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

I believe that the decision to change the format of this year's Summer League has been proved correct and has resulted in a very competitive league with many close games and few large scores. I believe most people have enjoyed the change of format and would like it to remain in place for next year's league. The final is being played shortly and is between the Wanderers from the West Area and Landrake Choughs in the East which should be a very competitive final. The match results have been received very quickly by email throughout the league and I believe this should be adopted by each area for their County Leagues in the new season.

156.11 Area Representatives' report:

