



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 160th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 11th May 2015.

Present: Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Nick Truscott, Dianne Shorthouse, Peter Sully, John Worton, Dave Studden, Ruth Newbury, Derek Newton

160.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.24pm and welcomed everyone present.

160.01 **Apologies for absence:**

None.

160.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 159th committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Dennis Shorthouse

Secunder: Neil Gribble

160.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

None.

160.04 **Correspondence:**

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) advising counties of the changes to the ICC format for the 2015/2016 season which will then revert back for the 2016/2017 season. The ESMBA are introducing a new ICC 4 Rinks team competition for both the Premier and A Teams in addition to three open competitions. The open competitions will all have cash prizes for the winners and are open to everyone to enter, however one competition will be limited to those members that do not play in the County Premier Team. The Committee unanimously agreed for Cornwall to enter the new ICC 4 Rinks Competition. Proposer: Nigel Nicholls Secunder: Dave Studden

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) advising that the ESMBA are reintroducing the Coaching scheme with the first course being booked to take place in Kent on the 31st May. More courses will be run if there is interest and if a mutually agreeable date can be found. There has been some initial interest from some of our members so the ESMBA will be contacted asking them to consider running a course in the area.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) attaching various documents for the ESMBA's AGM which would be held in July 2015. It was agreed that Peter Hore and Elise Daniell would be the delegates for Cornwall in attendance.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) attaching the ESMBA's Committee Meeting Minutes from the 7th March 2015.

Emails from Brian Nelson regarding the situation between the ESMBA Committee and former Chairman Chris Hopkins; Brian Nelson advises that the initial matter of unpaid administration fees has now been resolved through mediation but that he is now concerned about the costs the ESMBA have incurred due to this. He believes that some members of the ESMBA Committee have behaved unethically and has made several comments about the personal lives of these committee members. A statement from the ESMBA has not been received in response to the emails however was agreed that the CCSMBA committee would continue to monitor the situation.

Letter from David Stokes (Area Manager for Umpires) asking the committee to put forward a proposal to the ESMBA asking that the umpires in Cornwall are given the same opportunities to officiate National and International competitions. Cornish umpires are rarely called upon to attend these matches due to their geographical location which is denying them the chance to earn the higher qualifications. The committee agreed to contact the ESMBA asking for umpires in Cornwall to be given the same opportunities as those elsewhere in the Country.

Letter from Roy Christie (Bosccastle SMBA – North Area) asking the committee to consider relaxing the rules to allow a player to be able to play a maximum of 2 games per season in both home and away fixtures of a league

game. This was due to a falling number of members able to play in the league which has meant that Boscastle have struggled to field a full team. The Committee discussed this matter at length and shared some concerns about allowing a player in the North Area to play in both of the Home and Away fixtures of a league game as this in effect would be allowing that member to play in both rinks of a league game, which in all other areas are played as consecutive games on one evening. If this were to be adopted as a rule the committee were also concerned that this could mean that a club would be unable to fulfil the requirements of the Bebbington Cup at the end of the season which requires two rinks from the teams winning the area leagues to play off against each other for the title. However it was agreed that there could be some scope to relax the rules regarding the number of times a league game could be played with one player short and this matter was referred to the Rules Revision Committee to draft a proposed rule change ahead of the next committee meeting. In addition to this letter the committee had received concerns regarding the number of time a reserve player may play for a team before becoming tied to that team. The committee discussed this separately and again referred it to the Rules Revision Committee.

160.05 Treasurer's report:

As no nominations were received at the AGM, the Association is currently without a Treasurer and therefore no report was presented to the meeting. The committee have been approached by an individual who is willing to take on the role while a full time replacement is found. It was proposed to invite the interested member to the next committee meeting to co-opt them into the position of County Treasurer.

160.06 Membership Secretary's report:

To date the number of affiliated members is 497 (East 132, Central 168, North 84 & West 113) and 25 affiliated clubs. Of these affiliated clubs only 13 have declared their insurance. I will be contacting the rest of the clubs to remind them about insurance and affiliating shortly.

160.07 Competition Secretary's report:

Without duplicating my AGM report there is little for me to say at the moment now that the season has been completed. The competition entry forms will be sent out at the start of July as usual, with the closing date at the end of August. The competition draws will take place on Wednesday 2nd September (7pm) at Woodbine Farm Business Centre in Threemilestone as it was last season. The fixture list and points list were sent to Nick to be put on the website on 4th April and copies were given out to all clubs in their AGM packs.

160.08 Team Manager's report:

There is little to report in the role of Team Manager at the moment, however it is now the last chance for nominations to be forwarded to me for those members wishing to play in the Cornwall Squad against England in September. The squad will now be playing on Sunday 20th September 2015 only and nominations should be sent to me as soon as possible as invites will be sent shortly. I have booked the caterer for the 25th Anniversary weekend and propose to liaise with Dianne Shorthouse, as Social Secretary, to decide what food should be provided over the weekend. We also need to confirm transport arrangements for the County Team ahead of the new season's ICC fixtures and I would suggest that local coach companies are approached for quotes to bring to the next meeting.

160.09 Social Secretary's report:

I am very pleased with how the Presentation Luncheon ran recently, I felt we were well looked after by the staff at The Carnmarth Hotel and have so far only had compliments from those members who attended. A profit of £93 was made from the raffle held at the luncheon and I would like to thank everyone that donated a prize on the day.

160.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The summer league fixtures have been distributed to all clubs taking part with the first games being played recently. There has been one issue with a team playing an ineligible member in a recent game when the affiliation requirements have been well publicised ahead of the start of the Summer League. I propose that the usual rules regarding this matter should be enforced and the relevant penalties applied. A letter will be sent to the affected team.

160.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: As this is my first meeting there is very little for me to report. Letters have been sent to all Secretaries in the Central Area for me to introduce myself and give my contact details. I have also telephoned those secretaries to try and drum up support for the summer league. I have already received several entry forms and payments relating to the 2015/16 winter league. Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the organisers of this year's Presentation Luncheon held at the Carnmarth Hotel for all of their hard work.

East Area: I would just like to remind all clubs in the East Area that the deadline for registration in the league is the 31st May; failure to return the Winter League Registration and payment by this date will result in your team being

discussed if there was room for a competition to be held alongside the Bebbington Cup for the winners of the first division as is the case outdoors. The committee agreed that, as the format of the Bebbington Cup allows for four mats to be free in each session, a separate "Bebbington Plate" competition could be introduced for the first division winners. Nick Truscott asked if he could, with the agreement of his family, donate a trophy for this competition in memory of his father who was an avid short mat bowler in Cornwall. The committee were unanimously in agreement. Proposer: Peter Hore Seconded: Peter Sully

New Clubs: The committee were asked for clarification regarding the rules relating to the affiliation of players at new clubs as there may be one opening shortly. The new club do not have enough members to enter the league as yet and therefore wanted clarification that they would still be able to open and affiliate to that club. The committee agreed that the rule regarding a club requiring 10 affiliated players only applied when a team would be entering the County League. As the club in question were not entering the league this season it was agreed that their members would be able to affiliate to the County with no minimum number required.

Central Area Competitions: John Worton asked the committee if he would be able to run competitions for the Central Area similar to those run in the North and West Areas. The committee agreed that this was a good idea and suggested that one or two competitions should be focussed on initially.

160.14 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 13th July 2015 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

160.15 **Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.21pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 11th May 2015