



CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 162nd Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 14th September 2015.

Present: Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Gordon Smith, Peter Hore, Neil Gribble, Nigel Nicholls, Nick Truscott, Dianne Shorthouse, John Worton, Ruth Newbury,

162.00 **Chairman's welcome:**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.32pm and welcomed everyone present.

162.01 **Apologies for absence:**

Dave Studden, Peter Sully, Derek Newton

162.02 **Approve and sign minutes of the 161st committee meeting:**

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

Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse

Seconder: Neil Gribble

162.03 **Matters arising from previous meeting:**

Another email had been received from Len Hawke (Torpoint SMBC) regarding transferring a paid membership fee to another member should the original member not be able to/want to remain an affiliated member of the Association. The committee discussed this matter again but agreed that as there are opportunities for Short Mat Bowls to be played throughout the whole of the calendar year it is important for affiliation fees to be paid to the Association at the beginning of the new season. Also, as discussed previously, the ESMBA have stated that their Registered Player Policy would be closely monitored and therefore it is the responsibility of the committee to ensure that this is being followed. The committee therefore agreed that it's original decision would stand.

162.04 **Correspondence:**

Email from Len Hawke (Torpoint SMBC) as discussed above.

Letter from Bonnie Gleeson (Carnmoggas Holiday Park) advising the committee that due age and ill health, her father has made the decision to put the holiday park on the market for sale. The letter states that as it could be a process that could take months, or possibly years, to complete there is no concern about the immediate future of the park however the committee agreed that it was important to make initial enquiries with other possible venues. The committee agreed that it would be unlikely that there would be any major progress with the sale prior to Christmas and therefore most of the busy fixtures would have already been completed should we have to relocate. It was agreed that should a contingency plan be needed following the Christmas break, it should be possible for the remaining fixtures to be completed at those clubs with room for multiple mats.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) providing the username and password for the new Dropbox account that has been set up by the ESMBA. All non-confidential information such as committee meeting minutes from the ESMBA will now be posted to this account for ease of access.

Email from Carol Hawkins (ESMBA) supplying copies of the ESMBA's Committee Meeting minutes from June and July. Also supplied was a draft copy of the minutes from the ESMBA's AGM and following open forum meeting.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) providing Membership Counties with a quote for Personal Accident Insurance as requested by some Counties at the AGM. The quote obtained was £1.00 per registered member on the condition that all ESMBA affiliated members are insured. The ESMBA committee had requested feedback from Membership Counties as they did not feel they could authorise such a large expenditure at this time. It has been suggested that a 6 month policy is taken out from September which would cost 50p per member and then call an EGM on the day of their AGM to decide how to fund this. The CCSMBA committee held a brief discussion however it was agreed that further information regarding what additional cover this would provide over the current

insurance scheme in order for a decision to be made.

Email from Keith Hawkins (ESMBA) providing Membership Counties with the amended ESMBA Championship rules as per suggestions from the AGM. Also attached were the updated standards for Equality within our sport following the aligning of the ESMBA with the BDA's safeguarding standards.

162.05 Treasurer's report:

Although a report was not presented due to very little activity in the accounts, a brief outline of the current status was presented to the committee. The Treasurer requested the Committee's authorisation to allow him to research alternative bank accounts as it is believed there are better deals available which will benefit the Association.

Proposer: Ruth Newbury

Seconder: Nigel Nicholls

Unanimously Agreed.

162.06 Membership Secretary's report:

My apologies for my absence, I am away. I emailed all clubs and Area Representatives to state that I would be away until 28th September and I stated in the email that any registration received in this period would have an affiliation date in line with the email date or postage date to ensure there was no delay in teams having players affiliated. Currently we have 1033 members of which 8 are juniors. Numbers have increased by small amounts recently and I expect them to change further with the winter season approaching. To members like Nigel who I left off the affiliation mailing list, my apologies. All committee members who need the list have been emailed the up to date list and I will ensure it is updated as soon as I have updated the file. I will be sending the CCSMBA affiliations to the ESMBA by the 20th October, the deadline being 31st October. The leeway will allow any hiccups between myself and the ESMBA to be rectified. The list is completed up to date (07.09.15) but obviously this will need to be updated as new affiliations are received over the next few weeks. I will liaise with Gordon Smith during early October so he knows the number to base our cheque on.

162.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The competition draws took place on Wednesday 2nd September with a small number of spectators present. Last year's formulated spread sheets were used again which meant the draws could be viewed on the projector by those attending. Overall there was an increase of 4% in the number of entries and this season there are three extra clubs that have entered the Rae Francis competition. I am hoping to send the draws and the initial National Championship entry forms out to club secretaries within the next week but this will depend on my workload at work. The National Championship entry forms will have a deadline of the 25th October 2015.

162.08 Team Manager's report:

This season's county trials were held this weekend, with 48 members attending. The competition for places was highly contested and I named a team of 56 players, including 12 players that were specially nominated for their contributions to Short Mat bowls in Cornwall, to face the England Team in our 25th Anniversary Celebration. This fixture will also act as a final trial as I will be naming the teams selected for the new ICC Rinks Competition and the first ICC game against Devon following this fixture. As the Premier and A teams have been fixtured to play on separate days for the ICC Rinks Competition, we will be travelling by car to Somerset in order to reduce the costs to the Association. Therefore, I will be looking for volunteer drivers in the selected teams.

162.09 Social Secretary's report:

The first raffle of the season was held at this weekend's County Team Trials. I would like to congratulate Nigel on a well organised day and also to thank everyone that made a donation to the raffle. Due to this I was able to hold back some of the prizes for future raffles and the Association made a profit of £36.00 from the raffle on the day.

162.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The summer league is nearing completion with the final to be contested between Blisland B and the Wanderers on the 25th and 28th September. I have been making updates to the website's database which will allow better control of information posted online, in particular league tables. I am hoping that these updates will mean that one data source is used in future and this could possibly be used by Area Representatives for forming league fixtures. The County Competition draws will be added to the website shortly when available.

162.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: A meeting was held at Ladock Hall on Tuesday 11th August to make the draw for the Winter League. Of the 18 registered teams in the Central Area (9 Premier Division and 9 Division One), 9 clubs were represented. During this meeting we discussed the latest rule changes concerning playing with one player short and unregistered players being able to play 5 times for teams in their club. We also discussed the introduction of the

Knock Out cup and this was well accepted. Since then, the fixtures have been completed and following minor changes these have been finalised and sent out to all clubs.

East Area: The first Area meeting for the 2015/16 season was held on the 3rd September, there were 12 clubs represented and two apologies. There are 8 teams in the Premier Division and 10 teams in Division One. All fixtures were given out and any amendments made. Clubs were reminded to read up on rules from the ESMBA and CCSMBA. Torpoint brought up the issue of transferring an affiliation fee to another member. Also mentioned was the situation that is ongoing regarding friendly matches with non-affiliated members.

North Area: The Northern Area league fixtures for both of our divisions have now been sent out to all clubs. They have also been forwarded to the Press and Promotions Officer to be published on the County website.

West Area: No Report.

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

None.

162.13 **Any other business:**

25th Anniversary Celebrations: All donated prizes for the raffle have now been collected and posters have been made to thank all companies that have supported this event. In addition to the donated prizes it was agreed to include a few other prizes such as chocolates or alcohol so that members of the England Squad could choose an alternative to the localised prizes donated to the Association. Sharps Brewery have donated 50 Doom Bar bar towels which will be given to each England Squad member as a token from Cornwall. The catering has now been confirmed to be a Ploughman's Lunch on the Saturday for the England Squad at £5 per head and on the Sunday we will be serving pasties and saffron buns at £4 per head. Hire of tables and chairs has also been arranged and will be available to be picked up on Friday evening. It has also been arranged to set up the hall on the Friday evening so that the equipment is ready to use by the England Squad on Saturday morning.

162.14 **Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 2nd November 2015 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

162.15 **Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.28pm.

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

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

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 21st September 2015