

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT  
Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs S Watson, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs J Davey, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mr A Spelman, Mrs I Benton & Mr C England.
2. APOLOGIES  
Apologies for absence were received from Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER:** The Chairman welcomed Mrs Kim Spelman to the meeting to introduce herself as the KCSMBA's new Child Protection Officer; the Chairman had invited Mrs Spelman at short notice due to an allegation of illegality on our website.

She took this opportunity to confirm that whilst a full investigation into the website question was completed it would be prudent to make some alterations; the Chairman will confirm the details to the website coordinator.

She outlined her credentials & interest for the job which included her current employment within the adult protection environment. To compliment this she confirmed that she will organise a CRB check through the ESMBA (the sports governing body). Regardless of any other CRB authorisations she confirmed that it is a requirement from Sport England that individuals must have checks from the governing body of the sport in question, as an example, Mr Alfie Spelman has 5 separate CRB certificates.

Following this a general discussion took place on how the KCSMBA will advance a full and proper Child & Vulnerable Adult protection programme. This will be an ongoing process; details will be published as we move forwards.

4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that the two domestic competitions have taken place & went well; she went on to thank Mrs Benton for running these on her behalf. She confirmed entries into the National competitions as follows:-

Singles – 6 Pairs – 6 Triples – 2 Fours – 2

Further details regarding the Nationals will be published in due course. She also reported 18 teams have entered the Autumn triples; she is awaiting confirmation for two more teams.

She confirmed a minor alteration to the timings for our bookings in Strood from 9am start to 8:30am.

Finally she reported numerous complaints about two county players who played in the domestic pairs; the complaint related to them playing in their county team shirts. After some discussion it was agreed that players & teams will be expected to adhere to the existing uniform code:-

“Players will all either wear club colours or grey & white; failure to comply will result in a warning on the first occasion with any subsequent misdemeanours resulting in a ban for that day”

It was agreed that the Competition Secretary will write to the players in question confirming these points.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that the county season had started with a new scoring system. 40 points are now available per game; this is made up of 32 match points & 8 points for shot difference split into 2 points per discipline. Initial results were reported as follows:-

27/9 Premier & A Team opening matches away to West Sussex :-  
West Sussex v Premier – 24 points (174 shots) to 16 points (166 shots)  
West Sussex v A Team – 26 points (190 shots) to 14 points (151 shots)

4/10 A & B Teams away to Surrey:-  
Surrey v A Team – 8 points (151 shots) to 32 points (198 shots)  
Surrey v B Team – 15 points (169 shots) to 25 points (194 shots)

11/10 Juniors v Minster in a triples match:-  
Juniors 11 points (87 shots) Minster 7 points (68 shots)

20-21/9 England v Kent & Southern Counties; a very well run weekend with Barry Hedges the England Squad Manager reporting that Kent had achieved the highest point tally in the individual games under his management.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that 12 jacks & 16 footmats were ordered and delivered in time for the England match at Swale. Two boxes to house the jacks & a box for the block numbers to replace the tatty cardboard one had also been made.

Two sets of equipment of mats, fenders, etc on loan had been delivered to a new club, St Mary's A.R.A to help them set up with the option of buying the equipment after December.

A number of clubs were still to register and the Treasurer requested that the Secretary should write to those clubs asking them to affiliate as soon as possible.

The Treasurer showed the Committee an entry form for the Christmas Bowls & Brains and requested that this should be sent out with these meetings minutes.

The match at Minster was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It is hoped that a return fixture can be arranged later in the year.

Finally the Treasurer confirmed the bank balance stood at £17154.04.

- (d) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that there are still 2 clubs interested in mats and asked if these mats could be transported to Strood so he can arrange viewings.
  - (e) **SPONSORSHIP & GRANTS:** It was agreed that Mr Carpenter will apply to Tonbridge & Malling Council and report the progress in due course.
  - (f) **KEY SAFE:** Mr Coles reported that the key safe in Strood Leisure Centre was installed.
  - (g) **KENT TV:** Mr Carpenter confirmed that video footage from the England weekend had been submitted and he awaits a response.
  - (h) **STROOD LEISURE CENTRE:** The Chairman reported that negotiations were continuing with Strood for a new 5 year contract which would commence 2010/11 season with an approximate 20% increase on hire charges. It was agreed that the Committee will review this at the next meeting.
  - (i) **UPDATED CONSTITUTION:** The Chairman confirmed he has forwarded our updated constitution to the Chairman of the ESMBA for his perusal & comments. In particular how it compared with the rest of the sport & if there were any anomalies. The Chairman will report the feedback at the next meeting.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- (a) **COUNTY TEAM ELIGABILITY:** A question was raised as to whether juniors who have played in the England Under 21 Squad would be eligible for the Kent Squad, this was raised as an adult player achieved an England International Cap following a National win resulting in them receiving their county badge and therefore being available for Kent selection.

After some discussion it was felt that the two circumstances were completely different as the latter involved full international bowling status on this basis the committee would seek confirmation at the next AGM from the membership as the original proposal was an AGM matter.
  - (b) **ADDITIONAL COUNTY MATCHES:** Mr Wiedeholz requested permission to investigate possible games versus Belgium, Ireland or East Kent. This was agreed unanimously.
  - (c) **COACH DAY TRIPS:** The Chairman & Vice Chairman asked for views on potential day trips into Europe (Bruges, Calais, Lille etc) by coach; the estimated costs being £20-£25 per head. This would be open to all members and family. This will be investigated further and reported upon at the next meeting.
  - (d) **UMPIRING COSTS:** The Treasurer asked for confirmation for umpiring within the county. After some discussion it was confirmed by the Chairman that any county or international game could invoke the standard ESMBA charges if the umpires decided to claim. All other domestic competitions would attract a standard £10 payment.

(e) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman read a letter on behalf of the Secretary that had been received from Hildenborough SMBC thanking Mr England & the Committee for arranging a tutorial session; their members found this to be a great help.

The Secretary received a letter of confirmation from Harrietsham SMBC acknowledging and supporting the recent point system amendments that the Committee had adopted following their proposal at the last AGM

The Chairman read an email from Mr Barry Baker raising a few questions on the new points system; the contents of the email being fully noted by the Committee with the Chairman being asked to confirm the answers by letter.

(f) **GENERAL:** Mr England asked for thanks to be noted to Wye SMBC following a small donation for the junior squad.

6. DATE OF  
NEXT  
MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 at Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10:10pm.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please contact the Secretary if you have any donations for the Kent Youth Team\***

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[micksayer@clara.co.uk](mailto:micksayer@clara.co.uk) for inclusion on the Kent Website  
[www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk](http://www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk)**

***And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on [tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk)***

***We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!***