

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT
B. Smith

CHAIRMAN
T. Rycraft

SECRETARY
Ms M Fitzgerald

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 14th November 2011 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Mr B Smith, Mr F Davis & Mrs J Davey.
2. APOLOGIES
Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr A Spelman & Mr M Wiedeholz.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 12th September 2011 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson opened her report by confirming that the first round of the domestic singles was completed without any problems. She went on to confirm that the National entries are again disappointing with limited entrants in all 4 disciplines. The closing date is the end of November.

With a friendly county game due on the 4th December she wanted to highlight that the mats needed hoovering. She went to ask that due to next season being our 25th year and that we may potentially be short of dates she requested a change to our Presentation Day date. She was suggesting that we use the 29th April 2012 instead and hold it in Swale IBC. After some discussion this was agreed unanimously.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Due to Mr Wiedeholz not being present, Mr Carpenter reported the following results:-

24 th September	- East Sussex v Premier	- 27pts (197 shots) - 13pts (149 shots)
1 st October	- East Sussex v B Team	- 18 pts (169 shots) - 22pts (199 shots)
8 th October	- B Team v East Sussex	- 32pts (248 shots) – 8pts (134 shots)
	- A Team v East Sussex	- 26pts (174 shots) – 14pts (152 shots)
16 th October	- London v B Team	- 12pts (154 shots) – 28pts (207 shots)
	- A Team v East Sussex	- 32pts (237 shots) – 8pts (130 shots)
	- Premier v Surrey	- 26pts (193 shots) – 14pts (161 shots)
22 nd October	- Surrey v Premier	- 6pts (150 shots) – 34pts (219 shots)
30 th October	- B Team v Essex	- 32pts (219 shots) – 8pts (130 shots)
	- Premier v East Sussex	- 16pts (176 shots) – 24pts (184 shots)
6 th November	- B Team v West Sussex	- 13pts (154 shots) - 27pts (205 shots)
	- A Team v West Sussex	- 23pts (193 shots) – 17pts (161 shots)
	- Premier v West Sussex	- 13pts (161 shots) – 27pts (196 shots)

Mr Wiedeholz wrote to confirm that he had sent the County Team Junior paperwork to our CPO Officer to ensure its suitability and received a positive response that our paperwork is proper & correct. The county will therefore continue to use the current documents and format.

Mr Wiedeholz also requested clarification on sponsorship/financial support for our junior players. The reason for this question was to ensure we don't miss out on any young players participating due to family or personal financial constraints. After some discussion it was agreed that Juniors would be considered on a 'season by season' basis and that anyone under 18 on the 1st September would be considered a junior for the whole season. This would be effective from next season. Noting the general decline in junior participation the Committee agreed with effect 2011/12 season all Juniors would have their Registration and Domestic fees fully paid by the Association. This would be taken from a separate account.

Mr Wiedeholz also confirmed that he has contacted Flemish, Irish & Welsh teams should we organise a 25th Anniversary Triangular Tournament. Mid Ulster are interested & would like more information. Pembrokeshire are also interested and will discuss at their next committee meeting whilst Belgium have not responded.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey confirmed that the majority of clubs, members and competition monies had now been collected. The bank balance stood at £20,595.72 although she wanted to highlight that we have commitments for hall hire, coaches and other sundry items meaning we are currently estimating a closing balance of just over £12,000 at the end of the season. As this is a potential loss making situation for the Association the Treasurer agreed to make a comparison report from recent seasons and to review this at the next meeting.

In line with recent recommendations, the following expenses to the county were highlighted;

Hire of Halls £1100.25

Secretarial Allowance £575.50

Competition Secretary's Allowance £220

Treasurer's Allowance £110

Audit £65

- (d) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton & Mr Smith agreed to investigate a Barn Dance that will be open to members and non members. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- (e) **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA):** On behalf of the BDA, Mrs Davey reported another busy period for the BDA with lots of activity & interest. The latest 'have mat will travel' event took place in Detling Showground on the 10th / 11th September. Approximately 200 people had a go and were given details of local affiliated clubs.

A second newsletter has been published and a meeting has been confirmed for Sunday 11th December at Mote Park Indoor Bowls Club for an introduction to Coaching Short Mat; this will take place from 10am until 12 Noon. Everyone is welcome.

The next 'have mat will travel' event is planned for a '3 in 1' event when Sevenoaks Indoor & Outdoor Bowls Clubs will host it. A regional awareness day is also planned for Saturday 21st April 2012 (location tbc).

Anyone wishing to assist or volunteer to help would be appreciated & anybody interested to know more should contact Mrs Davey for further information.

- (f) **COACH UPDATE:** Mr Coles confirmed he had organised quotations for the final stages of the ICC from Reliance, R & J, Wooton, Buzzlines, Kings Ferry & Brooklines. After some discussion it was agreed that Brookline would be offered the business and that Mr Coles would discuss payment terms etc.

As part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations he also enquired about daytrips and weekend trips to France & Belgium; the initial pricing feedback seemed positive but a few questions were raised. Mr Coles would confirm these and report back at the next meeting.

- (g) **KENT COUNTY TEAM MANAGER:** Applicants are invited to apply for this post before the deadline of 31st December 2011. At the time of the meeting no applications have been received; anyone interested should contact the Secretary.

As part of the selection process we will require an independent selection panel. In the past the Committee has invited long standing members to join the interview panel. To assist this process the Chairman agreed to write to all clubs requesting nominations or volunteers to help this process,

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs Benton presented a thank you card from Cancer Research in recognition of KCSMBA's recent £305 donation and wanted to highlight this to all of our members who had kindly donated during the 2010/11 season.

Following receipt of an email from the ESMBA whereby proposals and nominations for the coming AGM were invited the committee agreed to send a proposal whereby the ICC format is reverted to its original format (i.e. Singles & Fours then Pairs & Triples).

The Secretary had received a letter from the ESMBA requesting confirmation of our CPO officer; she will respond and confirm the details.

- (b) **GENERAL:** Mr Rycraft confirmed that following the recent SGM an updated constitution would be published and available on the website.

The following meeting dates have been agreed;

- Early w/c 9th January 2012
- W/C 12th March 2012 (pre AGM meeting)
- W/C 30th April 2012
- W/C 11th June 2012
- July – AGM – Date & Venue to be confirmed.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held in January in Burham Village Hall, the precise date tbc commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.50

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

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www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk*

And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on anthony.mulcuck@sky.com

We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!