

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 17th January 2011 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton Mr M Wiedeholz, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr B Smith, Mr C England, Mr A Spelman & Mrs J Davey.
2. APOLOGIES
None.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11th October 2010 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
(a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that the County domestic singles and Pairs have now had the first rounds completed; unfortunately a triples date has been cancelled due to bad weather in December. A revised date will be announced to those affected.

The finals have been confirmed as follows:-
Singles – 32 qualifiers with no best losers, Pairs – 21 qualifiers with 11 best round losers, triples – 16 qualifiers with no best losers and the fours – 10 qualifiers and 6 best round losers.

Club Championship and open pairs entry forms have now been sent to all clubs with dates confirmed as
Club Championship – 10th April 2011
Open Pairs – 15th May 2011

The Open pairs will be open to players from outside Kent and is confirmed as being held in Swale Indoor Bowls Centre.

She also extended her thanks to all those that took part in the Christmas Triples; it was an excellent days bowling played with great spirit by all. She wished to thank Matt Dillon for his help in recording and running the scoring table.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that both the County 'A' and Premier were close to completing their respective groups.

The A team has completed their group and has finished top beating their nearest rival West Sussex by 168 points to 139 plus an extra 182 shots. They will be playing their quarter final against the winner of Northants and Norfolk.

The Premier team has one game left against Surrey. They are 7 points behind the leader West Sussex and have a game in hand. Mr Wiedeholz expects to move to the top of the group once this game is played; the team will therefore play Devon in the quarter final.

He confirmed receipt of next season's dates from the ESMBA; the areas will remain the same with the exception of Hampshire who have been moved out of both groups.

Dorset has requested a return friendly in Kent during the summer period, this was unanimously agreed and Mr Wiedeholz will confirm details with the Dorset contact and advise the county players in due course.

He extended concern over the current shirt supplier and requested that we investigate other sources. Mr Rycraft agreed to review with a Worcestershire supplier and Mr Coles will investigate another company that he has had dealings with and both will report in the next meeting.

Because this is Mr Wiedeholz' last contracted season as County Team Manager he confirmed his intention to continue in this role into next season. As the constitution allows the committee to roll his contract forwards on a one year basis the Chairman asked the committee to consider this request and be prepared for a vote at the next meeting.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer handed a financial data sheet to the committee. The bank balance stood at £17,660.63. Final finance date was now easier to predict though this would depend on how the county teams performed i.e. the hire of coaches. Three events, the race night, club championships and the open pairs will determine whether we break even this year or that we run at small loss. She asked the committee to drum up as much support for these competitions as possible.

She went on to ask that a thank you is passed to Don Cribbens and Margaret Waghorn for running the Autumn Triples and to Tony Mulcuck for running the unbadged Fours.

Again she confirmed that it was still too early to accurately predict final membership figures.

- (d) **COACH UPDATE:** Mr Coles confirmed that he will continue to liaise with the coach company and book the quarter finals and place provisional bookings for the semi-final and final.

Mr Carpenter confirmed that James Villas were happy that we continue to use their parking facilities in Allington for coach & car pick ups.

- (e) **MATS & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** The Chairman confirmed that 3 mats had been sold to a club in Birmingham; he asked that we minute thanks to Jim Davey for delivering the mats.

He also wanted to confirm that mats are still available to any club or member who is interested.

- (f) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton confirmed that the previously reported events are still taking place though places are becoming limited.

The 'Race Night' is now on Saturday 9th April for the price of £6.00 which includes supper. Interested members who would like to go to the Ascot Ladies Day on the 16th June 2011 should contact her on 01634 867 466.

- (g) **CONSTITUTION UPDATE:** Due to time limitations a separate meeting was agreed for Monday 7th February to review some suggested changes.
- (h) **CPO POSITION:** The Chairman asked for help in making contact with the interested applicant; Mrs Watson volunteered and will report back in due course.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Both Burham & Wye SMBC independently wrote to the Secretary requesting that any charitable donation being made by the KCSMBA be directed toward 'Cancer Research'

On behalf of Shorne SMBC Mr Smith confirmed that the club would like to nominate the Demelza Hospice Care for Children

The Secretary wanted to highlight that clubs are still welcome to support these nominations or suggest other charities.

- (b) **GENERAL:**

Mr Carpenter presented a potential alternative bowling venue in Sittingbourne Community College. The Chairman asked that we minute a big thank you to Mr Carpenter for his efforts. After some discussion it was agreed that the committee would arrange a meeting in the venue to see the facilities and investigate further. A report will be made in the next meeting.

The Chairman confirmed that he had finally managed to get an article in the Kent Messenger for our 2009/10 winners and runners up.

The Chairman confirmed that a meeting had taken place in Mote Park IBC for a Bowls Development plan in Kent. Sport England have funded 46 National Governing Bodies of Sport to deliver their 'Whole Sport Plan' and achieve their targets around grow, sustain and excel. The Bowls Development Alliance has been formed to focus on developing the sport and receive this funding. Kent is one of the initial areas identified to work with the BDA to develop and grow the number of participants in the sport. To work in partnership with the BDA and receive funding to deliver initiatives such as bowls for free, a Kent Bowls Development Alliance will need to be formed that will include representatives from all bowls codes. This group will mirror the BDA and focus on the development of the game in Kent. They will need to write and implement a development plan, provide monitoring information and disseminate funding to local clubs to deliver initiatives highlighted in the plan. The expressions of interest forms received from clubs will help to formulate and cost out the plan and identify focus clubs (deliverers). Without these aspects in place, funding will not be received in Kent and is therefore vital that county associations and clubs work together to make this happen and not let the opportunity be passed by.

He confirmed that he had committed the KCSMBA to being part of this organisation and will continue to participate and be involved; as things develop reports will be made and passed to our member clubs.

To aid the members and the Committee the Secretary asked that the following meeting dates are highlighted again;

7th February – Constitutional meeting

W/C 28th March – Pre AGM meeting at Burham

W/C 9th May

Sunday 12th June – AGM at Tunbury Village Hall

W/C 25th July

6. DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held 7th February 2011 in Sittingbourne Community College, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.55

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

*Please send all stories/club news/club winner's information to Mick Sayer at
micksayer@timicomail.co.uk for inclusion on the Kent Website
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!!