

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 28th March 2011 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr C England, Mr A Spelman & Mrs J Davey.
2. APOLOGIES Mr M Wiedeholz & Mr B Smith.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 17th January 2011 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

****Prior to fully opening the meeting, the committee met Karen Dhanecha with regards Child Protection****

The reason for this meeting being that the KCSMBA is currently seeking a CPO Officer and Karen had offered to fill this role. She confirmed her credentials to the committee and confirmed her interest in taking this post and has committed to do an initial review of our policies & systems with regards CPO. It was agreed that the County Squad Manager would forward the relevant county team paperwork.

Following completion of this exercise she would present her findings and next step suggestions to the committee; this will be after the AGM & will be reported in due course.

To ensure continuity & cover for the KCSMBA she also agreed to be immediately available for contact by our members should the need arise. Her details will be added to the Constitution Annex for Child Protection and are confirmed as:-

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4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported the completion of the County domestic Pairs and Fours. She congratulated the following winners;

Pairs – Martin & Valerie Matthews from Tunstall
Fours – Gary Best, Gary Allard, Nicky Bartlett and Patrick Finnis.

She also gave her commiserations to the losing finalists from Langley & Stone respectively.

The domestic Triples final is now confirmed as the 10th April; replacing the Club Championships. This has been put on hold due to lack of entries however, she hopes to organise it on a different date.

She also extended her thanks to Matt Dillon for running the Fours final and in advance Jeff Vanns for running the Triples final on the 10th April & Debbie Tomlinson for the Singles final on the 17th April.

She asked that we remind members of our Open Pairs Competition on the 15th May in Swale. 35 entries have been received; the closing date being the 15th April.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** In the absence of Mr Wiedeholz, there was no full report; however, Mr Carpenter reported that the A Team had just played the Inter County Championship Final beating Somerset 24-16. He went on to thank the whole team for their efforts during this season.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported that the hire of Strood Hall and coaches were now paid and the bank balance stood at £13,948.46. The ESMBA Insurance had risen by £8 and had duly been settled by the 28th February.

She had received a letter from Mr Ray Anns, treasurer of the Swale league, requesting the hire of the county mats from the 7th May until the 28th May. The committee agreed to this request; the county insurers will be informed accordingly.

It was confirmed that stocks of spray chalk had been ordered.

- (d) **AGM:** Mr Carpenter confirmed that the Tunbury hall has been the booked for Sunday 12th June; The doors will open at 9:30am for a prompt 10am start.

Following a request in last years AGM for a full financial proposal, the committee discussed and agreed details relating to all of the association's membership/affiliation, bowling, county team & committee expenses. To assist the members in reviewing these proposals the committee will issue a proposal document that will be forwarded to the clubs with the AGM agenda & proposals.

Mr England (committee member) confirmed that he will not be standing for next season; the Chairman asked that we minute thanks to Chris for his service and hard work during his time on the committee for the Association.

Mr Spelman confirmed that he has written to all our Umpires requesting their nominations for Rules & Regulations Officer; he also stated that he is willing to stand again and has communicated this as well. Replies will be sent to the Chairman and collated for the members in the AGM to ratify.

As per the Constitution and following Mr Wiedeholz's request to continue in the role of County Team Manager, a secret ballot was held and the committee unanimously agreed to a one year extension. The Chairman will confirm this in writing to Mr Wiedeholz.

- (e) **MATS & SURPLUS EQUIPMENT:** The Chairman confirmed that a request for the loan of mats of a potential new club had been received; more information is required before a decision can be made. The Chairman will follow this up.

- (f) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton confirmed that the Race Night being held on Saturday 9th April has nominated Cancer Research as its Charity & all raffle profits will be donated to this cause. The amount will be confirmed in the next meeting.

- (g) **CONSTITUTION UPDATE:** The committee reviewed a number of points within our Constitution & agreed a number of suggested changes; these will be sent to the clubs as formal propositions for inclusion in this year's AGM.

5. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS

- (a) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to report.

(b) **GENERAL:**

The committee discussed some issues with Strood Leisure Centre; it was agreed that the Chairman will seek a meeting asap to discuss and hopefully resolve them for next season.

On behalf of Tunbury SMBC Mr Carpenter confirmed Alzheimer's as another charity for consideration by the KCSMBA & its members. The county previously committed to making a donation at the end of the season to one of more charities selected by its members; this will be confirmed at the completion of this year's AGM.

The Chairman confirmed that he had completed a club survey on junior participation. There are currently 28 juniors playing in our affiliated clubs. On this basis the Bert Allard competition will be resurrected and invitations will be sent when a date and venue is agreed.

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

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 w/c 9th May 2011, venue to be confirmed, 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!!