

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2007 at Kingswood.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs J Davey, Mrs S Watson, Mr C England, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mr T Coles & Mrs I Benton.
2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received by Mr A Spelman & Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 30th August 2007 be accepted.
It was agreed at the last meeting that Mrs Davey purchase spray chalks & mat tape. The minutes were then agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **UMPIRE APPOINTMENT:** The chairman reported that he had received an email from an umpire regarding the appointment of Alfie Spelman as the new Kent Rules & Regulations Officer; the correspondent was seeking clarification as Alfie is only in his 3rd year of umpiring which did not adhere to the constitution which states the applicant must have served a minimum of 3 years.

For clarity the Chairman confirmed that Alfie had declared this point when he applied; with no other interested parties or applicants the committee had decided to support his application as the options were limited.
 - (b) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson opened with a short report stating that competition entries were now in; she is still awaiting outstanding monies and will be chasing the club concerned accordingly. The forms for the Nationals have been forwarded to clubs but as yet no entries have been received.

She also confirmed that Sam Philpott will be running the Under 18 National Juniors competition on her behalf.
 - (c) **KCSMBA SHOP:** The Chairman & Mrs Davey presented the Committee with quotes for spray chalks; after some discussion it was decided that Mrs Davey would order the chalks. Mrs Benton agreed to run the shop whenever possible.
 - (d) **TEAM MANAGERS REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz opened his report by confirming the recent match results;

23/9/07 **Kent A** v Surrey – 27 points (217 shots) to 9 points (140 shots)
Kent B v Surrey B - 22 points (192 shots) to 14 points (167 shots)

29/9/07 **Kent Premier** v London – 28 points (206 shots) to 8 points (142 shots)
Kent A v East Sussex – 31 points (231 shots) to 5 points (124 shots)
Kent B v London – 29 points (232 shots) to 7 points (138 shots)
Kent Youth v St Mary's Platt & Ryarsh – 17Points (172 shots) to 13 points (136 shots)

7/10/07 **Kent A** v Hampshire – 27 points (214 shots) to 9 points (146 shots)

He went on to say that the A team are top in the group at present and the Premier team are 2nd to East Sussex.

He reported to the meeting that he had received an email from Sam Philpott requesting rule books, measures, chalks and a bag for storage for the junior squad; it was agreed that the Secretary would add a note to the bottom of the minutes asking clubs for any donations on the above items.

A request has been made by a female county player for a different style county shirt; Mr Wiedeholz agreed to investigate and report at the next meeting.

He asked the committee for their support in entering next season's ICC Summer League; Committee agreed.

Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that he had purchased four new score card holders as agreed in the last meeting.

Mr England confirmed that he had visited Hawkinge and discussed the outstanding issue reported previously. The Chairman thanked Chris for his diligence and persistence in following this matter to its conclusion.

- (e) **COUNTY TEAM FLAGS:** The Chairman reported that he did not have a conclusive answer from Strood Leisure Centre; he will pursue this matter further and report back at the next meeting.
- (f) **ASSET REGISTER:** Mrs Davey confirmed that the asset register was now complete; in future a booking in & out system would be operated for the movement of any equipment. The Chairman thanked the Treasurer for setting this up.
- (g) **PRESENTATION DAY:** It was agreed this was a great success and the committee proposed to formalise their thanks to Strood Leisure Centre in the form of a letter. As in previous years, the Committee asked the Secretary to write to those players that did not turn up; this will also be done for those players who did not attend the first select day.

After some discussion, it was felt that this day should have representation from non badged players; the Committee agreed to review this for next year's presentation.

- (h) **SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS:** The Chairman reported that he had approached Verde for sponsorship; their initial response was negative but he will follow this up again.

Mr Carpenter reported that Tonbridge & Malling Council has accepted our sponsorship proposal for presentation before their committee and he will report back when he has their reply.

The Secretary confirmed that she had written to both J Dowle Fencing & GSE; unfortunately J Dowle was no longer willing to support the county and GSE have yet to reply.

- (i) **REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT:** The Chairman aired his concern over insurance when our equipment is on loan to a third party. The Treasurer agreed to find out what cover we had and if additional cover is needed and what the added cost would be. She will report at the next meeting.
- (j) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed he had received written interest for 2 mats. Subject to seeing the mats this buyer is interested in taking them a.s.a.p., this should be completed before the next meeting where a final report will be made.
- (k) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Davey suggested a KCSMBA 20th Anniversary pair's competition next July; she will confirm a date at the next meeting.

Mrs Benton confirmed that she is looking into a 'race night' for early 2008 and will confirm details at the next meeting.

- (l) **NEWSLETTER:** Committee agreed the proposed format as supplied by Tony Mulcuck; the Secretary will contact Mr Mulcuck to initiate this with immediate effect.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **TREASURERS REPORT:** Mrs Davey thanked Aford Awards for their support & sponsorship of the Junior trophies at this years Presentation day. The Secretary will write to thank them. She confirmed that the total amount was just under budget. There was nothing else to report.
- (b) **GENERAL:** The Chairman confirmed he had written to ESMBA requesting duplicate trophies for display within Kent for both the Kent Premier and A teams following their 3rd Inter County Championship wins; this request was rejected by the ESMBA.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Committee contact details would be displayed on our notice board in the Strood Leisure Centre. Secretary to organise.

As previously agreed it was decided that the Kent domestic Pairs & Triples trophies would be refurbished at the start of our new financial year (i.e. May 08).

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 6th December 2007 at Kingswood, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.30pm.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

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

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

And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk

We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!