

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs S Watson, Mr T Coles, Mrs J Davey, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mr D Carpenter, Mr A Spelman & Mrs I Benton.

2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Mr C England & Mr E Messer.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2009 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that so far there are 42 entries for the Open Pairs on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

She asked the Committee for clarification on dress code for domestic competitions after a few queries from players; dress code should be current club colours if players are from the same club otherwise its white & grey.

(b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that correspondence has been sent regarding an international game with Belgium; as yet there has been no official reply though Mr Tony Drew has also been informed that Belgium are interested but has no details yet; Mr Wiedeholz will update at the next meeting.

He went on to report that the Woodbridge Trophy (Juniors 4's team event run by the ESMBA) only had 2 out of the 4 Kent junior players arrive; as a consequence the ESMBA made our team up at the last minute to allow them to play & participate. After some discussion it was agreed that a 'thank you' letter should be sent to the ESMBA.

Mr Wiedeholz raised a query relating to the junior squad; it would appear that it will not be possible to run a squad next season due to the limited numbers...currently looking like 3-4 players. He therefore asked if might be possible to include them in the B team games to help with their development and to continue encouraging them to bowl. After some discussion it was agreed that this would be allowed until such time that a full squad was available. This would commence for the 2009/10 season.

He also announced two new games for the 2009/10 season:-

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – B Team v Club Select Side – Venue Snodland**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – B Team v A Team – Venue Ryarsh**

Mr Wiedeholz also raised the question of coaches for next season's away games; after some discussion it was agreed that to remain consistent throughout the squad, all the away games to East Sussex would be by car.

(c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that the bank balance stood at £13182.39 and that all major expenditure items had been paid with the exception of the pairs competition on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.

She had informed Mr Peter Winter (ESMBA Insurance) that 9 mats and associated equipment would be stored at Swale Indoor Bowling Club from the 9<sup>th</sup> May to the 30<sup>th</sup> May.

She asked for committee approval for a change to the auditor to Mrs Julie Bradshaw; she had been highly recommended with 15 years experience in accounting and book keeping in the retail trade. The Treasurer recommended this change on the grounds of good practice.

She then asked for committee support to a county wide 3-2-1 top team competition commencing this September; the competition would establish a County 'best club team'. This was agreed and will be organised by The Treasurer Mrs Jan Davey. A flyer will be accompany these minutes.

She also asked if we could run an 'unbadged' 4's & pairs competition. Subject to interest and entries this

was also agreed and would be run at Strood on the following dates:-

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009 – Fours
- 2) 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – Pairs

Mrs Watson agreed to investigate this further and report back at the next meeting.

- (d) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman asked that for the benefit of the members we minute that good second hand mats are still available for sale; interested clubs should contact him for further information.
- (e) **GENERAL FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton announced her intention to run another 'Race Night' (date TBC), a 'Bowls and Brains' event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 in Snodland and the Autumn Triples on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in Snodland.
- (f) **STROOD LEISURE CENTRE:** The 2009/2010 season is the last year for the current 5 year contract; due to proposed increases in charges the committee had not as yet agreed to renew this contract. It was agreed that Mr Rycraft and Mrs Watson would arrange a meeting with Strood Leisure to review this and report back at the next meeting.
- (g) **CHILD PROTECTION:** The Chairman reported that following delays with CRB clearance Mrs Spelman has now been cleared & is therefore available for use in the role.

NB the delays in clearance had nothing to do with Mrs Spelman; they related to administration delays.

- (h) **KENT BOWLS PARTNERSHIP / SHORT MAT DEVELOPMENT:** The Chairman reported that following the last meeting things were moving forwards. The two main points was a KCC sponsored webpage and a triangular tournament with the indoor & outdoor codes; this could attract interest from Sport England that could end with financial support. Further information will be clarified at the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May; he will attend and will report in the next meeting.
- (i) **AGM:** The Secretary reported that all the AGM paperwork has been forwarded to clubs.

Following a query regarding the 2006 AGM proposal for payments to the Treasurer & Competition Secretary & its inclusion in the constitution, the Secretary took the original proposal to the meeting. After some discussion it was agreed that as there was no direct reference to the constitution this would have to be rectified & clarified at a future AGM.

Mr Spelman reported that the umpires division has re-nominated him for the position of Rules & Regulations Officer; this will be ratified at the coming AGM. Paperwork will be available for viewing if required.

Following consultation with individuals from the ESMBA, a new voting procedure will be adopted at this years AGM, the change being that every member will be entitled to vote.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **NEWSLETTER:** Mr Tony Mulcuck (the Editor) has requested material content for the next newsletter. The committee will send information for inclusion by the end of May.
- (b) **WEBSITE:** As a service to the members & affiliated clubs it was agreed that for sale items could be included on our website free of charge. The Chairman will discuss this with the web manager Mick Sayer to ensure it is viable
- (c) **RANKING & CUT OFF:** It was agreed that this years cut off would be 13 points; Mrs Watson confirmed ranking lists would be available at the AGM and distributed thereafter to the clubs.
- (d) **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 20th July 2009 in Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.55.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

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