

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 19th March 2009 at Burham 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 5th February 2009 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that the singles final held on the 16th March was a success; it was nice to see Matt Dillon, one of our youngsters coming through to win. 27 entries have been received so far for the club championships and 18 entries for the open pairs on the 17th May 2009.

All dates for 2009/10 have been booked with Strood Leisure Centre. Mrs Watson asked that we note that Strood have chased for an agreement for the next 5 year contract which is due for 2010/11 season. As they are proposing an increase the Committee will be review the options and report back accordingly.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported the following County results:-

7/2 – Annual Shield

Kent B v West Sussex – 32 points (245 shots) to 20 points (255 shots)

15/2 – A Team ICC Qtr Final

Kent A v West Midlands – 24 points (184 shots) to 16 points (168 shots)

22/2 – Premier Team ICC Qtr Final

Premier v Somerset - 24 points (197 shots) to 16 points (149 shots)

28/2

East Sussex v B Team – 11 points (159 shots) to 29 points (197 shots)

1/3 – ICC Semi Final

Kent A v Norfolk– 19 points (176 shots) to 21 points (162 shots)

Premier v Essex – 24 points (180 shots) to 16 points (176 shots)

8/3 – ICC Final

Premier v Cheshire – 18 points (156 shots) to 22 points (170 shots)

Mr Wiedeholz wanted to wish Dave Kruse & the B Team his congratulations as they have remained unbeaten all season, including a 7th year in a row victory against West Sussex for the shield trophy. This was his first season managing the team which made their success all the more impressive. He also expressed congratulations to the A & Premier for a successful season despite their semi final & final ICC defeats respectively. Mr Wiedeholz proposed a reduction in coaches for the county teams next season; he will investigate this with the team managers and report back with confirmatory information at the next meeting.

Information has been received for an ESMBA 'club' championship competition. This will involve between 5 & 10 club bowlers per entry. Games will be played over 2 weekends & could involve travelling to the Midlands. Any interested clubs should contact the County Secretary for further information.

The information relating to the Woodbridge Trophy has been passed to the junior squad managers. Our entry will be confirmed when known.

Initial contact has been made with Belgium & it is hoped that an international county game will be hosted in Kent on the provisional date of 19/20th September 2009. Mr Wiedeholz will contact them with provisional information which will be agreed by both parties no later than June.

Mr Wiedeholz also reported that members had asked if additional coaching was available from established county players; it was agreed that he would create a log noting interested players and if enough people showed interest then an event would be organised.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that the insurance with the ESMBA had been renewed at the end of February for the coming year. Again it was slightly cheaper at £198.

For information, any club wishing to join the scheme would benefit from

- public liability cover of £5m costs £30

The insurance costs being:-

- equipment at £12 per £1000 insured

*** This insurance is only available to affiliated clubs

The Treasurer confirmed that the bank balance currently stood at £15,154.24. With £2552.50 outstanding invoices to pay. Everything else is as forecast and in line with previous season's expenditure.

- (d) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that following an enquiry & subsequent viewing 2 mats have been agreed for purchase by a new club in the Dartford area. These will be collected very shortly.
- (e) **CHILD PROTECTION:** Mr Spelman reported on behalf of Kim Spelman (CPO Officer) that after many months of waiting she still had not received the proper bowling CRB paperwork from the ESMBA. Without this she cannot start the job & wanted to report this as a breach which could result in a serious complaint being logged against the ESMBA.

It was therefore agreed that the Chairman would investigate other ways of pursuing this matter with the bowling fraternity. He would treat this with the highest of urgencies & would report at the next meeting.

- (f) **COACH TRIP TO FRANCE / BELGIUM:** After much discussion the Committee have decided to put this idea on hold, the reason being a significant non-refundable deposit; therefore we must be sure that we can fill a coach. This will be reviewed again in coming meetings.
- (g) **KENT BOWLS PARTNERSHIP / SHORT MAT DEVELOPMENT:** The Chairman reported that the next meeting with the other bowling representatives was scheduled for Monday 23rd March; he will attend and will report any new developments in the next meeting.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **AGM:** The Secretary reported that Langley Village Hall has been booked for the 7th June 2009. This has been confirmed in writing to the affiliated clubs along with information requesting nominations & proposals. These will need to be with the Secretary by 1st April 2009.

The Vice-Chairman asked that the minutes highlight his intention to stand down at the coming AGM; the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for Mr Carpenter's efforts whilst serving on the Committee.

Following a conversation with Mr Barry Baker, the Chairman reported his question to the committee which queried whether the 2006 AGM resolution for honorariums to the Treasurer & Competition Secretary should be noted in the constitution. It was agreed that this would be investigated further as the constitution had not been updated. This will be clarified and reported in the next meeting.

The Secretary reported that she had been contacted by Hildenborough SMBC offering their venue for the 2009/10 AGM. After some discussion it was agreed to offer this to the members present at this years AGM.

- (b) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman reported that Mr Mulcuck was requesting information for the end of season newsletter; it was agreed to hold back until all the domestic finals had been completed. He asked that all the committee consider items for inclusion. This information will need to be sent to Mr Mulcuck before the end of April.

The Chairman read a second letter from Mr Derrick Groom querying the legality of our constitution. The contents have been noted and have been passed to the bowls governing bodies for clarification. The Secretary was asked, on behalf of the Committee, to write to Mr Groom informing him of their decision to seek further advice.

The Secretary confirmed the details of a request by Mr Anns for the use of KCSMBA bowling equipment

at their annual Swale league competition. The use of some equipment was agreed and would be confirmed to Mr Anns by Mr Carpenter.

- (c) **GENERAL:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that Tunbury SMBC is sponsoring a local school with a second hand mat; Tunbury asked if the County would help assist them with some spare equipment. It was agreed that some equipment would be released.

Mrs Davey reported that she has completed foundation level 1 coaching for Short Mat Bowls through the ESMBA. The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulations to Mrs Davey as she is our first Short Mat Coach.

The Chairman reported on behalf of an affiliated club that a good condition second hand 'roll-up' machine was for sale; any interested clubs should contact the Secretary for further information.

Mr Coles questioned whether any members had tendered for the Trophy storage boxes; it was confirmed that this has not happened and that the committee would pursue with the members again as our Trophies need protecting when in store or in transit.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 11th May 2009 in Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 22.20pm.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

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

Any members interested in additional coaching from established county players please contact either the Secretary or Mr Wiedeholz (07966 127054) by 1st June 2009

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!!