

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 20th March 2008 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs S Watson, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mr C England & Mrs I Benton.
2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Mrs J Davey, Mr A Spelman & Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 31st January 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Competition Secretary reported the result for the Club Championships as follows;

Winners – Newington Club (Peter & Maureen Richards & Bev Dillon)
Runner's Up – Langley Club (Bob Whiting, Matt Dillon & Sue Town)

She went on to confirm that due to other commitments she would not be standing as Competition Secretary for next season; the Chairman stated that she would be sadly missed by the committee and our members and thanked her for all the hard work and effort that both her and Mr Watson had put into the job during her term of office.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Team Manager confirmed the following County results;

3/2/08 **Kent A** v Somerset (prelim) – 22 points (189 shots) to 14 points (186 shots).

17/02/08 **Kent Premier** v Avon (Qtr Final) – 27 points (214 shots) to 9 points (132 shots).

02/02/08 **Kent B** v W. Sussex – 30 points (215 shots) to 6 points (132 shots).

02/03/2008 **Kent Premier** v Cheshire (Semi-final) – 16 points (150 shots) to 20 points (178 shots)
Kent A – Cornwall – 20 points (174 shots) to 16 points (156 shots).

08/03/08 **Kent B** v E. Sussex – 23 points (186 shots) to 13 points (175 shots)

09/03/08 **Kent A** v W. Sussex (Final) 11 points (154 shots) to 25 points (180 shots)

15/03/08 **Kent B** v W.Sussex (Competitive Shield) 33 points (254 shots) to 15 points (227 shots)

Mr Wiedeholz reported that the Burt Allard Trophy had now been played, the first semi final was between Rosina Hall and Carol Smith, the second was between Chris Philpott and Stacey Carmichael, the final was between Chris Philpott and Carol Smith with Chris winning 11 points to 8 points; the Under 25's was also played with Matt Dillon, Jason Smith and Gary Best competing. Gary Best won after completing a round robin.
 - (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman read out a report on her behalf: -
February & March, as usual, were busy months. The Race Night held at Burham was a tremendous success, enjoyed by all - £568.60 was raised for the county funds. She thanked Irene Benton, Sonia Watson, Michelle Fitzgerald, Pat Boozer, Sally Benton & Andrea Rycraft for their help.

West Sussex have replied to the Treasurer's letter regarding the cancellation payment levied on a B Team fixture and have kindly agreed to waive this charge. The Treasurer has replied thanking them.

Warman's Leisure Holidays have once again sponsored the new badge holders for 2007/08 season by purchasing 6 new shirts and sent a donation of £95.70. The Secretary will write to thank them.

The insurance of £210 has been paid to the ESMBA; reduced from £243 last year owing to more registered clubs nationally.

Dymchurch & Rye clubs have purchased & collected mats.

Inplay have now supplied and delivered 4 new Verde mats at a price of £2240. This price was from a quote of August 07. The asset register has been updated.

The association bank balance stood at £13,333.99.

*****For the next point Mr Wiedeholz (current County Team Squad Manager) left the room*****

- (d) **TEAM MANAGER:** The secretary confirmed that 2 applications had been received; a date for the interview was agreed. A short list for the selection panel was agreed. The Chairman will contact all from the list to establish their availability and agreement to be involved. Assuming there is more than 5 names the Management Committee will agree the panel.

The Secretary will write to the applicants confirming the interview date and venue. This process should be complete before the next meeting when the Committee will review the panel's nomination and report thereafter.

***** Mr Wiedeholz (current County Team Squad Manager) returned to the meeting*****

- (e) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Watson confirmed that only 8 teams had entered the KCSMBA 20th Anniversary pairs competition; as the aim was to run with 64 teams it was agreed that the 15th April should be the cut-off date to decide whether the competition should go ahead as lack of numbers was a major concern; the Secretary will remind / chase the clubs for entries.
- (f) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** The Chairman confirmed that after speaking to Tony Mulcuck it was agreed that a Bi-annual newsletter would be a good idea and that Mr Mulcuck would be invited to sit in on a meeting prior to the publication to discuss and agree content.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- (a) **SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that his company, Infinis, are at present running a charity scheme with potential for sponsorship; he will be talking to his HR to further our interest.
- (b) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** The Chairman confirmed this would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- (c) **KENT BOWLS DEVELOPMENT MEETING:** The Chairman opened by reporting that the KCSMBA had been invited to sit on a bowls discussion forum with the Kent County Council, this forum included all versions of the sport i.e. Outdoor, Long and Short Mat Bowls.

As the Chairman was unable to attend Mr Carpenter and Mr Wiedeholz went instead and reported the following:-

The meeting was set up to discuss ways of promoting and increasing the exposure of Bowls in Kent. The KCC are potentially looking to develop the sport further and would like all three versions working more closely. It was acknowledged that the 'game of bowls' was generally struggling for members and anything that could promote the game would be looked upon favourably.

Owing to the portable nature of our game it would seem that we may have the most to gain with possible help available from the KCC. Discussions took place covering a range of subjects; the most potential seemed to include a County Game of Long Mat v Short Mat, some promotional exposure for Short Mat in shopping malls and awareness of our existence within the KCC sporting department. Further meetings would be arranged by the KCC in due course.

It was unanimously agreed that we should follow and pursue this as far as we can. Mr Wiedeholz and Mr Carpenter would investigate the county game idea and report back at the next meeting.

- (d) **KENT (& SOUTHERN COUNTIES) v ENGLAND:** The Chairman reported that he has been pursuing the ESMBAs with regards arranging a game in Kent during September 08. He was hopeful of securing this addition to our diary but there is still a number of points to finalise; he will follow up and report back in the next meeting.
- (e) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman confirmed that he had received letters from the British Heart Foundation thanking us for the donations in memory of Mr Percy Wright and Mr Ron Clark.
- On behalf of the Treasurer the Chairman read a letter from Ray Anns confirming his continued interest in using 8 county mats for a Swale League competition. Equipment will be stored in Swale IBC from 25th April to 17th May inclusive.
- (f) **AGM:** The Secretary confirmed that this year's AGM will be held in Langley Village Hall on Sunday 8th June. Letters to all clubs have been sent confirming this along with proposition and proposal requests which are due for application no later than 1st April.
- (g) **GENERAL:** Mr Wiedeholz requested that the Committee review the team uniforms, specifically the knock out stages plus having a ladies version of the current county team bowls shirt. After a brief discussion it was agreed to review this at the start of the next team manager's term.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Wednesday 7th May 2008 at Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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!!