

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 20th July 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, Mr C England & Mrs I Benton.

2. APOLOGIES None.

Before the meeting commenced, the Chairman, for the benefit of the members who were not in attendance at this year's AGM, wanted to minute the sad passing of our President, Ted Messer. He passed away 24th May 2009 & will be sadly missed by all.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11th May 2009 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported all bookings have been made with Strood Leisure Centre for the coming season.

Information has been sent to all clubs regarding the 2009/10 domestic competitions, ICC & all other competitions being held in Strood. A report has been sent to Tony Mulcuck (newsletter editor) of all the coming dates together with a list of last years competition winners.

Mrs Watson stated that nothing has been done with the organisation of the open pairs & open fours being held at Strood; this is due to the fact that an organiser has not been agreed yet.

During a conversation with Mr Ray Anns, he expressed concern about the timing of the open pairs. The suggested date will clash with the Swale competitions; This will mean that the equipment will need to be moved back & forth four times. This would be difficult to organise logistically, this was a concern to him. As Swale make a healthy donation for the use of our equipment, it was agreed to investigate if the open pairs could be held in Swale IBC during the same period therefore avoiding this issue. Mrs Watson will review this & report back at the next meeting.

(b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that he had received correspondence from the Belgium representatives who are interested in playing Kent. However, the timing did not suit them as they could only find 10-12 bowlers. On this basis it was agreed to defer & investigate again for 2010/11 season.

Mr Wiedeholz went on to report that 30 availability forms have been returned from the county bowlers so far. With the previously agreed junior addition to the B Team, Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that the four known juniors have been written to requesting their availability.

Following these communications, a letter was received from Roger Selleck, querying the playing formats for the juniors last year; Mr Wiedeholz will respond with appropriate answers. A similar letter was received by the secretary from Kensing SMBC; the secretary will respond accordingly.

Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that he had sent a report to Mr Mulcuck for the Newsletter.

(c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported her pleasure at receiving further sponsorship money from Warman's Holidays for last years new badges; the sum received was £95.70 which was used for their new shirts. This was the 5th year that Warman's has sponsored the county & was greatly appreciated. It was agreed that the secretary would write & thank them.

A letter from Mr Ray Anns on behalf of the Swale league had been received by Mrs Davey thanking the committee for the loan of our bowling equipment. A £250 donation has been received from Swale league.

A forecast sheet was presented to the committee confirming the present bank balance as £13,144.82. The Chairman asked that a thanks to Mrs Davey is minuted for her forecast.

The Treasurer requested that the committee organise a mat cleaning & sorting morning in Strood prior to the new season.

Mrs Davey passed a flyer to the secretary detailing the 3-2-1 competition & Autumn Triples for distribution with this set of minutes.

- (d) **CRB UPDATE:** The Chairman confirmed that Alfie Spleman, Kim Spelman & Jan Davey had all been CRB checked. However, there was a delay preventing the rest of the committee making their applications. It was therefore agreed that he would pursue this & report back at the next meeting.

Mrs Davey queried the process and if there was anything we could do to speed up the exercise? The Chairman volunteered to investigate with Mr Richard Boorman, a local bowls verifier.

After some discussion it was agreed that Kent's CPO Officer would be invited to the next meeting for a general update. The secretary will contact her.

- (e) **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.
- (f) **GENERAL FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton confirmed that she is still looking for appropriate available dates to run another 'Race Night'. This is proving a challenge due to congested dates during the season.
- (g) **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. The Chairman confirmed that a review meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th July & will be reported at the next meeting.
- (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.

The general format has been agreed as 'outdoor v indoor v short mat v Dartford bowls club' & the location agreed as Dartford Stone Lodge & will be played on 26th September 2009. It will be competitive & played on all three surfaces. Unfortunately meetings have been delayed & are now re-scheduled for the 4th August; he will attend and will report in the next meeting.

- (i) **KCSMBA WEBSITE:** The Chairman reported that our website will now accept 'for sale' bowls items from affiliated clubs & registered players, anyone wishing to post an advert should contact Mick Sayer. There will be no charge for this service.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **ESMBA AGM:** The Chairman reported that both he & Mrs Watson had attended the recent ESMBA AGM in Northampton. The main points of note were that following a challenge for Chair, Mr Hopkins won the support of the members & continues in this role.

Both General Secretary & Coaching Director resigned from their posts & were not filled. Anyone interested should contact the Kent Chairman for further information.

A rules revision meeting also followed with a number of minor changes agreed to the rule book. These will be applicable for the coming season; the ESMBA will publish these in due course.

- (b) **SHORT MAT IN MOTE PARK IBC:** The Chairman confirmed that contact had been received from Mote Park regarding the starting up of a short mat section within their club. They are looking for help & support from KCSMBA in the form of loaned equipment. It was agreed that the Chairman would continue discussions & report back at the next meeting.
- (c) **PRESIDENT:** Noting the passing of our President, it was agreed by the committee that members should be asked to consider future nominations for this post. Any propositions should reflect the criteria set

down in the constitution & ideally will be for someone who has many years' service & experience with the association. Questions & nominations to be forwarded to the Secretary.

- (d) **PRESENTATION DAY:** It was agreed to run this event on the same basis as last year i.e. 3 county teams & 1 Chairman select team. Mr Carpenter will contact the Kent Messenger to request a photographer. Mrs Benton will organise a raffle & Target bowls.

It was agreed that Aford Awards would be asked to prepare our winners & runners up trophies again. Mr Coles would organise this on behalf of the committee.

- (e) **COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:** The Secretary agreed to forward a full years worth of dates; this would hopefully make planning easier for all concerned.

- (f) **CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from Alan, Jack & June Faulkner has been received by the Secretary in thanks for the use of the KCSMBA equipment during a Demelza House Charity event.

Kent TV – Mr Coles will investigate if we can effectively organise a regular slot; he will report back at the next meeting.

A question of support at starting up a Short Mat Bowls session from a Healthy Living branch in Dartford had been received and will be reviewed by Mr Coles and then reported upon at the next meeting.

- (g) **GENERAL:** With regards next years coach bookings for the County Teams; it was agreed that Mr Coles and Mr Carpenter would seek quotations & report back at the next meeting.

Mr Coles raised his concern at the lack of protection our trophies are given when being transported. After some discussion it was agreed that member carpenters would be asked to quote for wooden transport/packing boxes. Mr England and the Secretary will investigate & report back.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 21st September 2009 in Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 22.05

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

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!!