

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 26th July 2007 at Kingswood.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr E Messer, Mrs J Davey, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Mr C England, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz & Mr T Coles.
2. APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 31st May 2007 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson opened her report by confirming a change of date on one of the 4's group dates; it has been moved from the 6th October to 21st October. A flyer communicating this has been posted to all clubs. She also confirmed 2 quotes for trophies; R&D £443 plus engraving & Online Trophies at £471.30 plus engraving. After some discussion it was agreed to continue using Aford Awards who quoted £500 all inclusive.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGERS REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz opened his report by confirming that Kent had missed out on the Summer league final by 1 shot (against Essex), the final was won by Northampton.

He also reported that a Kent select team played Snodland on the 8th July to celebrate their 20th anniversary; Kent won 16-0 overall 107 shots to 47 shots. It was a good day and he expressed his thanks to Snodland Club and its members.

Some dates have already been confirmed for the junior team; however, two dates remain free for any club wishing to play them (Saturday 8th March & Sunday 6th April 2008). Any interested clubs to contact Mark Wiedeholz or Sam Philpott on 01634 264904 or 01634 310088 respectively.

Owing to our A Team playing against the England Squad on 2nd September it was agreed to cancel this date from the county team calendar; players will be advised in due course.

Sadly, Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that neither Chris nor he had been able to visit Hawkinge to meet and discuss the two letters received at the last meeting. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to apologise and that both would visit before the next meeting.

The sample stickers for the Juniors are yet to arrive; this will be reviewed again at the next meeting.
 - (c) **COUNTY TEAM FLAGS:** Various quotes had been collected for new flags however during this process it was highlighted that a cheaper option may be silk screened banners. It was agreed that Mr Coles would get comparative quotes and that this would be reviewed at the next meeting.

It was also agreed that Mr Rycraft would check with Strood Leisure to see if a large banner would be allowed on their hall wall; again to be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - (d) **STROOD & EQUIPMENT:** The racking is now installed and complete. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed by the committee to Mick Spurgeon.

Mr Coles had received various quotes for 38 x Velcro straps (2 needed per mat) the cheapest being £3.50 each from Inplay. Mr Messer agreed to check what his club paid & report back & Mrs Watson agreed to review a cost for a hand made version.

In future Strood Leisure will provide squash in addition to coffee & Tea during county games; Mrs Davey agreed to re-issue refreshment vouchers for the County Manager. They have also agreed to help sponsor our presentation day with a £100 booking reduction.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (e) **ASSET REGISTER:** All items relevant for this held by the committee have now been passed & logged by the Treasurer; this leaves the equipment in Strood & the outside storage (i.e. Trailer). Mrs Davey will arrange a meeting in Strood with other members of the committee for a full review; this will be completed before the next meeting. It was agreed to note that Mrs Davey (i.e. the Treasurer) is now responsible for logging and keeping an accurate record of County equipment and its location.

- (a) **TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer informed the Committee that she has received a letter which was read to the committee and a cheque for £250 from Mr Ray Anns, Treasurer of the Swale League, for the hire & upkeep of the trailer & mats. Grateful thanks were particularly expressed to Mr England for his help in transporting the mats.

A new mandate needs to be put in place for signing of cheques. The Treasurer asked the committee to resolve that NatWest be requested to continue to act on behalf of the association. This was agreed. The Chairman, according to the constitution, must be one of the authorised signatories and therefore needs to complete identification and address verification details, plus one other person. It was agreed that Mr Carpenter would be the other signatory.

She went on to say that she had received forms for Medway Council for their small grant scheme for replacement of mats & equipment. Maximum available is £1000. Copies of the child/adult and equal opportunities policies were needed.

The Treasurer gave out copies of her report for the years 2004/2007 for the committee's later perusal explaining that 2007/2008 was going to be a very difficult year financially if we were going to achieve all our objectives.

She finished her report by saying that the racking at Strood was finished at a cost of £931.

- (b) **PRESENTATION DAY:** After some discussion it was agreed that this day would be run as a 4 team event (County Premier, A, B and Challenge Team); each team would consist of 20 players and the format would be based around triples and pairs. There will be 4 sessions with the official presentation for our domestic County champions, domestic Club Champions, the junior Bert Allard memorial, under 18's & under 25's; the presentation includes both winners & runner ups & is scheduled for the lunch period. Our President Mr Ted Messer will present the winners.

Mark Wiedeholz will organise & delegate captains for the 3 county teams and Jan Davey will organise the challenge team (this team will include any non badged winners or runners up, juniors and other players as required).

Mr Rycraft confirmed that the Kent Messenger has agreed to attend and Mr England will also take photos of our winners and runners up for our records; these pictures will be available on the day for a nominal charge. Players will be charged £5.00 for the day.

Mr Carpenter and Mrs Davey will organise the playing order for the day whilst Mrs Benton is organising a raffle...****ALL DONATIONS WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED****

Mr Rycraft will arrange an umpire whilst Miss Fitzgerald will design a flyer to advertise the event.

****PLEASE ALSO NOTE ANYONE WISHING TO WATCH & ATTEND ARE WELCOME****

- (c) **UMPIRE / RULES & REGULATIONS OFFICER:** After his appointment as Chairman at this year's AGM Mr Rycraft wrote to the county umpires asking for volunteers or nominations. Only one name has been put forward; he will therefore ask for ratification from the umpires. Assuming this goes through without incident a new officer will be introduced at the next meeting.
- (d) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton agreed to be responsible for county fund raising & agreed to consider some ideas for review at the next meeting.

- (e) **SPEAKER SYSTEM:** As we now have a safe and secure cupboard in our new racking, it was agreed that the speaker system would be stored in Strood for use by the Competition Secretary. Mrs Davey agreed to re-locate it before the first event this season.
- (f) **TROPHIES:** It was discussed that the County domestic trophies are original and may be due a refurbishment; it was decided that the committee would look at them whilst they are all together on the presentation day. A decision would follow.
- (g) **COUNTY TEAM SPONSORSHIP:** As it has been a number of seasons since J Dowle Fencing & GSE financially sponsored the Premier & A Teams it was decided that the secretary would write to establish their future intentions.
- (h) **NEW JUNIORS:** Should any club have any unregistered juniors who wish to play in the Kent youth Squad would they please contact Mrs Sam Philpott 01634 310088 or Mr Chris England on 01622 730455
- (i) **COACHES:** Mr Carpenter confirmed some prices for the County team away games; after some discussion it was agreed to use R & J Coaches.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 30th August 2007 at Kingswood, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 11.15pm.

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***

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