

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 28th July 2008 at Langley Village Hall

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

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

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 16th June 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that all trophies with the exception of one have been passed to Mr Coles. So far there have been three club entries into the Club Championships; she also confirmed that a new club had entered for the first time - Park Farm from Ashford.

All Strood Leisure competition dates were confirmed and can be found on the website. The amended Presentation Day was confirmed as Sunday 5th October. She passed over copies of the Autumn Triples poster; the secretary will forward these to the clubs with the minutes.

Due to issues with finish times she confirmed that the four home county game dates in Strood had been booked until 5pm; would all the team captains ensure that equipment is away in the given time.

(b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that the summer league have now played three out of the four games; the third game being against Northants which Kent lost 16 points (156 shots) to 20 points (156 shots); with one game to go Kent are top of the league by 14 points.

(c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that it has been a quiet month, she handed a finance report out to the committee; some financial ideas were expressed for the next four years.
** if any member has any ideas what county equipment they would like purchased please contact the Secretary / Treasurer **

She went on to confirm that the stock check list has been updated with the exception of footmats & junior shirts; after some discussion it was agreed that Mrs Davey should get some quotes for new footmats & jacks.

(d) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** The Chairman confirmed that Mr Mulcuck was unable to attend this meeting due to prior commitments; the Chairman asked the committee to supply a few bits of information for the next newsletter which were noted and will be passed to Tony for his next publication.

(e) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that he had organised another mat sale between meetings to Hollingbourne SMBC; the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his efforts in selling this excess county equipment.

If any clubs are interested it was also confirmed that the association still has 5 mats for sale.

(g) **KENT & SOUTHERN COUNTIES v ENGLAND:** Due to the number of players required Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that he has contacted our neighbouring counties for their player availabilities; East & West Sussex are the only responses so far.

A menu was passed to the Chairman so he can forward it to the England squad.

(h) **GENERAL FUND RAISING:** The following events for the forthcoming season were confirmed;-

Bowls & Brains – 3rd January 2009 at Snodland
Autumn Triples – 25th October 2008 at Snodland
KCSMBA Open Competition – 17th May 2009 at Strood

Race Night – Date to be confirmed at Burham.

- (i) **AGM:** Following the last meeting, the Chairman confirmed that he had visited Harrietsham to discuss the voting discrepancy. Despite a '19 year precedent' whereby voting was restricted to members who were Kent registered to an affiliated club which allowed them to vote at an AGM (i.e. it is not permissible for a member to vote on behalf of a club of which they are a member but not Kent registered) it was felt that the constitution was 'woolly and grey' on this matter and therefore after much discussion it was agreed that next years AGM would also include an EGM to clarify this situation.

Noting this point the management committee decided to go ahead with the proposal request which asked for a change to the point scoring system - specifically asking for something whereby all players received something for entering. As the proposal had been left open for the management committee's interpretation it was agreed that from 2008/09 season the following would be added:-

- i) All entries to receive 1 point per open discipline (i.e. Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours)
- ii) When required 'Best round losers' will receive 1 point for qualification to the finals day.

The Chairman asked the members to note how big this job (i.e. Competition Secretary) is and that this additional work is adding to the burden. Despite her massive concerns to the task Mrs Watson gave these ideas her support though she asked for it to be noted that any other significant increase in workload may result in her resignation as the job could become 'too big'.

The Chairman commented that this was a particular concern as no volunteers for this position were received at this year's AGM. He therefore asked the members to be aware of this in future when proposals are made.

- (j) **SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS:** Mr Wiedeholz confirmed that his employer Infinis would be sending a one off payment for £500.00 toward the running of our Junior teams. A unanimous vote of thanks was given to Mr Wiedeholz by the committee.
- (k) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** After a brief update and discussion it was agreed to formally accept an independent qualified volunteer for the post; the Chairman will write to the candidate to confirm their acceptance and agreement to their name being published through the association.

NB – Until this is agreed the management committee did not feel it appropriate to confirm details.

- (l) **CRANBROOK LEISURE CENTRE:** Mr England confirmed that the centre looked ideal for Short Mat and is trying to organise an exhibition game with the Junior squad and surrounding clubs. Anyone interested in attending should note that this will be played on the morning of the 17th August in Cranbrook Leisure Centre.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **KENT BOWLS DEVELOPMENT MEETING:** The Chairman confirmed his attendance of a meeting held on the 3rd July; he reported on a number of ideas discussed by the various bowls associations within Kent, a particular possibility being a central website for all the bowls variations. The next meeting is to be confirmed and will be reported when known.
- (b) **STROOD LEISURE CENTRE:** The Chairman reported that a meeting between himself and Strood had taken place where they expressed their intention for a 5 year deal commencing season 2010/11. The only change being a request for a 20% increase on hall charges and a slight change to refreshments during county games. After much discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would try to reduce this increase and report back at the next meeting.
- (c) **KENT TV WEBSITE:** The Chairman confirmed that after a recent visit to the Kent County Show a further potential media outlet had been noted; Mr Carpenter agreed to investigate further and report back.
- (d) **WEBSITE:** The Chairman asked for agreement that we make an acknowledgement to donators (i.e. R & J Coaches, Tonbridge & Malling Council & Aford Awards) for the 2007-08 season on the first page of

our website; it was agreed that this would be organised and that Mr Coles would arrange this with Mr Sayer. This could then be repeated each year when applicable.

- (e) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman read a letter from Mick Spurgeon Hamstreet SMBC querying the method and cut-off level for last season. The Chairman will write back confirming the reasons behind the decisions.

The Chairman also read a letter from St Mary's Island Active Retirement Association (SAINTARA) that confirmed their verbal discussion whereby they are looking for help in starting a new bowls club. After some discussion it was agreed to support this 'start up' project with the loan of a mat. The Chairman will contact them and arrange in due course.

The Chairman lastly read a letter from the Kent ARA (Kent Active Retirement Association) governing body; requesting information on the KCSMBA; it was agreed that we would help them with as much information as possible in the hope that new clubs and members may follow.

- (e) **GENERAL:** Mr Carpenter confirmed that he had contacted R & J Coaches requesting their prices for the coming season coach contract; as yet their prices had not been received.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 8th September 2008 at Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

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!!

NB – CHANGE OF DATE

KCSMBA PRESENTATION DAY IS NOW SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

BEING HELD IN STROOD LEISURE CENTRE – ALL WELCOME!