

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 31st January 2008 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs J Davey, Mrs S Watson, Mr A Spelman, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz & 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 6th December 2007 be accepted. A change to the B Team game against Essex should read Kent B 24 points (183 shots); Essex 12 points (154 shots). The minutes were then agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Competition Secretary stated that the Singles round robins were now completed with 34 mat winners and 30 best round losers to go through to final. The Pairs round robin has also completed with 32 teams going forward to final.

So far 26 teams have entered the Club Championships competition. The Committee welcomed 2 new entrants of St Mary's Bay and Shadoxhurst; entries will be limited to 32 teams.

She went on to confirm that we have been allocated one singles place, one pairs place & one Under 18's entry in the Nationals; there are no Triples or Fours entry this year.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** The Team Manager confirmed the following County results;

Kent Premier v East Sussex – 22 points (178 shots) to 14 points (155 shots); winning this meant the Premier team were unbeaten in the round robin and will now play the quarter final against Avon on the 17th February.

Kent A v Hampshire – 28 points (189 shots) to 8 points (165 shots); winning this was not enough to get to the top spot, this meant playing a preliminary round against Norfolk on the 27th January; they won this 25 points (181 shots) to 11 points (161 shots) and will play the quarter final against Somerset on the 3rd February.

Kent B v W. Sussex – 12 points to 24 points; unfortunately this was the B team's first loss of the season.

Kent Juniors v Hampshire – 18 points (175 shots) to 10 points (120 shots)

12/01/08 **Kent B** v Essex – 29 points (208 shots) to 7 points (154 shots)

19/01/08 **Kent Premier** v **Kent A** 26 points (183 shots) to 10 points (152 shots)

Mr Wiedeholz went on to say that the Summer league will be played between the last week in May and the first week in August; the home games will be played at Burham. He also confirmed that he had received the 2008/9 diary from the ESMBA; these were passed to the Competition Secretary and to the B Team Manager for consideration for next year's hall & match bookings.

The Secretary confirmed that our enquiry for entering a second 'A' team into the ICC Championship had been received by the ESMBA and will be considered at their next meeting.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported the Bowls & Brains run at Christmas was very successful and enjoyed by all; the winners were the Tunbury team of Sue Smith, Alan Ellis and Derek Carpenter whilst the runners up were a team from Boughton Monchelsea David Holt, Warwick & Sylvia Ball. The event was once again oversubscribed. A profit of £304 was made towards the purchase of new equipment.

She went on to report that the Premier Team flag has been repaired at a cost of £50. Thanks were expressed to Mr Messer for arranging this.

The Treasurer wanted it noted that with regret she had to report both applications for grants for new equipment had been refused by Medway Council; despite this the Treasurer proposed that the purchase of four new mats and sixteen footmats should go ahead this financial year as originally planned. Committee agreed.

The Treasurer had devised a poster for the 20th anniversary competition which was approved by the Committee; the Secretary will send to clubs with the minutes.

- (d) **SHOP:** Mrs Benton reported that interest had slowed though the response was still good.
- (e) **TEAM MANAGER:** The secretary confirmed that at present 2 applications had been received; this will be reviewed again at the next meeting after the closing date.
- (f) **ASSET REGISTER:** The Treasurer reported that this was up to date and had not changed since the last meeting.
- (g) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman reported that he had received offers from Dymchurch & Rye clubs for one mat each. After some discussion it was agreed to accept their offers.

Mr Wiedeholz reported that he had been approached by a potential new start up club who enquired about borrowing or hiring equipment during their start up. After some discussion it was agreed that if surplus equipment was still available at the time then we would help them. Mr Wiedeholz to investigate further.

It was also agreed to send 'for sale' flyers with these minutes to all clubs.

The county still has a surplus of equipment should any members or clubs wish to purchase.

- (h) **FUND RAISING:** The KCSMBA 20th Anniversary pairs competition was confirmed for Sunday 18th May 2008. This will be open to all registered bowlers.

Mrs Benton re-affirmed that a 'Supper & Race Night' has been booked for Saturday 23rd February 2008 in Burham Village Hall. She asked to highlight that anyone interested in coming should buy their tickets asap as space was running short.

- (i) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** A final version was agreed and will be published with these minutes.

After some discussion it was agreed that this newsletter would best be suited on a bi-annual basis; once at the start of the season and once toward the end. To ensure good communication with the editor Mr Mulcuck it was agreed that prior to publication he would be invited to a meeting. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Mulcuck to further this idea.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **KCSMBA BENEFITS OF JOINING FLYER:** The Secretary reported that this flyer had been sent to non affiliated clubs; despite a few acknowledgements no club has re-joined the association. It was agreed that this could be an annual communication.

Mr Coles confirmed that Aford Awards would have these flyers on display for customers; unanimous thanks were passed to them on behalf of the K.C.S.M.B.A.

- (b) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** Mr Spelman reported that the ESMBA document covered all aspects of this situation and suggested we simply adopt their policy en bloc. After some discussion it was agreed that the following wording would be added into our constitution:-

"The Kent County Short Mat Bowling Association is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of short mat bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the joint child protection policy and procedures of the National Governing Body. Full details and copies are available by request"

Mr Spelman confirmed that it was normal practice for a member to be independently responsible for

following the policy. This position will need to be defined and filled. This would be discussed further at the next meeting.

- (c) **CLUB MAPS:** Mrs Benton asked if the committee would support the creation of a club directory. It was agreed that Mrs Benton and Mrs Watson would draft a template for the next meeting to discuss further.
- (d) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman reported that he had received a letter of complaint and resignation from a county player following their receipt of a non attendance letter for one of the pre-season games. These letters are sent to players who initially confirm their availability but fail to attend which results in delayed starts and changes to the days play. He also confirmed that he had phoned the correspondent to discuss but sadly could not persuade this person to change their mind.

Mr Carpenter presented a letter requesting the hire of equipment for use in a friendly game in Swale Indoor Bowls Club on behalf of the friends of Norfolk. Committee agreed.

Following the receipt of an invoice for a cancelled game during the last meeting the Treasurer confirmed that she had written to West Sussex requesting that this fee is waived; as yet she did not have any more information and will report again in the next meeting.

- (e) **AGM:** The committee agreed to their preferred location for this years AGM; it was agreed that the Secretary would check availability and confirm back at the next meeting.
- (f) **LOCKABLE KEY SAFE:** To assist with the security of our equipment in Strood Mr Spelman offered the Association the use of a lockable key safe. This would be number coded and would record who had last used it. This would need to be secured to the racking, after which it could be used. The committee to arrange asap.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 20th March 2008 at Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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!!