

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 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 & Mrs I Benton.
2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Carpenter, Mr A Spelman, Mr C England & Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that due to the lack of numbers, Kent only organised singles, pairs & under 18 singles in the National Local heats, the round robins for these were held at Ryarsh Village Hall, results as follows;

Singles – Winner, Jody Frampton, Runner up, Gary Best  
Pairs – Winners, Gary Allard & Linda Wynn, Runners up, Jody Frampton & Gary Best  
Under 18's – Winner Carol Smith, Runner Up Andrew Rodgers  
Despite the limited numbers, she confirmed entry fees covered all costs.

She went on to report that the county competitions singles, pairs & triples round robins are now completed with the last round of the fours being carried out on 8<sup>th</sup> February; to date no problems have arisen. She queried if we had enough juniors to hold this years Burt Allard competition; as the number of juniors are limited, Mr Wiedeholz has promised to investigate & report back to the committee.

So far 13 entries have been received for the Club Championships & one entry for the open Pairs competition being held in May.

For clarity she asked how points are to be allocated when substitutes play; after some discussion it was agreed that the substitute would only receive the mat points if they qualified or the knock out points if they played in the last stages (i.e. the point for entering would go to the original player).

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported the following County results:-

**6/12**

Essex v Kent B – 14 points (154 shots) to 26 points (198 shots)

**7/12**

Premier v London – 32 points (215 shots) to 8 points (122 shots)

Hants v Kent A – 11 points (141 shots) to 29 points (189 shots)

B Team v Surrey – 29 points (201 shots) to 11 points (154 shots)

**14/12**

Premier v East Sussex - 40 points (243 shots) to 0 points (119 shots)

A Team v East Sussex – 36 points (247 shots) to 4 points (125 shots)

B Team v West Sussex – 24 points (192 shots) to 16 points (161 shots)

**10/01**

East Sussex v Premier – 18 points (166 shots) to 22 points (165 shots)

**11/01**

Hants v Kent A – 21 points (178 shots) to 19 points (171 shots)

**31/01**

ICC Pre-Lim - Kent A v Oxfordshire – 32 points (213 shots) to 8 points (151 shots)

West Sussex v Kent B – 20 points (169 shots) to 20 points (163 shots)

He asked that the minutes highlighted that the B Team continued with a 100% record and that the Inter County Championship knock out draw had been confirmed with the Kent A playing the West Midlands on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February & the Premier playing Somerset on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

He also wanted to express disappointment from himself and his deputy managers that the commitment of players was below their expectations and it had upset a few players.

The ICC Summer league had only received 2 entries and was therefore unlikely to run in its original format; the ESMBA are looking at a new format based around club teams which would consist of a pair, triple and a four on a home and away basis. After some discussion it was agreed that more format information was required before we could confirm our entry.

ICC group dates have been confirmed for next season, which are as follows:-

- 1) Sun 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009– Kent Premier home to London, Kent A home to East Sussex
- 2) Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Kent Premier & Kent A away to West Sussex
- 3) Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Kent Premier & Kent A home to West Sussex
- 4) Weekend 14/15<sup>th</sup> November – Kent Premier away to London, Kent A away to Hants
- 5) Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Kent A away to East Sussex
- 6) Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Kent Premier away to East Sussex
- 7) Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Kent Premier home to East Sussex, Kent A home to Hants

As the Premier & A teams only have 3 home games it is likely that the B team will need a number of games in a smaller venue, the location and dates will be confirmed later.

He proposed a vote of thanks to Sam Philpott & Alfie Spelman for their efforts on a junior day held in Strood on 14<sup>th</sup> December. He also confirmed that Mr Mulcuck (Ditton SMBC) had been promoting short mat bowls in a local school in Ditton; initial interest from the pupils was excellent with 25-30 children taking part. Mr Wiedeholz will liaise with Tony to follow this up officially.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that the Bowls & Brains was an enjoyable day. £234.50 had been raised for the County funds; a vote of thanks to Sonia Watson, Michelle Fitzgerald, Snodland SMBC and Anne Swaisland for their valuable help during the day. Thanks were also offered to all the players for their good spirit and sportsmanship.

Tonbridge and Malling Council had written to confirm that due to financial restraints they were not offering any grants or awards this year; therefore our £400 application had been rejected.

She reported that the recent purchase of 11 good second hand carpets had been completed and mats were now available for purchase by our members. It was also confirmed that the Secretary had purchased a new printer following the breakdown of her previous one.

The Treasurer confirmed the bank balance currently stood at £16,362.36.

- (d) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that following a successful campaign all of the initial excess equipment had now been sold. Enquiries continued to flow for second hand carpets with a new application from a club in Bexley being the latest; they are looking to purchase 2 good second hand mats. Now that we have mats available again the Chairman will contact them to review their interest.
- (e) **CHILD PROTECTION:** The Chairman reported that a policy statement relating to Children / Vulnerable Adults and articles or photographs relating to them was now shown on the website. The Webmaster would follow this guideline in future.

He also confirmed that the CPO officer asked to attend the next meeting for a general update, agreed unanimously.

- (f) **UPDATED CONSTITUTION:** The Chairman reported the ESMBA Chairman had now reported back on our constitution and was happy with it and found it to be in line with the sport in general. He did highlight one small discrepancy with vocabulary relating to section 7.6. Specifically the Chairman 'Presiding' over the meeting; he suggested we might want to correct this as the Chairman must 'Chair' the meeting. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee would raise this at the next AGM for clarification.
- (g) **SHORT MAT DEVELOPMENT:** After some discussion on how we could continue to promote our sport in Kent it was agreed to communicate with the Indoor Clubs in Kent and see if they would like our assistance in creating a 'Short Mat' section within their clubs. Mr Coles would try to establish some

contact names and report back at the next meeting.

The Chairman asked if we thought that a link from our website to the other versions of bowls in Kent might be appropriate; it was agreed that the Chairman would ask them if they wanted a reciprocal agreement and report back at the next meeting.

- (h) **COACH TRIP TO FRANCE / BELGIUM:** Mrs Watson confirmed that she had investigated prices for coach trips to France / Belgium; final figures are to be confirmed but it is looking like £25 per head.

After some discussion the committee agreed that it was important to confirm a date; Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September was agreed and will be formalised shortly with a flyer that will detail deposits, collection point and timings. This will be open to members and non members and will be 'first come first served'

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **AGM:** The Secretary confirmed that dates & locations needed consideration again. It was agreed that we try to book Langley Village Hall for the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2009. She will confirm this at the next meeting.

To ensure that the officers' reports don't duplicate information, the Chairman asked that reports are confirmed to the rest of the committee prior to the AGM. Agreed unanimously.

For clarity Mrs Davey suggested that a 'voting nomination form' is sent to the clubs when the agenda is issued. This form would be required by the chosen club delegates on the AGM day as proof they have permission from their club to vote and would prevent any confusion with regards voters being members of a club that they are not registered with. This was agreed unanimously.

- (b) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Mrs Watson reported that she had received information from Tonbridge & Malling Council for a 'Club Sports Fayre' After some discussion it was agreed that she ask if Mr Mulcuck could help and attend this opportunity.

The Secretary reported that the ESMBA had announced vacancies on their committee; as such they were looking for nominations at the next AGM. Anyone interested should contact the Secretary for more information.

- (c) **GENERAL:** The Chairman reported that minutes are now available to read on the website.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 19th March 2009 at Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 22.05pm.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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