

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 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 & Mrs I Benton.
2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Mr C England, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz & Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2007 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Competition Secretary stated that there were no issues to report regarding the competitions; the club championships have been confirmed for 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008. The Burt Allard Trophy/ West Sussex Shield played by the B Team will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Mrs Watson enquired about a possible additional pairs competition that would be run for non county players. After some discussion this was agreed to be a good idea and will be investigated further and reported on in the next meeting.

It was also confirmed that due to lack of support the National Triples & Fours would not be held in Kent this year; teams that have entered this *may* be given the opportunity to enter via another county, ESMBA will confirm.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** In the absence of the Team Manager, the Secretary confirmed the following County results;

27/10/07 **Kent Premier** v East Sussex – 21 points (160 shots) to 15 points (158 shots)  
**Kent A** v West Sussex – 10 points (148 shots) to 26 points (211 shots)  
**Kent B** v Essex - 12 points (154 shots) to 24 points (183 shots)

3/11/07 **Kent A** v East Sussex - 13 points (151shots) to 23 points (163 shots)

4/11/07 **Kent Premier** v London 24 points (202 shots) to 12 points (163 shots)  
**Kent B** v London - 21 points (184 shots) to 15 points (172 shots)

17/9/07 **Kent B** v East Sussex – 28 points (256 shots) to 8 points (122 shots)

25/11/07 **Burwash Under 18's Singles Competition;** this was held at Grovelands School and had 14 entrants from 4 different counties, there were 3 Kent entrants; Christopher Wood (Teynham), Christopher Philpott (Balfour) and Edward Selleck (Kemsing). Both Chris's got through the round robins to progress into the Qtr finals. Edward who has only been playing for 3 months unfortunately lost 3 games and drew 1 game. Christopher Wood came up against last year's winner and lost 10-7; Christopher Philpott won his Qtr Final 17-1 but lost his semi-final 8-7. The Final was won by last year's winner 13-4.

1/12/07 **Kent Premier** v Surrey – 26 points (204 shots) to 10 points (159 shots)  
**Kent A** v Surrey – 21 points (180 shots) to 15 points (163 shots)  
**Kent B** v Surrey - 23 points (198 shots) to 13 points (150 shots)  
**Kent Juniors** v Club teams B. Monchelsea, Downswood & Hollingbourne – 13 points (153) to 15 points (153 shots)

Mr Wiedeholz asked if the committee would support an application for entering a second 'A' team into the ICC Championship; after some discussion it was agreed to make this request to the ESMBA.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported 3 mats had been sold for £450; further to the previous meeting she confirmed that the association insurance was comprehensive with all risks covered;

equipment was insured with this policy even when in storage. She also confirmed that whenever equipment was moved for hire that Mr Peter Winter from the ESMBA should be informed in writing so that the insurers could be notified. Movements of equipment would not incur extra charges. The Chairman queried if this cover included theft; she confirmed that it did.

- (d) **FINANCE REPORT:** The Chairman asked the Treasurer for all future meetings to include a detailed financial summary within her report; after some discussion it was agreed that a new reporting template would be completed by the Treasurer for committee use. Headline figures would then be reported in each set of minutes.
- (e) **SHOP:** Mrs Benton reported that initial interest was good and her feeling was that it was a popular asset to our members.
- (f) **TEAM MANAGER:** It was confirmed that the current contract expires at the end of this winter season. After some discussion and as per the constitution it was agreed to advertise within minutes that any interested parties should make their application in writing to the Secretary no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008. This process would include the current Manager should he wish to continue. Following receipt of applicants an independent interview panel will be organised by the committee.
- (g) **COUNTY FLAG / BANNER:** The Chairman reported that Strood Leisure Centre had agreed to this idea and would help contribute to the cost; this was agreed to be reviewed again next year.
- (h) **ASSET REGISTER:** The Treasurer reported that this was up to date and had not changed since the last meeting. The Secretary confirmed that 22 rule books had been sold from her stock since the last meeting.
- (i) **PRESENTATION DAY:** The Secretary confirmed that the non attendees had been written to and that the association should hear from them in due course.
- (j) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Treasurer requested that an advert be added to our notice board in Strood; the Secretary will forward a 'for sale' notice to her for this purpose. The county still has a surplus of equipment should any members or clubs wish to purchase.
- (k) **FUND RAISING:** The KCSMBA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pairs competition was confirmed for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008. This will be open to all registered bowlers.

Mrs Benton confirmed that 'Supper & Race Night' has been booked for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 in Burham Village Hall, further information will accompany these minutes.

- (l) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** Tony Mulcuck forwarded a draft copy which the Committee approved; a unanimous thank you was offered by the Committee. A full copy will be published to the members following these minutes. The Chairman will contact Tony to finalise the details and publishing dates.

#### 5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **KCSMBA BENEFITS OF JOINING FLYER:** The Chairman had previously aired a concern with regards reducing members and affiliating clubs; he therefore produced a draft presentation that he felt might help 'sell' the benefits of our Association to the non affiliated members within Kent. After some discussion it was agreed that this and a membership form would be forwarded by the Secretary to those clubs and reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- (b) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** After some discussion it was agreed that a separate working party would be set up to suggest two policy statements. Mr Spelman offered both his and his wife's expertise in this field; this would be reported on again at the next meeting when more information is known.
- (c) **JUNIORS :** Mr Coles reported on behalf of Mr England that he had received a request from some junior county players for better communication with regards selections, playing dates / venues and also clarity on whose responsibility this was. It was agreed that the Chairman would review this with the Team Manager.

**COUNTY GAMES:** Following one half hall county game which had a noisy booking on the opposite

side of the hall earlier this season, it was agreed that when full halls could not be booked at Strood the Committee would investigate using a smaller venue.

- (d) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from June Faulkner (Newington) requesting the use of our equipment for the Demelza House Charity Competition; the committee agreed to free use of the association equipment provided it is packed away correctly.

The Chairman presented a letter that Mr Carpenter had received from West Sussex requesting a payment for a hall booking charge following a cancelled B Team game; after some discussion it was agreed that the Treasurer would write for further clarification and would be reporting at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008 at Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.25pm.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

*Late News :-*

*It is with regret and sadness that we have to report the death of Percy Wright from Grain and Ron Clark from Snodland. They both served on our committee for our association and will be sadly missed.*

***\*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](mailto:micksayer@clara.co.uk) for inclusion on the Kent Website [www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk](http://www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk)***

***And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on [tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk)***

***We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!***