

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 8th September 2008 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs S Watson, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs J Davey & Mr C England.
2. APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Wiedeholz, Mr A Spelman, Mrs I Benton & Mr E Messer.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 28th July 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that domestic competition entries seem to be coming in much slower than last year; to date we have the following entries:-

Singles – 70
Pairs – 58
Triples – 42
Fours – 27

She went on to report that so far we have 8 entries into the Autumn triples. The National entry forms have been sent out with a closing date of 27th September; the reason for this is that if possible Mrs Watson would like to run the competition at Strood along with the domestic comps if space allows.

The format for the Presentation bowling day was agreed as follows:-

Premier, A, B Teams + a Chairman's select comprising of 20 players per team, Mr England has agreed to do the photography, and Mr Carpenter agreed to contact the Kent Messenger newspaper.
The Chairman reported that the President should be able to make the Presentation day and therefore present the winners.

It was brought to the Committees attention that storage boxes should be considered for the four main trophies and the scoreboards; this should increase the life span of this equipment and therefore save the association money. The Committee would like to offer this work to any member with carpentry skills; for further information please contact the Secretary.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** As Mr Wiedeholz could not attend he asked the Chairman to report on his behalf.

Kent has been confirmed as this year's Summer League Champions and will be presented in a match v England on Saturday 13th September.

With regards the England v Southern Counties match; he has confirmed attendance by 6 x London players, 5 x Surrey players and 6 West Sussex players; the rest of the team will be selected from the Kent squad.

The Chairman reported that the A and B Team Managers have now been appointed; following written applications a rigorous interview by Mr Wiedeholz and the Chairman took place for the A Team position. The applicants were Mrs Jan Davey, Mr Derek Carpenter and Mr Keith Austen. This is the first time that this process has taken place and was considered a complete success. Following this process Mr Wiedeholz has announced that Mr Derek Carpenter was the successful candidate and he extended his thanks to the two other applicants. With regards the B team, Mr David Kruse was the only applicant and was successful in his application.
 - (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that four quotes have been obtained for 12 jacks & 16 footmats; the most competitive being Inplay, it was therefore decided to process an order with them. The Treasurer expressed her gratitude to Infinis for their donation of £500 for the junior squad. The

Secretary will write a letter of thanks.

One of our founder members Glynn Hibbert had telephoned inviting a junior team of 9 players and a senior team again of 9 players to a match on the 11th October at Minister SMBC.

She went on to report that the bank balance was £16390.12. Sponsors are still needed for the Premier and A teams. Anyone interested please contact the Secretary.

The Treasurer proposed a 'for sale' service for members to be displayed on the notice board at Strood; for the sum of £2, items could be advertised for 3 months.

- (d) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** The Chairman produced a draft copy for the forthcoming newsletter; minor alterations were noted and will be passed to the editor.
- (e) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that an agreement had been made with a new start up club for the loan of 2 mats until the end of the year in the hope that they will be established and buy mats at this time.

New Romney & Walderslade clubs had asked to have their interest noted for a second hand carpet each; the Chairman will follow this up in due course.

Some other excess equipment was sold for £30; the Treasurer will raise an invoice to the club concerned.

- (f) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** The Chairman confirmed that Mrs Kim Spelman has accepted the role of Child & Vulnerable Adult protection officer and was now officially in place, her appointment has been noted in the updated KCSMBA Constitution.
- (g) **KEY SAFE:** Mr Coles to organise the installation of the key safe in Strood Leisure Centre.
- (h) **KENT TV:** The Chairman thanked Mr Carpenter for his work in contacting various media for the England v Southern Counties game; if all were to attend then we would have television, radio & newspaper coverage.
- (i) **COACHES:** Mr Carpenter produced quotes from R&J Coaches for the forthcoming season; the quote was comparative to last season and included £100 donation should one of the teams reach the final. The Committee agreed to accept this quote.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **UPDATED CONSTITUTION:** The Chairman confirmed that the alterations requested and agreed at the AGM have now been made and updated copies are now available. The Secretary will forward a copy to the ESMBA in line with the governing constitution.

NB: the constitution is now available for download on the website.

- (b) **ESMBA:** The Chairman reported that following the ESMBA AGM the following points should be noted;
 - 1. For season 2009/10; increase to individuals membership from £2 to £2.50 (+25%)
 - 2. Kent's request for an ICC B Team competition has been rejected
 - 3. In future to be a member of the ESMBA, each county must have public liability insurance; Treasurer confirmed that we have this insurance.
 - 4. ESMBA are trying to develop a coaching programme resulting in localised coaches; anyone interested should contact the Secretary.
- (c) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman read a letter he had received from Hildenborough SMBC requesting assistance to improve their game; Mr England will contact them and arrange a visit.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Derrick Groom who wished to raise a few concerns relating to the AGM; the Contents of the letter have been fully noted by the Committee.

- (e) **GENERAL:** Mrs Davey supplied a document from Verdemat which confirmed the correct storage

conditions for their mats. A copy will be issued to each club with these minutes.

Mr England confirmed that a promotional event took place in Cranbrook Leisure Centre for the game of short mat bowls which included members of our junior squad. Unfortunately the event was not well run by the leisure centre which resulted in a poor turn out. The Chairman thanked Mr England & the juniors for their efforts on our behalf.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 20th October 2008 at Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

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!!