

KENT COUNTY
SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT
B. Smith

CHAIRMAN
T. Rycraft

SECRETARY
Ms M Fitzgerald

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 9th May 2011 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs J Davey & Mr M Wiedeholz
2. APOLOGIES
Mr C England, Mr D Carpenter & Mr A Spelman.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 28th March 2011 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported the completion of all the County competitions with one exception; the Club Championships which was cancelled due to bad weather and lack of available dates. As a consequence of missing this year's event the committee agreed to try and insert the 2010/11 tournament before the Presentation Day. Details to be confirmed in due course.

She issued a draft copy of 2011/12 diary and bookings to the committee and confirmed the new ranking list; this has been passed to Mick Sayer for publication on the website.

The Swale Open Pairs competition was fully booked with 48 entries; it was agreed that the raffle takings would be donated to a Charity and would be chosen by the members at this year's AGM.

The Presentation day was confirmed as Sunday 18th September and as in previous years will be based on 4 teams, A Presidents select, A County Premier select, an A select and a B select.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz confirmed a new annual fixture with Essex Premier and A teams; it is intended to be a home and away fixture. Dorset will also be visiting Kent as a return game following Kent playing them away last season.

The Woodbridge Junior event will be held on the 2nd October and he hopes a competitive Kent team will be able to participate. He asked if a designated Junior development co-ordinator could be appointed. It was agreed by the committee that this role should be investigated and reported upon in coming meetings.

The Bert Allard Junior event was agreed as Sunday December 11th with West Malling being the proposed location (subject to availability). The Chairman will confirm availability and send invites to our junior bowlers.
 - (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £14,466.64 with £190 being accrued for donation to Cancer Research. This was raised from the raffle at the recent Race Night event. This leaves £14,276.64

She also confirmed that another £115 is accrued following our Autumn and Christmas triples events and will also be donated to Cancer Research.

She confirmed that the association accounts will be audited by Mrs Julie Bradshaw and will be presented to the members at the AGM.
 - (d) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton asked that thanks were passed to everyone who sponsored Mrs Watson and her for a Cancer Research charity walk; they raised £355.
 - (e) **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA):** A Kent Board has now been formed headed by Richard Boorman; their aims is to co-ordinate and manage Bowls Development within Kent. This group will assist all the codes and will help gain government funding for clubs who meet the application criteria.

Mrs Jan Davey announced her inclusion on the board and has been appointed as the 'Have Mat – Will Travel Co-ordinator'. Any clubs wishing to have further information are welcome to contact Mrs Davey direct.

- (f) **COACH UPDATE:** After some discussion it was confirmed that for 2011/12 season the county teams will need a maximum of 5 coaches. Mr Coles will seek quotations and report in due course.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman confirmed that Mr Mulcuck had written as he was seeking content for the end of season newsletter. Mrs Watson, Mr Wiedeholz and Mrs Davey agreed to forward information for inclusion.

The Secretary confirmed receipt of a new charity nomination. The Ellenor Lions Hospices; this is a Kent based charity who's purpose is to enable children and young people with life limiting and life threatening to receive clinical care and support in their place of choice which is overwhelmingly in their own home.

The Chairman confirmed receipt of a request by a school in Dover asking if KCSMBA could provide support or knowledge of a local asset whereby they could showcase short mat bowls to their pupils. Mrs Davey agreed to follow this up with the school.

- (b) **GENERAL:**
Following a review meeting with Strood Leisure Centre, The Chairman confirmed that where possible the Strood management will ensure either appropriate bookings (when we have a half hall booked) are taken to ensure a quieter environment, or if this is not possible then consideration would be given to booking the whole hall on a concessionary rate. This was agreed following comments made by our members because of the noise pollution from other activities in the hall during our bowling events; Strood wanted it noted that they consider us important customers and would do whatever was possible to continue our partnership. The Competition Secretary will book next years events on this basis.


To aid the members and the Committee the Secretary asked that the following meeting dates are highlighted again;

Sunday 12th June – AGM at Tunbury Village Hall
W/C 25th July

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held w/c 25th July 2011, venue to be confirmed, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 21.50

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DATED 27/05/2011

Please send all stories/club news/club winner's information to Mick Sayer at micksayer@timicomail.co.uk for inclusion on the Kent Website www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk

And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on anthony.mulcuck@sky.com

We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!