CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 175th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 13th November 2017.

Present: Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Steve Williamson, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, Nick Truscott, Brian Garfield, John Worton, Yolanda Featherstone, David Stokes,

175.00 Chairman's welcome:

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

175.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Roberts, Gill Cawrse, Paul Murphy

175.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 174th committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: David Stokes Seconder: Yolanda Featherstone

175.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

A) **Safeguarding –** Updates to Safeguarding section of the CCSMBA's Information Pack are required. Nick Truscott volunteered to update this information.

B) **Membership Secretary** – Brian Garfield (Ladock SMBC) was invited to attend the meeting by the committee so that he could be co-opted into the Membership Secretary's position.

Proposer: John Worton Seconder: Dianne Shorthouse Brian was co-opted onto the committee unanimously.

175.04 Correspondence:

Email from Brian Baker (ESMBA Coaching Director) updating all counties on the progress being made by the ESMBA in formulating a realistic coaching policy for the ESMBA. Part One of the coaching policy has now been created and will be implemented with immediate effect. The ESMBA have elected to pursue coaching excellence through Coach Bowls. The ESMBA will recognise Coach Bowls Level 1 coaches to coach Short Mat providing they are members of the ESMBA and Coach Bowls, play Short Mat and hold current DBS and First Aid Certificates. In order to be added to the approved coaches list, copies of all certificates must be submitted to the Coaching Director. The ESMBA will licence Short Mat Coaches and they will be expected to promote the game and be pro-active in coaching. They will be expected to organise coaching sessions and submit coaching summaries every quarter to the ESMBA. As this requires a great deal of the commitment the ESMBA have agreed to offer funding as follows:

Counties with a membership of 1-500, the ESMBA will refund 1 coach course cost on passing Level 1.

A membership of 501-100, the ESMBA will refund 2 coach course costs on passing Level 1.

A membership of 1000+, the ESMBA will refund 3 coach course coasts on passing Level 1.

First Aid Courses will be reimbursed on sight of the certificate at the same ratio and DBS costs will be refunded on receipt of the updated registration number.

Email from James Scoins (ESMBA) suppling a copy of the ESMBA's Newsletter for November.

Email from Brandon Whittaker (England Team Manager) in response to the committee's recent query regarding squad selection. Brandon confirms that the players in the England Squad are not expected to play in the ICC but, as Manager, he would prefer that they do. The previous rulings have been restrictive and therefore squad selection is now down to the Manager's discretion.

Letter from Blisland SMBC asking why a member is being picked for the County Team. The committee discussed the

content of the letter and a reply will be sent answering the questions raised.

175.05 Treasurer's report:

Account Summary at 13/11/17:
Main Account: £10595.47
Savings Account: £9244.57

This amount is inflated as the Association is yet to pay the annual affiliation fee to the ESMBA.
Proposer: David Stokes Seconder: John Worton

It was agreed to investigate accepting online payments into the CCSMBA's bank account and, if possible, to set up a coding system for clubs to add a reference to the payment that links to the form they are filling out. This would help reduce the amount of banking and issues relating to out of date cheques and would also help reconcile the CCSMBA's accounts.

175.06 Membership Secretary's report:

No Report.

175.07 Competition Secretary's report:

This year we trialled extending the deadline for County Competition entries but I do not feel that we have experienced any benefit in doing this as no difference has been noticed in entry levels. As the deadline had been extended it meant that there was added pressure for processing the entries ready for the draw and it has also reduced the time available for the Home and Away competitions for the first round of play. I would therefore suggest that the deadline is moved to the 15th September with the draws to follow a week after as a compromise. The entries have been stable across almost all of the competitions with the exception of the two pairs competition which saw a total of 58 fewer individuals enter. These is no obvious reason for this, particularly given the others were all similar or even increased. The first round of National Qualifiers have now been held; the Pairs was won by Martin Boraston and Gary Davey with Elise Daniell and Luke Jolly second, the triples was won by Kevin Williams, Mike Dyer and Nigel Nicholls with Elise Daniell, Callum Beale and Luke Jolly second and the Over 55 Pairs was won by John Worton and Chris Roberts with Mike Dyer and Kevin Williams in second. As the County Mixed Fours was completed on one day, the **Champion of Champions will now be held on Sunday 8th April 2018** in order to free up a day in the calendar which can be used as an Open Competition or Fun Day.

The committee debated the possibility of combining the County Competitions and National Qualifiers following increased discussed from some members on this topic. As a trial, it was agreed to combine the County Mixed Fours and National Mixed Four Qualifiers and to create a County Over 55 Pairs competition (points to be awarded as per County Under 25s) combined with the National qualifier to help the committee understand how this may work.
Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nigel Nicholls

175.08 Team Manager's report:

We have had a very successful weekend and we will be looking to continue this form into the next two games. We have now had confirmation that the ICC Rinks Competition will be held on 10th December at Bristol so I am now able to get a team together for that event. I would like to thank all of the committee for supporting me throughout the first four games, it has been most appreciated.

175.09 Social Secretary's report:

Raffle proceeds since September have raised £394.40. I have made contact with the Carnmarth Hotel and they have confirmed that they would be able to host the Presentation Luncheon on the date required. I have a proposed menu from them along with the alternative option at Heavy Transport Sports and Social club for consideration at this meeting.

The committee agreed that the purpose of the Presentation Luncheon was a celebration of the achievements throughout the season and therefore it was agreed that the preferred venue would be the Carnmarth Hotel. This was based on previous experience and proposed menus.

175.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

It is increasingly difficult to get the weekly reports into the local newspapers due to a loss of sports pages. All reports are forwarded to the Sport Editors but, as most are now focused on online content, the information printed in newspapers tends to be for "mainstream" sports such as football. In view of this, the CCSMBA's website now live tweets league results when they are inputted by the Area Representative. I will be looking to change the format of the front page of the website shortly so that it is more "News" based with access to League Tables and Competition results.

175.11 Area Representatives' report*:*

Central Area: The 2017/18 winter league is now well under way having started in early October. Currently, the Premier Division shows newly promoted Truro City Golds in first position with 17 points and Withiel Oaks in Second with 13 points with one game in hand. In Division One, St Newlyn East are on top with 22 points and Luxulyan Maroons are second with 17 points. The first round of the Inter Area competition was played on 1st October and finished with North beating Central 21 points to 19. The second round is on 19th November with Central playing the East Area. We will be playing the Knock Out Competition again this year with the first round being played week commencing 11th December.

East Area: Landrake are currently leading the Premier Division and Liskeard are top of Division One and look to be well on their way to promotion.

North Area: No report.

West Area: Everything seems to be going very well in the West Area at the moment. In the Premier League Holmans are currently in top spot but Newlyn Trinity Jowsters are only one point behind and have a game in hand. Centenary Spurrs and Marazion Choughs are on equal points at the top of the First Division, with Spurrs just ahead on mats won. In our Afternoon Triples Leagues, the 3 divisions are currently topped by Penlee Lidden, Marazion Bluebirds and Penzance Buzzards.

175.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

175.13 Any other business:

Rescheduling of League Fixtures: It has recently come to the committee's attention that a fixture in the East Area had been rescheduled outside of the circumstances defined CCSMBA's Rules and Conditions of Play. The committee agreed that the Area Representative should inform the teams involved that the penalty will be applied as per section 8.4 of Appendix 1 Rules and Conditions of Play – Area Winter League.

Presentation Lunch: As previously discussed, the committee agreed to hold the Annual Presentation at the Carnmarth Hotel in Newquay. It was also agreed to send the menu and relevant form out to Club Secretaries with the minutes of this meeting to allow more time for responses.

England Squad Subsidy: The committee were asked if they would again consider paying a subsidy to those players from Cornwall that are in the England Squad this season. Some concerns were raised regarding members that have pulled out of the England Squad part way through the season or that are yet to play for the County Squad. It was eventually proposed that a budget of £600 be available to those players that are registered to Cornwall and represent the ESMBA's England Team at an International Championship. The budget is to be split equally between all eligible members with a maximum limit of £150 per player.
Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse Seconder: Steve Williamson
Votes For: 9
Votes Against: 0
Abstentions: 2

Social Media Policy: Further to some recent activity on social media, it was agreed that the CCSMBA should draw up a policy such as the one that has been adopted by Bowls Cornwall. Nick Truscott volunteered to draft the policy.
Proposer: Nick Truscott Seconder: Elise Daniell

County Triples: As the Triples Competition had originally been fixture to take place over two days, teams were able to request a playing day but, due to the number of entries, the competition will now only be played on the Sunday. However one of the teams that had requested to play on the Saturday are not able to play in the competition on the Sunday so have requested a refund of their entry fee. The committee agreed that as the team is not able to play in the competition through no fault of their own, a refund would be issued.

Spare Date in Calendar: Due to a number of changes on the County Calendar there is now a spare that that is booked with Carnmoggas. Last year the committee held an open competition with the aim of fund raising but the entries to the competition had been poor therefore the committee are exploring the option of holding a smaller fun day. Deferred to next meeting for further discussion.

175.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 8th January 2018 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

175.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.22pm.

These are a true record and representation of the minutes taken at the above meeting.

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 29th November 2017