CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 178th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 14th May 2018.

Present: Chris Roberts, Dennis Shorthouse, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Dianne Shorthouse, Gill Cawrse, Nick Truscott, Sandra Worton, Betty Temple-Smith, Paul Murphy, John Worton

178.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present. Following the AGM, Sandra Worton had been invited to attend the 178th Committee Meeting in order to be co-opted onto the committee as Membership Secretary. Proposer: Dianne Shorthouse Seconder: Nick Truscott

178.01 Apologies for absence:

Yolanda Featherstone, Steve Williamson

178.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 177th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Dennis Shorthouse Seconder: Gill Cawrse

178.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

The ESMBA are yet to be written to regarding the Personal Accident Insurance as discussed in the last meeting however an email will be sent shortly asking for clarification.

178.04 Correspondence:

Email from David Millington-Jones (ESMBA Administrator) providing the bullet points from the ESMBA's committee meeting held on 24th February 2018.

Email from Brian Baker (ESMBA Coaching Director) updating the committee on the progress of the ESMBA's Coaching Scheme. The integration into the Coach Bowls Coaching system is progressing well with the current coaches receiving their registration packs and recognised qualification which means they are now fully qualified, and importantly insured, to coach Short Mat Bowls. If you are interested in becoming a Coach, please contact a member of the County committee and they will be able provide more information.

Email from Bob Weafer (Short Mat International Magazine) challenging the recent email received from Barry Hedges regarding the constitution and ESMBA committee nominations. Bob states that the constitution is a legal document which stipulates how nominations to the committee can be accepted and cannot be ignored. Therefore, the legally constituted nominations should be dealt with first and, once this has been completed, nominations for the remaining committee positions should come from the floor of the meeting.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) advising that six members of the ESMBA Committee called an emergency meeting on 14th April regarding the Administration Officer's recent emails and lack of communication with the committee. The Administration Officer declined to attend the meeting to discuss their recent actions. The outcome of the meeting was that the Administration Officer's email account was to be suspended with immediate effect. The Administration Officer will no longer be contactable via the ESMBA email address and is not authorised to send out information on behalf of the ESMBA.

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

178.05 Treasurer's report:

No Report.

178.06 Membership Secretary's report:

This is my first report as Membership Secretary having taken over the position following the AGM. I would firstly like to thank Nick and Elise for the help they gave me in the first few days. Getting to grips with a new system can be daunting but it was great to know they were just a message away. At this moment in time I have received 18 registrations/affiliation lists and have updated these on the system. 5 for Central, 5 for East, 5 for North and 3 for West. I am sure more will follow in the next few days.

178.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The County Fixtures were handed out at the AGM and will be forwarded to Club Secretaries with the minutes of the meeting. The County Competition Entry Forms will be sent out in July with a closing date of 15th September and the draws will take place on Monday 24th September at 7pm at Woodbine Farm, Truro.

178.08 Team Manager's report:

No Report.

178.09 Social Secretary's report*:*

Despite the fewer numbers for the Presentation Dinner, the sum of £72.35 was made on the raffle. As I said on the day, I think it was the best raffle we have had and my thanks go to all who contributed. It was, however, a disappointing meal for many of the people who had ordered the roast beef and a lot of meat was left on plates. Following a letter of complaint to the hotel I received a letter saying no complaints has been made on the day which is when the staff could have tried to rectify the issues for those concerned.

178.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report*:*

As we are out of the main season, there is little for me to report at this meeting however the Summer League is now up and running. Although the number of entries are down slightly overall, it is encouraging to see a few new teams entering in the East Area.

178.11 Area Representatives' report*:*

Central Area: As this is the first meeting of the season I would like to start with a big thank you and well done to Peter, Elise and Dianne for the Presentation Meal and AGM. I cannot understand why people bother competing in the competitions and then do not attend to collect their trophies. Also big congratulations to Gill for the County Team's achievements in her first year as Manager. Again, huge congratulations to Nigel for his achievements on the Short Mat Players Tour and for winning the British Open. For this year's season, I have so far received league entry forms from 5 clubs. These clubs are entering 9 teams with a new third team coming from Luxulyan and a new second team from St Newlyn East. It is still early days but this is a good start for 2018/19 and fingers crossed that many more clubs will join bucking the trend of the last few years which has seen a reduction in teams. As the Summer League is now in action I would like to wish all clubs good luck.

East Area: No Report.

North Area: The North Area would like to confirm that there will be just one league for the winter with the fourth team from the bottom competing in the Plate Competition. We will have 7 clubs and ten teams as Stratton are joining this year. As they border Devon, some members play afternoons in Devon and ask if the affiliation sent to the ESMBA by Cornwall covers this. Lanivet are expecting delivery this week of all the equipment needed to start a SMBC in their new hall. I presume they will be in the North Area (as per the constitution) even though Withel are in the Central Area a few miles away. We send our best wishes to David Stokes who is undergoing treatment at Treliske Hospital. Finally, we would like to wish Bob Flower a very happy birthday as he turns 90 on the 20th May.

The Committee discussed the North's proposal regarding the Plate Competition and amended this slightly to "the team that finishes "top" of the bottom half of the league will represent the North Area in the League Plate Competition". For the 2018/19 season, this will be the team finishing in 6th place in the league. With regards to the affiliation query, more information is required regarding what competition is being played in Devon in order to answer the query.

West Area: We are of course in the Summer Season when much of the CCSMBA West Area is dormant, but I've still had a lot to do this year. Unfortunately, no-one volunteered to take on the role of Competitions Secretary when

Nigel Jelbart swapped positions to become our Treasurer and so it seemed that all the West Area competitions would end. I was reluctant to see that happen so I gave it much thought and came up with a formula for the competitions to continue. I invited clubs to offer to run individual competitions and I'm pleased to report that St. Ives have agreed to run the 4 Woods Singles, Penlee will run the 2 Wood Singles, Marazion will run the Triples and Fours and the West Area Champion of Champions will be run by Hayle. My Secretary will take entries and make the draw for the Team of Three and the Pairs which are played on a home and away basis. So from what appeared to be a hopeless position we will have seven West Area Competitions without the need for a Competitions Secretary. Part of my thought pattern was influenced by the knowledge that in recent years the West Area has made a financial loss on our competitions, which was another problem that needed addressing. Under the arrangement I've designed, the West Area will have no involvement with the venue-based competitions other than overseeing the method of play and we will benefit from the profitable home and away competitions. I have reported to West Area Committee and Secretaries, and I have to report to you that the West Area Constitution doesn't allow for this arrangement, but I took the view that it's better to run the matches than to get thwarted by our own constitution, and if this formula works we can then amend the constitution going forward. I don't like contravening our Constitution, but it was either this or no competitions. If anyone disagrees, I'm happy to discuss it.

178.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

178.13 Any other business:

Social Media Policy: Nick Truscott has now received a copy of Bowls Cornwall's Social Media Policy and is in the process of writing a similar policy for the CCSMBA. Defer to next meeting.

Presentation Lunch & AGM: It was noted that some members attended this year's Presentation to collect trophies but had not attended the lunch prior, some of these members had stayed for the AGM which followed but others had left straight after the presentation and had only arrived to pick up their trophies. The committee discussed this matter and found that this could be detrimental to the presentation afternoon therefore it was agreed that this would not be acceptable in future years. This is because it is likely that the CCSMBA will have to pay a room hire fee in future, following the closure of the Carnmarth Hotel, and should members only attend to collect trophies, rather than the lunch which is paid for, the Association may be faced with a deficit. The committee therefore agreed that trophies will only be presented to those members in attendance for the meal and a note will be added to the letter that is sent out to clubs advising them of this change.

GDPR: The CCSMBA are in receipt of some guidelines to follow in reference to the new General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect on the 25th May. As self-assessment has been carried out by Nick Truscott and it has been found that the CCSMBA comply with the new regulations. All personal data held by the CCSMBA is kept on password protected devices and is only held for the purpose of running the Association.

Holmans v Blackbirds Appeal: An appeal from Holmans regarding a recent points deduction was heard by the committee. The Holmans members in attendance explained that they had requested to re-arrange a home fixture due to be played on 15th March against Blackbirds (Marazion) following Peter Hore's selection for England at the World Championships in Sweden. Contact was made with Marazion's club secretary and asked if it would be possible to re-arrange the fixture in order to avoid a clash as, at this time, Holmans were still in contention for the league. Marazion contacted the League Fixture Secretary who agreed that he would be in favour of it being rearranged providing both team captains agreed even though the rule states that three members should be involved with the International fixture. The team captains discussed the situation and a new date was agreed for the 21st March. Upon returning from Sweden on the 19th March, Holmans received a message from Marazion which stated that they would not be sending a team on the 21st March as they believed the fixture was not an England Squad commitment and only 1 member had been playing in it. Following this, Marazion were awarded the game and Holmans were deducted 4 points by the West Area Committee. Therefore, this decision was being appealed as permission to re-arrange the game has been granted by the league fixture secretary and agreed by Marazion. Had permission not have been granted or if Marazion had refused to rearrange the fixture then it would have been accepted and the game would have been played on the original date, albeit probably with only 6 or 7 players. The rearranged fixture had been disputed after the original fixture date had passed leaving Holmans in an impossible situation as the game was unable to revert back to the original date. The members of Holmans team left the room so that the committee could discuss the situation and, when they were invited back into the room, were

advised that the committee had agreed that there was fault on both sides therefore the game would be declared null and void with no points awarded or deducted. Area Representatives were reminded of the acceptable circumstances for the rearrangement of fixtures.

Committee Meeting Dates: In previous seasons, many committee meetings have clashed with league fixtures which has meant that committee members have had to decide between the two. It was therefore agreed that the dates for committee meetings could be agreed and booked for the season in advance. This will allow any league game that clashes to be rearranged prior to the 15th September without penalty as stated in the CCSMBA's rules.

County Team Travel: Following the discussion that took place at the Open Forum at the CCSMBA's AGM, the committee agreed to change the route for the County Team Coach via the A30. All members of the county team will be expected to pay a match fee of £10 for home and away games for the local heats. This will then be reviewed should a coach be required for the knockout stages based on the quote.
Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse Unanimously agreed.

Coach companies will be approached by the Team Manager ahead of the next meeting for quotes for the team's requirements. Proposed pick up times have been created by Nick Truscott and the start times for each fixture need to be confirmed with the other County Teams in order to ensure that the coaches are booked correctly.

Auditor for the Accounts: At the AGM, Betty Temple-Smith was again nominated to be the Association's auditor for the 2018/19 accounts. However, she was also voted onto the committee as North Area Representative therefore confirmation was required as to whether she could do both roles. According to the constitution the auditor must not be a member of the committee therefore this matter was deferred to the next committee meeting in order to discuss further with the County Treasurer.

Spare Date in County Calendar: Peter Hore advised that Sunday 23rd September was currently a spare date on the County Calendar and asked if the committee would like to hold anything on this date. It was agreed that this date should be kept clear on the calendar should we be able to re-arrange the County game against Somerset which is currently scheduled for the previous week.

County Points: It was proposed that County Points are confirmed and those players can become eligible to play for the County Team as the points are earnt throughout the season. This will allow the County Team Manager, if they wished, to select players that are in form rather than having to wait for the following season to select new players. The updated County Points Lists will not be sent to clubs until the end of the season to prevent any extra workload for the Competition Secretary but the information will be available to the County Team Manager and Captains should they wish to select a new player. The relevant parts of the information pack will be updated and circulated to clubs ahead of the new season. Proposer: Nigel Nicholls Seconder: Dennis Shorthouse Unanimously agreed.

Rules Revision: The rules revision committee again agreed that they would try to deal with any proposed revisions by email in order to prevent the need for a meeting. The committee were advised that any proposals should be sent to the County Secretary by 25th June so that the rules revision committee could discuss these ahead of the next committee meeting where any agreed proposal can be ratified by the committee.

178.14 Date of next meeting:
The next meeting will be held on 9th July 2018 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

178.15 Close meeting:
With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 25th May 2018