CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 181st Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 12th November 2018.

Present: Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Nick Truscott, Paul Murphy, Betty Temple-Smith

181.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present.

181.01 Apologies for absence:

John Worton, Sandra Worton, Yolanda Featherstone, Dianne Shorthouse, Dennis Shorthouse

181.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 180th committee meeting:

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

Proposer: Nick Truscott Seconder: Paul Murphy

181.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None

181.04 Correspondence:

Email from Rachel Cordy (ESMBA) forwarding copies of the bullet points from the ESMBA's committee meetings in September and October.

Email from Geoff Risdon (Lanteglos SMBC) requesting clarification regarding de-registered players should all teams in a club play in one Division. The committee discussed the contents of the email and agreed that it was equally important to protect the integrity of the County Leagues as well as encouraging members to play. Therefore, it was agreed that the following rule should be adopted and will be included in the next rules revision meeting ahead of next season:

"*Where teams from the same club are in the same division, a player may be de-registered from a team providing they have not played 6 games for that team (as per rule 3.5) and an eligible player is registered in their place. There must also be 5 or more matches (or games in the case of North Area) still to be played and the Area Representative should be informed of the change in writing. A de-registered player may join the pool of reserves for the club following a period of 30 days. All games played in a season will count towards rule 3.5; once the player has played six games for a team they will then be added to the list of registered players for that team and will be ineligible for any other team.*"

Proposer: Nick Truscott Seconder: Betty Temple-Smith Unanimously agreed.

181.05 Treasurer's report:

The Treasurer's role has recently been handed back to the committee and, due to this, there is no report for this meeting. In the interim period, the role will be in the hands of Elise Daniell and Peter Hore. It has become clear that there are a number of cheques that are yet to be paid into the CCSMBA's bank account and some of them are considerably old. The committee agreed that all outstanding cheques should be paid into the bank account with detailed records and any cheques that are declined will be followed up after.

The committee discussed the issues relating to the number of vacant positions on the committee over the years and it was agreed that a change to the CCSMBA's Constitution should be considered in order to allow existing

committee members to take on two roles should there be vacancies. This will ensure that the CCSMBA can continue to work efficiently throughout a season. It was agreed that the roles of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer could not be doubled up with each other in order to maintain the mandate for the bank account however these roles can be doubled up with other positions on the committee. It was agreed to draft a proposal to change the Constitution for consideration at the next committee meeting.

181.06 Membership Secretary's report:

At this moment in time, the membership list shows that we have 1092 registered players which is an increase of somewhere in the region of 60+ members from last year. I am still receiving requests for new affiliation but these are few and far between. I currently have 4 small cheques to bank which will be banked in the very near future. I have received a request from Roger Green to make the annual payment to the ESMBA and have already spoken to Elise about getting this done. I will be passing over the bank details and my schedule to Elise next week.

181.07 Competition Secretary's report:

County Competitions are well underway. Three of the National Qualifiers have been completed – Elise Daniell, Karen Watson, Callum Beale and Peter Hore won the Mixed Fours qualifier, John Thomas, Mike Dyer, Kevin Williams and Nigel Nicholls won the Fours qualifier and Peter Hore won the Singles qualifier. We don't yet know how many places we will receive in each discipline; this is normally confirmed around Christmas time. The Mixed Fours was run as a combined County and National competition as an experiment, however it didn't improve entries for either competition and made it much more difficult to run. It also led to a bizarre situation where a player that turned up late was allowed to play in the group stage under National rules but then had to withdraw from the knockout round to follow County rules, leaving the eventual runners up playing one short. I recommend reverting back to running National and County Competitions separately from next season. The new Over 55 Pairs competition was very poorly supported with just 9 entries, of which only 2 have entered the National qualifying section. I recommend dropping the County version and reverting back to holding it as a National Qualifier from next season.

Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nick Truscott Unanimously agreed.

181.08 Team Manager's report:

No report.

181.09 Social Secretary's report*:*

Since our last meeting I have held 5 raffles which have netted the amount of £420.30, this includes the takings from yesterday's County Match.

181.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report*:*

Unfortunately, we have now lost all of our regular coverage that used to appear in the West Briton and The Cornishman. This is due to the number of pages dedicated to local sport being reduced to just 6 pages, these pages are then focussed on the higher profile sports such as football. I am therefore switching my attention to promoting the CCSMBA online and in social media. The more locally based papers have continued to print our league tables and I have been contacted by the new sports editor for the St Austell Voice and have extended an invitation to Carnmoggas for one of our fixtures.

181.11 Area Representatives' report*:*

Central Area: This year's Central Area Winter League started on 7th October with equal number of teams in both Premier and Division One – 8 teams in each division and an increase of one team from last year. After the first 3 games, Withiel Oaks lead the Premier Division and Luxulyan Maroons lead Division One. This year's Knockout Cup first round was held on week commencing 29th October with only one first division team winning through to Round Two which is to be played by 21st December. The first round of the Inter Area competition was played at Carnmoggas on 30th September and saw Central win 30 points to 10 points against the North Area. East Area beating West 25-15. The second round is to be played on 18th November. Good luck to each area. Congratulations go to Cornwall A team for their brilliant 31-9 win against Somerset last weekend following their 24-26 loss away to Dorset. The Premier Team also returned to winning ways by a 21-19 win over Somerset again following a defeat to Dorset. Good luck to all for the rest of the season be it league or county.

East Area: We are 6 weeks into our season and so far there have been no major problems yet. In the Premier Division, Duloe Blues are at the top and Saltash Kernow are top of the 1st Division. It looks as though it will be a close run season as it changes every week. I seem to be finding that some teams do not realise that they can play with 6 players in a team if they need to, I have put a few teams straight on this when they ring to say they would have to cancel a match, some more communication on rules etc. seem to be needed between captains and secretaries who should have this information. Sadly, Lanreath Greens lost one of their nominated players in tragic circumstances a few weeks ago, I wrote to them and sent our deepest sympathy to the club.

North Area: The North Area league is progressing well, with Lanteglos A in the lead at the moment. The North Area Competitions are also being played but with very low support from the clubs. We will be discussing how we can change this at the next North Area Committee Meeting.

West Area: The West Area has the same number of league teams as last season, that being 13 in the Premier League, 12 in the First Division and 32 in our Afternoon Triples League which is split into 3 parallel divisions. Newlyn Jowsters are currently top of the Premier League and Penlee Pirates are leading the First Division. In the Afternoon Triples League, the 3 divisions are currently topped by Gweek Egrets, Penlee Lidden and Hayle Bodriggy. Unfortunately, already in this season 2 teams have cancelled league games. Both of them wanted to postpone the match but as the reason didn't meet the required criteria I turned down the request. I have sent out a strongly worded email to all the West Area Club Secretaries making it clear that cancelling games is not acceptable and I am hoping that no more teams will cancel matches or ask for postponements without a valid reason. As you may recall, because we don't now have a West Area Competitions Secretary, we have a completely re-structured West Area Competitions arrangement. It appears to be working well. The new format guarantees a good profit for the West Area and competition entries are quite healthy.

181.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

181.13 Any other business:

Social Media Policy: Defer to next meeting.

Auditor for the Accounts: Although the vacant position has been advertised, the committee are still in need of an auditor for the CCSMBA's accounts.

Presentation Lunch Menu: The menu for the Presentation Lunch was agreed by the committee and will be forwarded onto the Social Secretary to arrange with the venue.

Sponsorship Opportunity: The committee were made aware of a possible sponsorship opportunity available to the Association. The committee discussed where sponsorship may be needed for the Association and it was agreed that it would be best placed to update the Association's equipment. In particular, it was agreed to research replacing the Association's mats further and to approach the potential sponsor with the details.

County Team Coaches: Following the committee's previous discussion on this matter, it was agreed to reconsider the match fees for the County Team should they reach the knockout stages of the ICC Competition. It was proposed that, should the County Team require a coach for the knockout stages, the match fee is increased to £25 due to the increase in costs for the later stages of the competition.
Proposer: Nigel Nicholls Seconder: Chris Roberts unanimously agreed.

Micropayments: Nick Truscott suggested that it may be beneficial for the CCSMBA to start accepting micropayments in the future. The committee agreed that, while there were some clear benefits to accepting payments by card, there were also issues such as the transaction fees for the Association to consider. Peter Hore argued that although the transaction fee was minimal, it would still be money that the CCSMBA would be losing out on. It was therefore agreed that Nick should get further information so that the committee could discuss this payment method further.

West Area Rules: It has always been known that the Winter League has run with some variations to the County Rules in the West Area however it has now been asked if these variations should be written into the County rules

as they are with the North Area. The Committee agreed that this would be possible and requested that a proposal be drawn up ahead of the next rules revision meeting for consideration.

Penlee's Centenary Celebrations: As previously discussed, the committee recently received an invite to join Penlee Bowling Club's centenary celebrations however no further details have been received. The committee agreed to follow this up with the club and offer the support of the CCSMBA.

England Squad Subsidy: This season, Cornwall has one member in the England Squad and will shortly be traveling to Wales to play in the British Isles Championships. The committee again agreed to a subsidy payment of £150 to help with the costs Associated with playing in the England Squad.

Date Change: Unfortunately, in order to avoid clashes with other competitions, there is another change to the CCSMBA's Calendar. The Bebbington Cup, League Plate and Champion of Champions will now take place a week earlier on the 31st March 2019 rather than the 7th April. A notice for every club and a revised calendar will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting.

181.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 14th January 2019 7.30pm at St Newlyn East Village Hall.

181.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell **Dated: 18th November 2018**