CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 183rd Management Committee Meeting held at St Newlyn East Village Hall on Monday 4th March 2019.

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

183.00 Chairman's welcome:

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

183.01 Apologies for absence:

Yolanda Featherstone, Dianne Shorthouse, Dennis Shorthouse

183.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 182nd committee meeting:

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

Proposer: John Worton Seconder: Gill Cawrse

183.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

The letter regarding possible sponsorship will be drafted shortly.

183.04 Correspondence:

Email from Rachel Hedges (ESMBA) forwarding a copy of the bullet points from February's committee meeting.

Email from Hampshire Short Mat Bowling Association attaching a copy of an open letter that they had sent to the ESMBA. Hampshire SMBA question whether the ESMBA are currently acting in the best interests of its members following the ESMBA's recent decision to reduce the flexibility of re-arranging ICC matches as well as using dates in direct conflict with the Short Mat Players Tour. This is causing conflict within the county and is forcing players to choose where to play. Hampshire SMBA ask that the ESMBA take a step back and re-evaluate its recent actions, particularly its commitment to the constitution and relieve the conflict that is rising within the ranks of its membership. The CCSMBA committee discussed the contents of Hampshire's letter and agreed fully with the points that have been raised as Cornwall is also facing the same issues.

Email from Martin Williams (Penlee SMBC) confirming that the centenary celebrations will be held on Sunday 22nd September 2019 and further details will be sent closer to the time.

Email from Rachel Hedges (ESMBA) in response to our recent letter regarding the change of date for the ICC Rinks Final. Rachel confirms that Counties were informed that the finals would be held in Daventry however, Tamworth had been the original venue and they are looking into the miscommunication. With regards to cancellation of hotel rooms, the ESMBA have decided that if evidence can be provided that parties have attempted to change the date of their hotel stay and cancel their hotel stay they will consider each case on its own merit for a refund. The ESMBA have also confirmed that they will refund half of the entry fee as a gesture of goodwill as Cornwall have withdrawn from the competition. No comment was made regarding the lack of regional qualifiers for this year's competition and the ESMBA question the CCSMBA's calendar as there are no ESMBA recognised competitions on the 6th / 7th April. The CCSMBA committee agreed to ask each member of the Cornwall squad for details of any hotel bookings so that they could be forwarded onto the ESMBA for further consideration as we withdrew from the competition and therefore had no date to transfer the hotel bookings to. A copy of the CCSMBA's calendar will also be forwarded onto the ESMBA as a fixture was originally scheduled to take place on the 6th and 7th April but this was changed in order to accommodate the SMPT's World Masters in Belfast, the biggest competition in terms of

number of players on any calendar within Short Mat Bowls. It is disappointing to see that the ESMBA dismiss a competition such as this. A letter will be sent to the ESMBA urging them to consider their current position in agreement with Hampshire's letter above.

183.05 Treasurer's report:

Last year's accounts are largely complete. I haven't got a lot of free time at the moment but will get the completed accounts to Betty as soon as possible for auditing so that they are ready in advance of the AGM. There hasn't been much activity in this financial year so far and the current bank balance stands at £17,682. We do have some expenditure coming up, however, with competition trophies, perpetual trophy engraving, nationals expenses and 5 days at Carnmoggas to pay for over the next month.

183.06 Membership Secretary's report:

My report this time is short and sweet as not much has happened since the last meeting. Since the annual payment was made, I have affiliated another 29 players and thank Elise for making a payment to the ESMBA to cover these affiliations. We now have 1122 affiliated players. I have requested a list from the ESMBA's database and will be checking this against our list to ensure all is well for the future. I currently hold a few small cheques that will be banked in the near future. A copy of the banking schedule will be forwarded onto Peter for the accounts.

It was decided to review the Membership Forms ahead of next season so that data could be collected regarding players sex and age. This should help the CCSMBA in the future for applications for sponsorship.

183.07 Competition Secretary's report:

County competition finals have started and will continue through the month. The Inter Area League was comfortably won be the Central Area. The Inter Area Rinks competition takes place this weekend, although I have only received 2 of the 4 team sheets from Area Representatives despite the deadline being yesterday.

183.08 Team Manager's report:

It was another successful year for the Premier Team, after qualifying for the main competition they faced Avon in a preliminary winning 33-7. In the Quarter Final stages of the competition we faced Surrey and another strong performance from the team saw us win 23-5 with a session to spare setting up a semi-final match with Norfolk the following weekend. After a closely fought game our winning run came to an end with an 18-22 defeat. I would like to thank those players in the Premier Team for their commitment, again self-funding the trips to Daventry which has saved the Association a considerable amount. The A Team were also successful this season and qualified for the main competition where they faced Hertfordshire in a preliminary, unfortunately losing by the closest of margins 19-21. My thanks go to all of the players in this year's A Team and I look forward to building on this year's success next season.

183.09 Social Secretary's report*:*

I have been in touch with the hotel for the Presentation Meal and they are happy to supply the menu as chosen by the committee, a copy will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting. Since the last meeting, I have held one raffle with a profit of £56.67 being raised. I will of course be running a raffle for the upcoming Inter Area Rinks.

183.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report*:*

It is clear that Social Media is the way forward for promotion of the CCSMBA and with this in mind, I have been increasing the CCSMBA's presence online with more coverage of the County's ICC matches. This year's Summer League entry form will be sent out with the minutes of this meeting and will be played to the same format which has proved to be a success in recent years.

183.11 Area Representatives' report*:*

Central Area: With all clubs only having one match left to play, Withiel Oaks top the Premier League by 28 points from second place St Newlyn East. This gives Withiel the premiership title for the third year running. They achieved this with a record of 22 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses amassing a shot total of 330 for and 180 against. They proved to be the only consistent team in the division with all other clubs beating each other and there only being 15 points between second spot and eighth place. Congratulations and well done to Withiel. With 5 matches left to play in the First Division, the title is a lot closer. Luxulyan Maroons are currently leading by 9 points and 1 game to play from St Agnes Cuckoos who have 2 more games left. The title could go to the last match as they still have to play one

another. Good luck to both teams. This year's Knockout Final will be played at Withiel Bowls Club on 21st March between Luxulyan Maroons from the First Division and Ladock Chiefs from the Premier. Good luck to both teams and let's hope for as good a final as last year. Anyone wishing to watch is welcome – start time is 7pm. The third and final round of the Inter Area competition was played on 3rd February with East defeating North by 22 to 18 and Central beating West by 31 to 9. Central Area have this year bounced back from three defeats last year to three wins this year and have therefore won the title. Well done to all Central Area players.

East Area: We are in to our final week of league games and the season has run very smoothly with no major problems for me to sort out. A few games were postponed due to the snow but they were all replayed in the allotted time. With the last games being played this week, Landrake have already won the Premier League for this year, well done to them. It was a close run thing between them and Duloe. As for the First Division, it is going down to the wire with this week's games playing a big part in who tops the table. I would also like to thank Dennis who arranged the last Inter Area and Rinks teams for me due to me being in hospital and trying to recover.

North Area: The North Area league is progressing well with Lanteglos A looking to be the winners with two matches to be played. The Plate team is still undecided with either Tintagel or Wadebridge Reds looking to be the team. The Area Competitions are in the final stages and should be finished in the next few days. The position of North Area Representative has been advertised by all of the secretaries at their clubs but as yet nobody has volunteered. As this is my last committee meeting, I would like to thank all of the committee for their hard work and hours of time given to the CCSMBA, without you all the County would not be so successful.

West Area: In the West Area we are making preparations for the end of yet another successful season. I've carried out a long-overdue overhaul of our Constitution and Rules which was reviewed by 20 West Area members at our pre-AGM meeting, and subsequently submitted to all of the West Area Clubs for their approval at our AGM on 11th April. I'm expecting to have the same officers re-elected at our AGM and I'm hoping to lessen my load by co-opting a West Area Team Manager on a trial basis. I am informed that we can expect to have 3 additional teams in the West Area Evening League next season, making 28 teams in total. If this happens, we will have to add another division to cater for the extra matches, with 10 teams in the Premier League and 9 teams in League One and League Two. The increased opportunities for promotion and risks of relegation should then add more excitement to matches with the majority of teams eagerly waiting to see the updated league tables. Back to this season, Jowsters are still leading the Premier League with Holmans in second place. In League One, St Eia remain at the top, closely followed by Penlee Pirates. In our Triples League, two of the divisions have been won by Gweek Egrets and Penlee Lidden with Hayle Bodriggy and Penlee Tolcarne fighting to win the other division. The three victors will then enter a 6 match play off to decide who is the overall 2019 Triples Champions.

Area Representatives were reminded that they should informed each of the league winners that they will be required to attend the Bebbington Cup and League Plate finals.

183.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

183.13 Any other business:

Social Media Policy: No further suggested changes have been received and therefore the Social Media Policy will be circulated shortly to clubs.

Public Liability Insurance: As the West Area hold their own competitions that are hosted by different clubs in the area, it was queried whether the insurance policies within each club or the CCSMBA's own policy would cover these competitions. It was agreed that at the West Area are a separate constituted body, they would need their own insurance policy to cover their competitions.

ESMBA Rule Books: Some clubs have stated that they do not have a current copy of the ESMBA's rule book, it was advised that every new affiliated member should be issues with a free rule book with their affiliation however existing members can contact the Membership Secretary who will be able to request further stock from the ESMBA. The ESMBA are, however, due to hold a rules revision meeting this season so there may be updated rule books in circulation shortly.

Pop-up Banner: At a recent ICC Match, Surrey SMBA had some promotional banners on display alongside the mats.

A number of quotes have been collected for a similar banner for the CCSMBA and, although the CCSMBA have a Cornish flag at each of the ICC games, the committee unanimously agreed that a banner would very professional and could be used for further promotional work within the County. It was therefore agreed to purchase two banners, one to be held by the Team Manager for all away matches and one to be held at Carnmoggas. The artwork will be drafted and circulated to the committee for approval before a final order is submitted.

183.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 13th May 2019 7.00pm at St Newlyn East Village Hall.

183.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 14th March 2019