CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 188th Management Committee Meeting held at St Newlyn East Village Hall on Monday 13th January 2020.

Present: Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Nigel Nicholls, Rita Hancock, Nick Truscott, Sandra Worton, John Worton, Steve Fletcher

188.00 Chairman's welcome:
In the absence of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the Treasurer was appointed Chair of the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

188.01 Apologies for absence:
Yolanda Featherstone, Gill Smith

188.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 187th committee meeting:
The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: Rita Hancock Seconder: Nigel Nicholls

188.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:
The new Code of Conduct has now been adopted and a copy has been sent out to Club Secretaries for inclusion in the County Information Pack.

188.04 Correspondence:
Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA) summarising the main points discussed at the ESMBA's committee meeting in November.

Email chain between the CCSMBA and Steve Bailey (ESMBA ICC Secretary) regarding the committee's decision to withdraw Cornwall's entry into the ICC Rinks competition for 2019/20 and the outstanding refunds due to the CCSMBA relating to last year's competition. The committee agreed to wait until the ESMBA's next committee meeting to see if a response to our email will be received and to follow this up at our next meeting if not.

Email from Rachel Hedges (ESMBA) providing details of the trial ICC Format for 2020/21. The CCSMBA committee were pleased to see that some of our comments had been taken into account regarding the draft proposal that had been sent out previously however there were some parts that were not clear in the new format. An email will be sent to the ESMBA for further clarification regarding start times and reserve players.

Email from Rachel Hedges (ESMBA) advertising a new open competition the ESMBA will be holding at TLH Leisure Resort in Torquay later in the year.

Email from Karen Watson (Saltash SMBC) requesting use of the County's mats for the 10th anniversary of the charity competition she runs every summer in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The committee were unanimously in agreement providing the mats were correctly stored.

188.05 Treasurer's report:
Unfortunately I have been unable to prepare a report for this meeting due to work commitments however I will shortly be preparing the accounts for auditing at the end of the financial year. I would like to remind all committee members that any outstanding expense claims and invoices need to be forwarded to me by the 31st January so that they can be included in the correct financial year.

188.06 Membership Secretary's report:

As you would expect not much has happened since the last meeting in November. I have affiliated 6 more players since the annual payment was made and the number of members now stands at 1090 – only 3 down from the final numbers last year. I have 5 cheques to bank totalling £35.00 which will be banked in the near future. I would like to wish the committee and Happy New Year and thank them for their kind comments given at the last meeting.

188.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The County Finalist lists have now been sent out to club secretaries and the final stages of this year's County Competitions begin this weekend. I have also started to draft next year's County Fixture List and once this has been confirmed it will be sent out to Club Secretaries. We have now received notification of this year's National Allocations and Cornwall has received 2 Singles, 2 Pairs, 1 Triple, 2 Fours, 1 Mixed Fours and 1 Over 55's Pairs places at the final stages of the National Championships. All qualifiers have been informed.

188.08 Team Manager's report:

After the final group game of the season both teams finished outside of the top two places in the group to qualify for the knockout stages of the ICC and therefore the County Squad's season came to an end this weekend. I would like to thank the players for their support again this season and look forward to trying the new ICC format next season. Throughout the season, the County Squad have been donating spare change to a "fines" box for things such as conceding high scores or being incorrectly dressed during the team talk at the start of a day. This has been met with good humour by the players and we will be shortly counting up the money collected to be donated to the County Squad's chosen local charity – Merlin MS Centre.

188.09 Social Secretary's report*:*

No report.

The committee would like to again advertise this position as vacant and welcome any volunteers to contact a member of the committee for further information regarding the role.

188.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report*:*

I have recently been working on the County Website and have been able to add some new updates which will mean that knockout competitions can now been shown on the website. The website continues to be a valuable resource for the CCSMBA and I have paid for the web hosting since it's creation however I now have to ask that the cost for this, £25 per year, is paid for by the Association. I have also arranged for a photographer from the St Austell Voice to visit Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club this weekend to promote the final stages of our County Competitions.

The committee agreed that the County website should be funded by the Association and therefore unanimously agreed to pay the web hosting once an invoice or receipt has been produced.

Proposer – Nigel Nicholls Seconder – John Worton

188.11 Area Representatives' report*:*

Central Area: Firstly a Happy New Year to the Committee and all members of the CCSMBA. December saw the leagues reach the half way stage of the season and the Premier Division is being led by Withiel Oaks with a 6 point lead over Ladock Chiefs and St. Agnes Gulls a close third. Division One, St. Newlyn East Firebirds are in first place with a 7 point lead over Cubert Blues and Ladock Braves in third place. The second round of the Inter Area competition was played on 1st December and saw Central just beating East by 22 points to 18 and West beating North by 32 points to 8. This result leaves the West Area in a strong position going into the final round where North will play East and Central plays West on 26th January to decide this year's winning area. The Central Area Knock Out Trophy is progressing well with the first round played during the second week in December and the next round being played during the first week of February. Good luck to all clubs for 2020.

East Area: No Report.

North Area: In the North Area the winter league is progressing well with Blisland and Boscastle both tied on 26 points, although Blisland have a game in hand, and Lanteglos A very close on 24 points. All games will be finished by the middle of February and I will then organise the competition to decide which team will represent the North

Area in the Truscott Shield. I have been contacted by the new secretary of Morwenstow who has expressed an interest in our Northern Area competitions next season, maybe this will lead to a new team entering the league in the future.

West Area: The committee welcomed Steve Fletcher to the meeting and thanked him for recently taking on the role of West Area Representative.

The Area Representatives were reminded to ensure that those teams who were topping the Premier League and Division One were aware that they would be required to attend the Bebbington Cup and Truscott Shield at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club on 29th March.

188.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

188.13 Any other business:

30th Anniversary Celebrations: The committee asked Gill Smith and Nigel Nicholls to organise the players and relevant score cards required for this fixture. Again it was agreed that some of the invited players should be those that have had considerable input to the County and Area committees by way of a Thank You. The agreed format will require 10 mats and St Newlyn East have kindly offered to lend their equipment in order to fulfil this. With regards to catering during the weekend, it was agreed to explore the possibility of a buffet provided by Carnmoggas for one of the days and Cornish Pasties for the other day. The information regarding coach access will be relayed to the organiser of the Friends of Essex Tour and suggest that their coach provider should contact Roseland Coaches for any further information.

Presentation Lunch and AGM: The Hotel Victoria has agreed to add some additional choices to the committee's favoured menu and a copy of this will be forwarded to Club Secretaries for their information. All perpetual County trophies should be returned to the Competition Secretary by 22nd March at the latest to ensure that they can be engraved ahead of the Presentation Lunch.

Vacant Committee Positions: The Nominations Form for the election of officers and area representatives will be circulated ahead of the County AGM and all members are welcomed to stand for a position on the committee. All current committee members were asked to consider whether they would stand for re-election and it is likely that the roles of Competition Secretary and Social Secretary will be vacant.

National Subsidy: As in previous seasons, the committee agreed that those players representing Cornwall at this season's National Championships should receive a subsidy of £30 per player, per discipline towards their costs as support from the Association.

Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nick Truscott Unanimously agreed.

188.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 9th March 2020 7.00pm at St Newlyn East Village Hall.

188.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 18th January 2020