CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 189th Management Committee Meeting held at St Newlyn East Village Hall on Monday 9th March 2020.

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

189.00 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. The Chair of the meeting wanted to remind all committee members of the importance of attendance at committee meetings. All committee meeting dates are agreed by members at the start of the season in order to avoid any clashes with fixtures or pre-planned holidays. If a committee member is unable to attend a meeting following this, they are asked to inform the County Secretary as soon as possible so that it can be ensured there will be a quorum in attendance and forward a report to be given on their behalf.

189.01 Apologies for absence:

Gill Smith, Chris Roberts, Nick Truscott

189.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 188th committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.
Proposer: John Worton Seconder: Sandra Worton

189.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

None.

189.04 Correspondence:

The CCSMBA were copied into some open letters from Buckinghamshire SMBA and Wiltshire SMBA to the ESMBA regarding the changes to the A Team ICC Format for next season. They argued that the changes should not relate to the A Team as the ESMBA had not initially indicated that the A Team competition was being considered for the format change. The CCSMBA Management committee had raised this point with the ESMBA previously and felt that if the Premier competition was changing format then the A Team competition format should also change otherwise there would be conflicting timings for Counties with a team in each competition. The committee are therefore in full support of the ESMBA's decision to trial a new format for both competitions.

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) providing details of the proposed constitutional changes for consideration ahead of the ESMBA's AGM. The committee agreed that there were no issues or amendments to raise at this time and deferred the discussion to the next meeting where it is hoped that we will have received the full AGM pack.

Email from Elaine Willies (ESMBA) inviting the committee to nominate members to play in the Presidents Team against the England Squad in September 2020. The ESMBA requested that nominees are those that have played a vital role in the running of their county association. The committee therefore proposed that Peter Hore and Elise Daniell should be nominated by the CCSMBA.
Proposer: John Worton Seconder: Sandra Worton. Votes For: 5 Abstentions: 2

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) attaching a copy of the agreed minutes from the ESMBA's Management Meeting held on 23rd November 2019.

Email from Ruth Foxton (Hotel Victoria) detailing the itinerary for the CCSMBA's Presentation Luncheon. It was agreed by the committee to contact Ruth to confirm that we will be requiring tea and coffee following the meal and that this had been built into the menu sent to our members. The committee also felt it would be prudent to ask Ruth what the hotel's contingency plan will be regarding the coronavirus and what would happen should we have to cancel our booking with them.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) summarising the main points discussed at the ESMBA's Management

Meeting held on 8th and 9th February 2020.

Email from Steve Bailey (ESMBA) regarding the outstanding fine of £40 that has been imposed on the CCSMBA for failure to return ICC results. This had previously been contested as the Team Manager has assured the committee that all results had been sent by first class post to the ESMBA. Separately, the CCSMBA committee have been pursuing the agreed refunds relating to the ICC Rinks Competition from 2019/20 and the ESMBA have, so far, not been forthcoming with responding to our requests to receive the money owed to the CCSMBA. As these refunds were agreed over 12 months ago, it was the committee's view that they were being withheld until the fine relating to ICC results had been paid. Therefore it was proposed, in goodwill, to make the payment of £40 to the ESMBA although this is still disputed and continue to request the refunds due to the CCSMBA.
Proposer – Steve Fletcher Seconder – John Worton For: 5 Against: 2 Proposal passed.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) providing a copy of the ESMBA's statement relating to the coronavirus outbreak. The purpose of the ESMBA's statement was to reiterate the Government's advice regarding the basic hygiene measures that everyone should be taking during this time. A copy of this will be supplied to clubs with these minutes.

189.05 Treasurer's report:

I was planning to bring the draft accounts for 2019/20 to this meeting, but they have taken a backseat with other priorities recently, mainly Coronavirus action plans! They will however be audited shortly and well in time for the AGM and I will forward a copy to the committee in advance of the meeting. Since the year end there have been very few transactions, with the only significant income being inter area fees & raffle and the only expenditure being Carnmoggas hire, trophies and national subsidies. Current bank balance is £18,919, a drop of £2,613 since the November update, which is largely due to the affiliation money being transferred to the ESMBA. I have now designed the new expenses form and this will be sent out to Committee shortly for immediate use for any claims. I am also planning on designing a new income receipt for cash transactions (e.g. county match fees) to be used by the committee and, if re-elected, I'm also planning to write a basic expenses policy over the summer.

189.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Since our last meeting I have affiliated another 14 members which brings our membership to 1104. Tintagel were the last club to affiliate a member who was an 11 year old boy – we need younger blood in our sport so let's hope this is the start. I currently hold one unbanked cheque for £7.00 from Callington which will be banked in the near future.

The committee asked the Membership Secretary to liaise with the County's Safeguarding Officer to ensure that she is aware of the new junior member that has been affiliated.

189.07 Competition Secretary's report:

The season is almost complete with just 2 finals days and the Inter Area rinks remaining. Focus will then turn to the National Championships; the information letters and subsidies have already been distributed to players I've seen and the remaining ones will be given out at inter area. The winners & finalists list and points list will be completed shortly and included in AGM paperwork (potentially on website before then if time allows). Next year's provisional calendar has been put together and agreed with Carnmoggas with one fixture, away to Dorset, clashing with an SMPT singles event.

189.08 Team Manager's report:

No report.

189.09 Social Secretary's report:

No report.

189.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No report.

189.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: With only one round of league games left to be played at the top of the Premier Division and in an unassailable position is Withiel Oaks who win the title for a fourth consecutive year, well done to Withiel. This

leaves three clubs, Ladock Chiefs, St. Newlyn East Phoenix and St Agnes Gulls all vying for 2nd spot with the four remaining clubs in a fight to see which two could get relegated, it will all go down to the last results. The first division title goes to St. Newlyn East Firebirds with second place and promotion still in the balance between Cubert Blues and Ladock Braves but also Luxulyan Golds and Goonbarrow all with a chance of second place. This year's knock-out cup will be between Ladock Chiefs and St Newlyn East Phoenix and will be played at a neutral venue by the end of this month or early April. The Rae Francis competition final this year will be contested by two Central Area teams. Once again Ladock will be playing St Newlyn East. The matches will be played on Tuesday 17th March at Ladock and the return at St. Newlyn East on Thursday 19th March. In the Inter Area competition despite the Central Area winning all three rounds we finished second due to an excellent game by West area who defeated the North area by 32 points to 8 in the second round of games. Well done to West Area.

East Area: We have now come to the end of our season for 2019/20. Firstly, I would like to thank Sandra who is so quick in replying to affiliation queries – I think she must sit in front of the computer all day! As expected, I have had no one willing to take over as Area Representative so it looks like you are all stuck with me for another year; but this will definitely be the last one. It has been a good season with only a few matters to resolve which have been easy. Yet again, Landrake have won the Premier League with 80 points, congratulations to them. In second place is Duloe on 72 points and third was Callington Eagles on 71 points – a very close contest again this year. Unfortunately for Pensilva and Saltash Kernow, they are both going down to the First Division after spending the last season in the Premier. In the First Division Callington Falcons have won with 75 points, well done to them, and in second place were Dobwalls Blues on 69 points. Let's hope the new season starting in October is as good as the last.

North Area: In the North Area, the winter league is now complete with Blisland beating Lanteglos by 1 point. The play off for the Truscott Shield resulted in Lanteglos B being the overall winners. Our Northern Area Competitions have been completed as follows:
Singles: Winner – Keith Walker (Tintagel), Runner up – Bob Flower (Tintagel)
Pairs: Winner – Val and Geoff Risdon (Lanteglos), Runner up – John and Margaret Menhennick (Wadebridge)
Triples: Winner – Betty Temple-Smith, Max Burden and Keith Matthews (Blisland), Runner up – John Moger, Nick Holmes and Paul Noone (Lanteglos)
I am having great difficulty in finding enough teams for the rinks as it falls on Mothering Sunday, I feel that when competition dates are being arranged such dates should be avoided as we know well in advance the calendars of all bowling associations and notable dates.

The Competition Secretary explained that the fixtures are arranged in such a way to avoid clashes with other competitions and notable dates however the calendar is so congested that there are sometimes dates that are unavoidable such as this.

West Area: I have spent some time trying to work out what a Chairman normally does since I have had no handover. I may be getting there! We have had our pre AGM which was poorly attended. I did pencil it in a long time in advance but didn't confirm it until just before the meeting. I have also renewed the insurance for the West Area. I was asked to put the AGM at Hayle but it appears this probably is not available so we will be elsewhere when I sort it out. The area competitions are in something of a mess with the singles not being completed last time I asked and I have not seen any results from the Team of Three. I have had a volunteer who will be prepared to run the competitions next year. In the meantime, I am trying to find out which trophies are where! With regards to the league results, the Premier League was won by Jowsters, the First Division will be between Foundry, Fisherfolk and Choughs and the Second Division was won by DoDos – Penzance with St Johns – Helston in second. The results for the afternoon leagues have been slow coming out with a couple of matches left to play and I have actually no idea of the full state of play.

189.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):
None.

189.13 Any other business:
30th Anniversary Celebrations: Previously, the committee had asked for nominations to be put forward for players to be included in the Cornwall Squad against the Friends of Essex Team by way of a Thank You for their input to the

County, Area or Club. Nigel Nicholls now asked each Area Representative to try to put together some rinks from their Areas to take part in this competition as 40 players are required each day.

CCSMBA's Response to Coronavirus: Following receipt of the ESMBA's statement, the committee felt that it would be prudent to create a statement on behalf of the CCSMBA for our members regarding the basic hygiene measures that everyone should be taking during the outbreak. In addition to the Government's advice the committee also agreed that the usual formality of shaking hands before and after a game should not take place in order to minimise the amount of contact between people. Secondly, the amount of contact with other people's bowls should also be kept to an absolute minimum. Both the ESMBA's statement and the CCSMBA's statement will be shared on the County website and social media to maximise the coverage. With regards to the remaining fixtures on the CCSMBA Calendar, the committee agreed that at the time of the meeting the events would go ahead as planned however the calendar would be kept under review as updates to the Government's advice is received and further updates from the committee will be provided once any changes have been agreed.

Inter Area Rinks: Some of the Area Representatives had reported that they were having difficulty in raising the 8 rinks required for the Inter Area Rinks competition scheduled for the 22nd March. This was mainly due to the coronavirus but also due to it being scheduled on Mothering Sunday. This matter was discussed and the committee agreed that due to the congested calendar it was impossible to avoid some of the notable dates without creating clashes with other fixtures elsewhere in the calendar. In previous years Area Representative had advised that they were struggling to raise the required number of players but have always been able to raise a team to take part in the competition. It was agreed to review this again ahead of the competition to see where each area stands and the format may be amended in order for the competition to take place this season.

County Mixed Fours: The Competition Secretary advised that the Mixed Fours competition had not received the 16 entries required in order to award the full County Points for three years in a row. The Competition Secretary therefore asked whether this competition should still be held as it is currently being run at a loss. This matter was debated by the committee and it was agreed that as the number of entries had increased slightly over the three years, although the competition hadn't reached the required 16 entries, the competition should still be run for the 2020/21 season with a view of assessing this again next year. It was also agreed to write to the ESMBA to confirm whether "mixed" competitions should still be run in the modern era in view of equality.

Membership Records: The Membership Secretary asked the meeting how long the membership data should be kept in paper form. The committee advised that, as the data is also stored electronically on the ESMBA's database, the current season and the previous season's records should be kept by the Membership Secretary. All other records should be disposed of securely and confidentially.

189.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 11th May 2020 7.00pm at St Newlyn East Village Hall.

189.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 25th March 2020