CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 192nd Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 10th August 2020.

Present: Gill Smith, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Sandra Worton, Nick Truscott, Nigel Nicholls, Rita Hancock, Steve Fletcher, Yolanda Featherstone

192.00 Chairman's welcome:
In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for attending remotely.

192.01 Apologies for absence:
Chris Roberts, John Worton.

192.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 191st committee meeting:
The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present. Due to the remote meeting, the minutes were signed by the County Secretary on behalf of the Vice Chairman.

Proposer: Rita Hancock Seconder: Sandra Worton

192.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:
None.

192.04 Correspondence:
Email from Linda White (ESMBA Secretary) providing a draft copy of the ESMBA's route map back to short mat bowls. The committee noted that the document was brief and was yet to be approved by the Government Department of Digital, Media, Culture and Sport but welcomed this as a starting point for the resumption of the sport.

Emails from Roger Green (North Yorkshire SMBA) and John Glass (Gloucestershire SMBA) sent to the ESMBA with questions regarding the Route Map. The committee awaits answers and further clarification from the ESMBA.

Email from James Smith (ESMBA Membership Secretary) advising Counties that the ESMBA's affiliation fees will be due as usual with a deadline of the 30th November 2020. The ESMBA have confirmed that the registration fee will remain at £4 per person and have stated that there are increased benefits direct from the insurers for the personal accident insurance. The ESMBA will also be using a portion of the registration fees this year as funding available to clubs and counties to apply for in order to become "Covid ready". The committee discussed the content of this email and concerns were raised as to how many members within Cornwall would be willing to renew their membership in the current situation. It was therefore agreed to contact the ESMBA to clarify why memberships should be renewed and what the increased benefits are so that the information can be forwarded onto our members.

192.05 Treasurer's report:
There has only been one transaction since the last meeting- a refund of membership fees. The Press and Promotions Officer is also in receipt of a cheque from the Cornwall Bowls Development Alliance following the disbandment.

192.06 Membership Secretary's report:
As already mentioned one club has contacted me to request that their membership fees are returned to them and this has been arranged with the Treasurer. I have also been contacted by another club wishing to renew their affiliations with the CCSMBA and I will keep in contact with them as we decide how to proceed with this matter.

192.07 Competition Secretary's report:

No report.

192.08 Team Manager's report:

No report.

192.09 Social Secretary's report:

No report.

192.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No report.

192.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: No report.
East Area: No report.
North Area: No report.
West Area: I have written to West Area clubs just emphasising that the Evening League would not go ahead but we would keep looking at guidance to see if it might be possible. I reported there was a general reluctance to play from all areas and went through the provisions in the Route Map and said that there was not much guidance in it. I said that competitive play between clubs could not take place before November. Accordingly, I said we would not be running an Afternoon Triples League before Christmas and I would keep it under review. I also talked about the risk assessments that I have just done 2 for my outdoor club and said that I did not think we could start until everyone had a Risk assessment on the following:

- Use of the toilets
- Entry to the clubhouse and changing facilities
- Use of the clubhouse for short mat roll ups.
- Kitchens may remain out of use for the whole season
- The traffic flow involved in our limited club house during a game will make the risk assessment difficult to cope with.
- Limited ventilation during the winter will impose stringent social distancing measures and I imagine the question will be raised as to whether masks should or should not be worn.

I explained that we currently have no indication on how Risk Assessments would be "approved" and that as some clubs play in Village Halls, which were still not open, they would also have risk assessments which our bowling ones would have to fit round. I said I was not organising meeting for West Area for the time being but if anyone thought we should, they should get in touch with me.

192.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

192.13 Any other business:

2020/2021 Season: Further to the last meeting and the subsequent request from the ESMBA for membership renewals, the Committee agreed that period of review would be extended until the next Management Committee Meeting in September where it is hoped that further clarification has been received from the ESMBA.

County Competitions and Club Roll Ups – Until we are in receipt of the approved plan from the ESMBA, the committee agreed that it would be premature to discuss the re-opening of clubs and what we may be able to offer our members in terms of competition. This will be reviewed again at September's meeting or sooner if the approved plan is received from the ESMBA accordingly.

County Squad Travel Arrangements: Deferred to next meeting.

192.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 7th September 2020 7.00pm via Zoom.

192.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell **Dated: 19th August 2020**